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# Portfolio

of recent projects

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Coed Nercwys Puzzle Trail



# Offa's Dyke Path National Trail - Part of a series of simple post panels


**NATIONAL TRAIL**  
**Offa's Dyke Path**

## Ancient defences

Offa built his dyke across Beachley peninsular in the 8th century leaving the point in Welsh hands. It's thought a Welsh-owned fishing village and ferry crossing existed there at the time.

Buttington Tump probably pre-dates the dyke, defending the landing point at Slimeroad Pill. Seaborne raiders from Ireland, Scotland and Gaul ravaged the coast of southern Britain in the 4th and 5th centuries.

For walks or podcasts along Offa's Dyke Path go to [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/OffasDyke](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/OffasDyke)



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## Vulnerable valley

The Wye Valley has always been vulnerable to raids from the sea.

In the 5th century raids on the coast of Britain Channel became more common. Roman power declined. Could the earl of Lintock Peninsular be an ancient dyke? It's thought it may have pre-dates Roman times and may have been used to control people crossing the river.

In the 8th century it's thought King Offa saw the sense of this building the dyke in the earlier ramparts. The line lies, and the most and a belt's worth away like Offa's ancient earthwork.

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## Roman crossing

The towering cliffs of the Wye Valley provide great views but few opportunities to cross.

Built by the Romans, the site of perhaps one of the earliest known bridges across the Wye is a 9th-century vest of time. Having at last conquered the fierce Siles, the Romans quickly established a network of forts and roads. The bridge linked the fort at Gloucester to the new legionary base at Caerleon. You can see its footings at low tide.

The Romans used the Wye to strike inland but they weren't the last invaders to do so. The tower with its commanding view of the river was built to provide an early warning against seaborne raiders. Offa clearly saw the sense of defending this slope to the north. His dyke runs in the woods to the left of the path.

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## Pennsylvania 'Garden City'


Skilled shipworkers lived along this road during World War I.

In 1917 German U-boats were making Britain shipping at an alarming rate. In response the government nationalised Choptice's shipyards. They also brought in extra shipworkers from "Swade" and the Dyke to build new ships.

Phoenician War and Bridget Drive went part of Pennsylvania one of three garden cities built for the shipworkers' families. The others were built across the river at Bulwark and Hardwick.

Look closely and you'll see the houses are built from concrete blocks. These were made by prisoners of war interned near Tubal.

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**Gloucestershire**



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# FAMILY FRIENDLY WALKS

## Brown Moss Bogginess

**WHAT SORT OF WALK IS IT?**  
 Type of ground - Flanish but can be boggy  
 How long? - Short 1 mile / 1.6 km. Allow 40 minutes  
 How easy? - Easy peasy!  
 Suitable for pushchairs? - Not really as it's pretty BOGGY, as I've just SAID

Warning! This walk includes some awful frog jokes and may be offensive to serious naturalists.

Do frogs like hip-hop?

The huge trees at point 1 are North American Redwoods, also known as "Sequoias". Great big softies, their bark is spongy to protect the tree from forest fires. Make sure you've got the right tree before thumping one though!

- 1 Leave the route for Kynaston's Cave and keep left past the pond.
- 2 Where the tracks meet keep left.

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### Big American softies

**WHAT SORT OF WALK IS IT?**  
 Type of ground - Flanish, can be muddy in places  
 How Long? - 1 mile / 1.6 km Allow 40 minutes  
 How easy? - Easy peasy!  
 Suitable for pushchairs? Oh yes

Don't bother looking out for hillforts on this walk; it's a waste of time. You may see one or two trees though.

Why do Sequoias make lousy firewood?

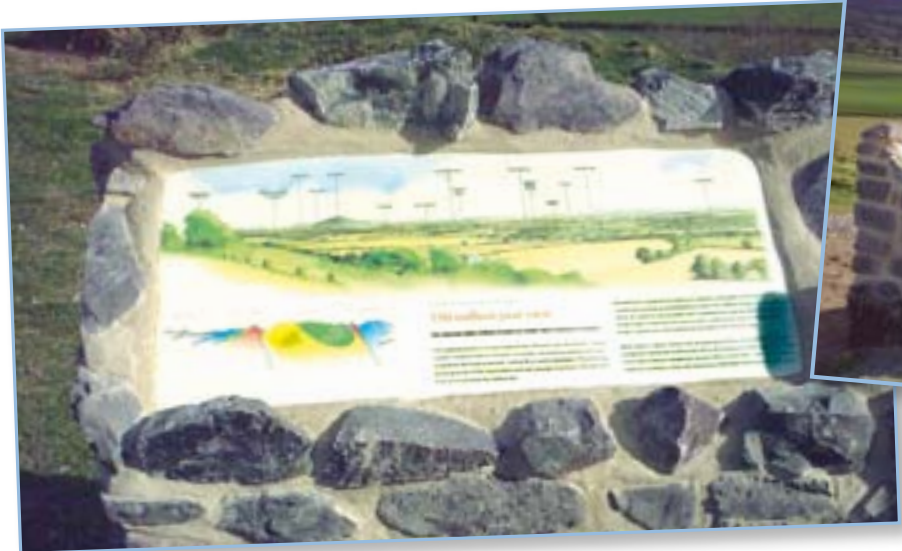


## Kangaroo Facts

- ☞ Don't pick up frogs and toads unless your hands are wet. The natural acid in your skin can burn them. It's best not to pick up newts at all because they are protected by law.
- ☞ Last year Glastonboggy was poorly attended as tickets were only available online and frogs and toads can't use computers.
- ☞ Kangaroos don't like frog-rock. They think it's toadally rubbish and newt worth the effort.



# Interpretation Panels - various projects



**Nant Llech Waterfalls** - community project, audio, sculpture and found items trail



**Haughtmond Hill** - (Forestry Commission- England) toposcopes, 'time jump' geology walk and visitor centre



## What We Do...

We provide intelligent, persuasive, cost effective and imaginative approaches to interpretation and visitor experience planning.

### We specialise in:

- Planning cost effective, engaging and meaningful media, especially for families
- Creating fun, more fulfilling and imaginative visitor experiences
- Producing pithy prose and scripting scintillating soundbites for all sorts of media
- Helping museums, attractions and visitor centres to be better businesses

### Recent interpretive planning projects include:

- The Roman Conquest, Settlement and Occupation of Wales 47-410 AD
- Interpreting Offa's Dyke Path in the Lower Wye Valley
- Interpreting Caerphilly Castle for Family Visitors
- Isle of Wight Steam Railway Interpretation and Exhibition Plan
- Llanymynech Nature Reserve Butterflies Project

### Recent copywriting/scriptwriting projects include:

- Caerleon Roman Baths Exhibition
- Shrewsbury Music Hall Museum
- Offa's Dyke Path walks panels, podcasts and geocaches

### Our Clients include:

- Cadw
- The Forestry Commission
- Fordhall Farm Community Land Project
- Grinshill Heritage Project
- Severn Valley Railway
- Shropshire Council
- Powys County Council
- Gloucestershire County Council
- Clwydian Range AONB
- Shropshire Wildlife Trust
- Isle of Wight Steam Railway

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