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**Approximate distance: 6 miles**

A hill walk through one of the most beautiful and least known areas of Wales, taking in romantic ruins, and stunning scenery.

**1. Llanthony Priory – The Start**

Llanthony is a shortened and anglicised form of the Welsh name, Llanddewi Nant Honddu - David's Church by the little river Honddu.

**4. Offa's Dyke**

This section is a gentle ramble. Offa didn't bother with any kind of ditch or wall here. The mountain itself provided all the protection that he was looking for.

**2. Llandor House**

These are the remains of a house built by the poet Walter Savage Landor in the 19th century.

His attempts to build a successful estate here failed miserably!

**5. The path down to the valley**

About 2 miles north along the ridge, a stone pile marks the route to Capel y Ffin.

Nearby Vision Farm inspired Bruce Chatwin's novel, 'On the Black Hill'.

**3. Hatterall Hill**

Now the walk begins to get a bit more serious as you climb to the top of the ridge.

Look for the distinctive 'U' shaped Ewyas valley – a remnant of the last Ice Age.

**6. Capel y Ffin**

This means 'chapel on the boundary or border' but there are plenty – a non conformist chapel, parish church, old monastery and statue of the Virgin Mary.

This is where the walk ended.