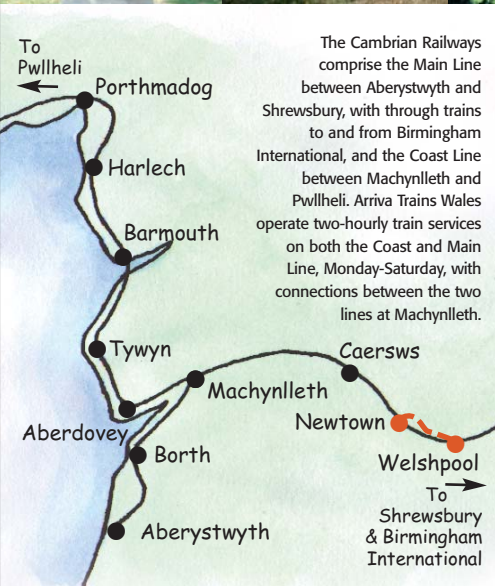
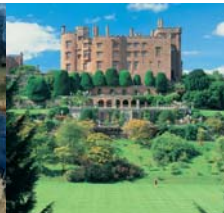


Cambrian Railway No.8 Newtown - Welshpool

Distance: 14.25 miles Type: Moderate Time: 5 – 8 hours

The Cambrian Railways are a series of leaflets promoting self guided linear walks between railway stations on the Cambrian network. These have been developed to promote car-free accessible walks in the Mid Wales area that really make the most of the wonderful, varied scenery and wildlife this unique part of the world has to offer.



The Cambrian Railways comprise the Main Line between Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury, with through trains to and from Birmingham International, and the Coast Line between Machynlleth and Pwllheli. Arriva Trains Wales operate two-hourly train services on both the Coast and Main Line, Monday-Saturday, with connections between the two lines at Machynlleth.

No.8 Newtown – Welshpool

A long but rewarding route linking two of mid Wales most significant market towns. The canal is an impressive piece of engineering, completed as far as Newtown in 1821, and quite different to other canals of the day as it was primarily built for transporting agricultural produce and to serve local needs. The Powysland museum at Welshpool provides an intriguing insight to the history of the area and the canal! Providing you still have the energy, a visit to the impressive Powis Castle (National Trust) and its world famous terraced gardens is also worthwhile.

Terrain: The majority of the route is along the towpath of the Montgomery Canal which for most of the way is good underfoot – although some parts can become wet and heavy. Always exercise caution while walking adjacent to canals. **Safety is also an important consideration when walking near and crossing the busy roads on this route.**

Refreshments: There are a wide range of shops, cafes, takeaways and pubs at both Newtown and Welshpool. There are some outlets offering refreshments in villages close to the route - check these are open before you undertake the walk.

Special Features: The route can be reduced by using the local bus network which runs regularly between Newtown and Welshpool. Traveline Cymru can provide comprehensive information on both the local bus and train services.

For further information on...

Public Transport: 0871 200 22 33 www.traveline.org.uk

The Cambrian Railways: www.thecambrianline.co.uk

The Severn Way: www.severnway.com

The area:

Welshpool Tourist Information Centre 01938 552 043

Powysland 01938 554 656 www.powys.gov.uk

Powis Castle: 01938 551944 (Infoline)
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Accommodation: To look and book in advance visit www.visitmidwales.co.uk or telephone 0870 080 3436

Things to remember when walking the Cambrian Trailways:

1. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
2. Take spare clothing - the weather in Mid Wales can change quickly!
3. Take plenty of food and water.
4. Tell someone where you're going, along which route and when you expect to return.
5. Don't rely on a mobile phone as many areas in Mid Wales have a poor or no signal reception.
6. Always obey the Countryside Code and leave nothing but footprints!

Disclaimer: The routes promoted in the Cambrian Trailways are along recognised public rights of way. The Cambrian Railways Partnership accepts no liability for injuries sustained or damage caused in undertaking the walks. It is the responsibility of those partaking in the walks to make sure that they are adequately prepared to do so before setting out.

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