



## GETTING THERE

## YOU CAN ENJOY:

- **Wonderful walks** to suit your ability and stamina – take in England and Wales, try a section of Offa's Dyke path or have a go at orienteering.



- **Stunning views** over the Severn/Vyrnwy plain, the Breiddens and even to the Wrekin.

- **Geology** – carboniferous limestone from 300 million years ago, filled with fossils of tiny equatorial sea creatures.



- **Sculptures** that vividly depict the toil of extracting and processing limestone.



### Refreshments

Llanymynech has three pubs, The Dolphin, The Cross Keys and The Bradford Arms, and Pant has The Cross Guns – all serve food. There is a café in Llanymynech, the Pantry, as well as an Indian restaurant and Chinese take-away.

## OTHER LOCAL ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

- **Canal trips** on the George Watson Buck, run by the Duchess Countess Trust (01691 839147) from the Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre – open at weekends during the summer. Weekday/evening group bookings available over a longer period. Light refreshments served.
- **Railway trips** on the Cambrian Heritage Railways (01691 679007) from Llyncllys station, refreshment coach and disabled facilities on site, located just off A483 on the B4396 road to Knockin, open weekends and bank holidays, details at [www.cambrianrailwaystrust.com](http://www.cambrianrailwaystrust.com)
- **Llanymynech Rocks Nature Reserves** Shropshire Wildlife Trust (01743 284280) and Montgomery Wildlife Trust (01938 555564)
- **Offa's Dyke path** [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/OffasDyke/](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/OffasDyke/) touches Llanymynech's Iron Age Hill Fort.
- **Wat's Dyke Way** [www.watsdykeway.org](http://www.watsdykeway.org) starts along the canal towpath towards Oswestry.

## BECOME A TIME DETECTIVE

Interpretation panels around the Heritage Area will help you discover how Llanymynech's once thriving quarries and limeworks operated and how people's lives were affected.

**Exploring Llanymynech – Family Activities and Guide** offers a host of activities around the village and the Heritage Area. £4.99  
[irene@r4c.org.uk](mailto:irene@r4c.org.uk)

**Orienteering maps** £1.00  
[www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk](http://www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk)

**Geology Trail** £1.50  
[projects@shropshiregeology.org.uk](mailto:projects@shropshiregeology.org.uk)

These publications should be available at the Village Hall, Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre, the local shop and pubs.

## CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

The Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area has recently been the subject of a £900,000 conservation and restoration project thanks to



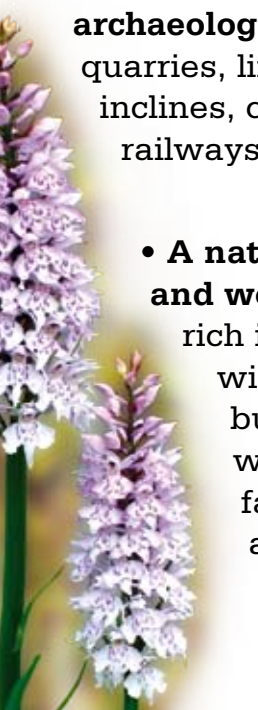
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## YOU CAN ENJOY:

- **Fascinating industrial archaeology** – quarries, limekilns, inclines, canals, railways.

- **A natural grass and woodland habitat**, rich in lime-loving wildlife – orchids, butterflies – as well as peregrine falcons, newts and bats.



**The part of the Heritage Area featuring the Hoffmann Kiln is owned and maintained by Shropshire Council's Outdoor Recreation Service.** (0845 678 9000)

Further afield you can find Oswestry and its Iron Age Hill Fort; Welshpool and the Powysland Museum; Powis Castle; Chirk Castle; the Chirk and Pontysyllte Aqueducts; Whittington Castle; Park Hall Adventure Farm; the Welshpool/Llanfair Caereinion Light Railway; Llangollen – town, canal, railway; Pistil Rhaeadr – highest waterfall in Wales and England, one of the Seven Wonders of Wales.

More information can be found at Llanymynech Village Hall Information Point (01691 839147), Oswestry Tourist Information Centre, Mile End Services (01691 662488) or by visiting [www.llanymynech.org.uk](http://www.llanymynech.org.uk) [www.shropshiretourism.co.uk](http://www.shropshiretourism.co.uk) [www.oswestry-welshborders.org.uk](http://www.oswestry-welshborders.org.uk)

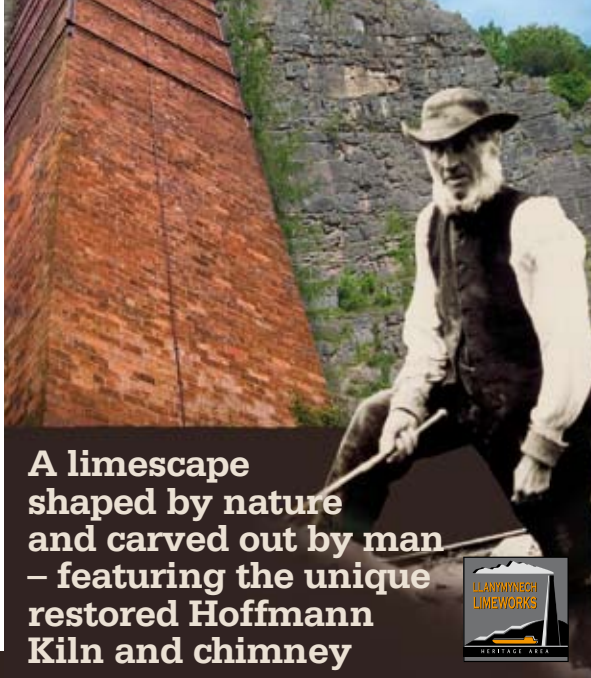


**To find out more about Llanymynech go to** [www.llanymynech.org.uk](http://www.llanymynech.org.uk) . To explore more of Shropshire's landscape and to find out more about its people, nature and history go to [www.discovershropshire.org.uk](http://www.discovershropshire.org.uk) - click on Places, then the 'Oswestry area' tab to take you to Llanymynech

**Schools education tours and guided walks:** 01691 839147

You can join the **LLIMEYS – Friends of the Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area** – by ringing 01691 839147 or via the email link on [www.llanymynech.org.uk](http://www.llanymynech.org.uk)

## Discover Shropshire EXPLORE THE LLANYMYNECH LIMESWORKS HERITAGE AREA



**A limescape shaped by nature and carved out by man – featuring the unique restored Hoffmann Kiln and chimney**



# LLANYMYNECH LIMEWORKS HERITAGE AREA

Limestone was quarried by drilling and blasting. Men used hammers to reduce rocks to a manageable size. In the early days limestone was burnt in kilns near the quarry face.

Stone was loaded into tramway trucks and taken down brake-controlled 'gravity balanced' inclines. The weight of the stone descending was used to haul empty trucks back up to the quarries.

After the stone-filled trucks had been weighed at the Tally House, men would push them to the kilns, the railway or the canal.

The lime-burning Hoffmann Kiln built in 1899 took over from less fuel-efficient draw kilns, but even this proved uneconomic and the limeworks closed in 1914.



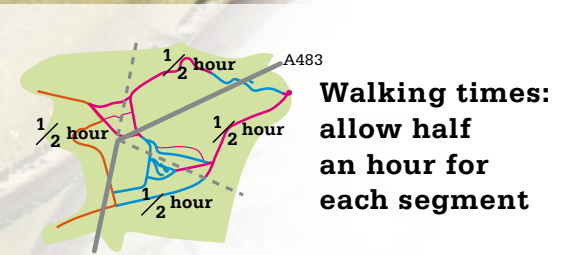
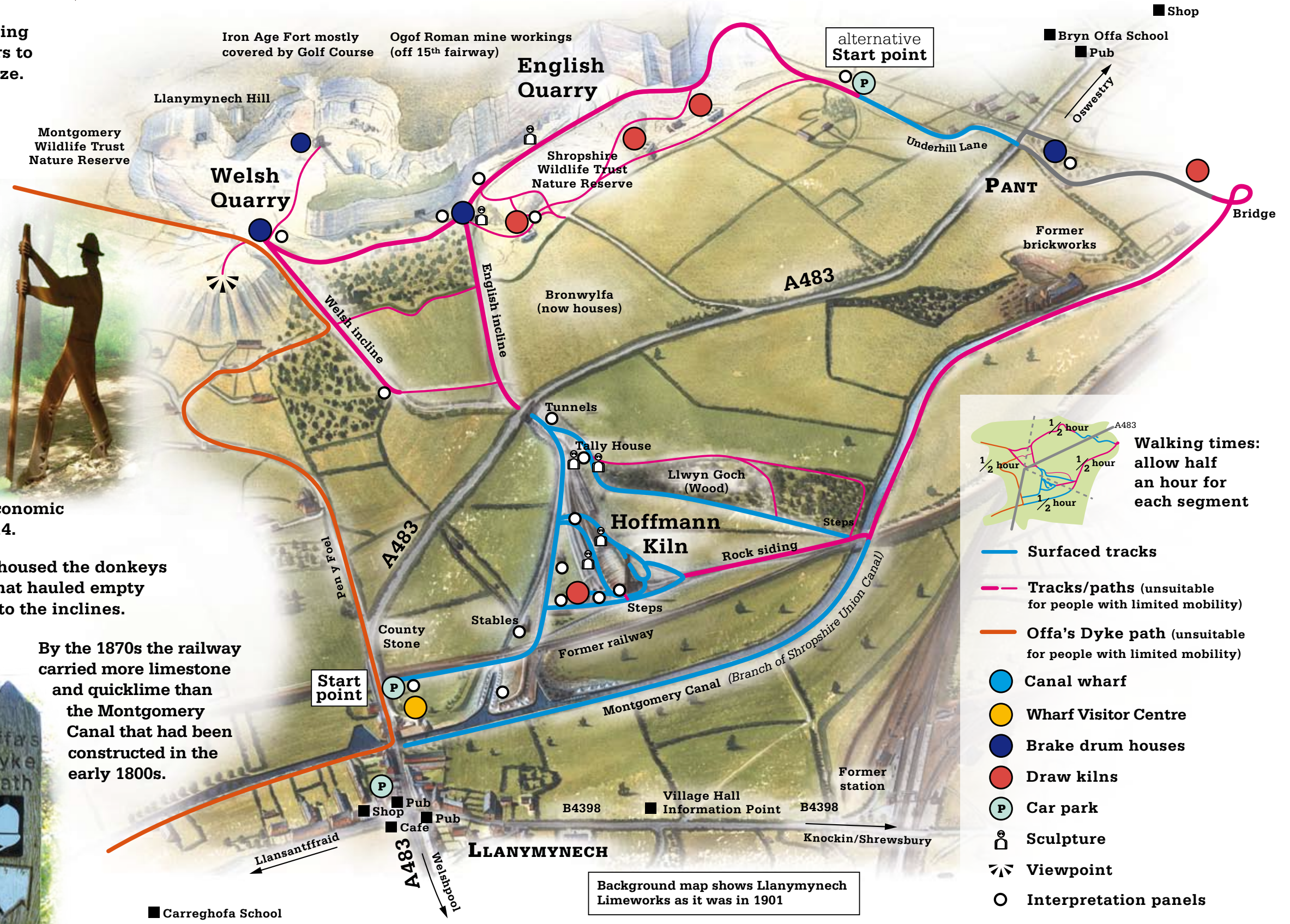
The County Stone marks the border between England and Wales

Many of the embankments and cuttings of the railway and tramways are plain to see. The canal is now being restored.



The stables housed the donkeys and mules that hauled empty trucks back to the inclines.

By the 1870s the railway carried more limestone and quicklime than the Montgomery Canal that had been constructed in the early 1800s.



- Walking times: allow half an hour for each segment**
- Surfaced tracks
  - Tracks/paths (unsuitable for people with limited mobility)
  - Offa's Dyke path (unsuitable for people with limited mobility)
  - Canal wharf
  - Wharf Visitor Centre
  - Brake drum houses
  - Draw kilns
  - P Car park
  - Sculpture
  - ▶▶▶ Viewpoint
  - Interpretation panels

► Limestone was, and still is, an important industrial mineral.

► Limestone is used in road making and also to remove impurities in the making of iron and steel.

► When limestone (calcium carbonate) is burnt it becomes quicklime (calcium oxide).

► Quicklime was used to make farmland more fertile and also by builders for lime mortar and plaster.

► Lime is still used today in products such as plastics, paint and even toothpaste.