

West of Castle

Walk: WOC 01

Location: Dinefwr Park, Dinefwr House and Castle

Directions Near Llandeilo. Try under 'places of interest' or 'tourist attractions' and select either National Trust Dinefwr or Dinefwr Park or Castle.

My Sat Nav directs me on main roads, A4067 to A40 then via Llandovery. 36.3 miles and 54 minutes.

However my preference would be to go on the Trecastle mountain road, head left at the first TR junction instead of right into Trecastle, heading along scenic lanes towards Myddfai (but not all the way to Myddfai as that means branching off to right), continuing along the road via Talsarn, possibly dropping into Llanddeusant for more scenic routes, which Sat Nav won't do efficiently, before heading across country Llandeilo and on to Dinefwr.

Distance (miles): 36.3

Time (hours): 0.54

Length of Walk: Up to you; plenty to see, including a walk to the castle ruin. Allow two hours but this is wandering and stopping to admire views and to clamber around the castle.

Dates Walked: 20/03/2008, 31/07/2008,

Parking: National Trust so free if you are a member

Pop in to: The House itself – formal, National Trust property. Has a café inside, I recall, worth stopping in.

Description: Plenty of nice walks around the grounds and to the run down ruin of the castle.

There is the old house to go in without the dogs, then the castle up a hill and plenty of open space all around parkland.

Most of the grounds are open parkland which you can wander around with dogs. Deer visible all around in the distance. Woodland walk to castle, small climb. All prammable. Cave in the castle (if I remember correctly). Very worthwhile day out.

Pictures taken on 20/03/2008:

View of house from approach drive



View from rear of house looking over deer park



The rear of the house



The old castle ruin



The castle ruin – close up



View from the castle ruin (it is on top of a hill)



Views from the castle ruin; walkways around the walls and access to the tower via steps.



Dogs can wander around the castle but some areas we kept them back due to the sheer drops over low walls



Gardens behind and around the house



View of rear of the house overlooking gardens and deer park and (right pic), the short ten minute walk along the path to old castle from the house. There is a woodland area which dogs can run around freely. Some sheep may be in the field after this gate though, before you go into a series of woodland paths around the castle.



View of castle, approaching from the house



View from castle



Occupants had originally lived in the castle, then as it fell into disrepair, they built themselves the house to live in, and the castle remains as a ruin on the hilltop.

Pictures taken on 31/07/2009:

