

## Semi-Sabrina Narrative

*Semi Sabrina shares significant portions of its route with the comprehensively marked Glyndwr's Way and the Severn Way. For the sake of clarity and brevity, these two routes are referred to along the shared sections by their initials, GW and SW. Those portions of your route off GW and SW will be confirmed by the presence of Sarn Sabrina (SS) way-marks.*

1. The Semi Sabrina walk commences from the Severn Porte area by the river. From the registration point at the Church Hall (registration on event day only), go back out of the church gateway, turn **right** into Severn Porte park and follow the path down to the river. Walk through the park, keeping the river to your left and leave the park by the standing stone, next to the Long Bridge. **Turn left** over the bridge and then **left** again along the B4518, signposted to Llyn Clywedog.

After about 200 yards, just past Tan Yr Allt, **turn right** at the finger post, signposted for both Glyndwr's Way and the Severn Way, and enter Allt Goch wood. Follow the path up through the wood, through a wicket gate and, after about 300 yards, join a broad track. Continue **ahead** for about another 300 yards, past a willow sculpture on your right and into a clearing. A further 100 yards will take you to the point where GW and SW leave the main track and climb up the hill to your **left**.

Follow GW and SW up, through the wood to the fence line and **turn left** along the fence, past the farm buildings, onto the golf club drive. Walk out of the golf club onto the road and then, after about 50 yards, **turn left** through a farm and then continue **ahead** through the gate into a lane. After about 200yards, look out for the point where GW leaves the lane and SW continues ahead. At this point **turn left** and follow GW through the gate and follow the way-marks, keeping the fence to your left, through 2 fields. At the third field, cross diagonally **right**, down to a narrow road. **Turn right** along the road then, after 50 yards or so, **turn left** over the stile follow the GW way-marks down through a further 3 fields until you reach the road to Y Fan.

Cross the road and walk **ahead**, along the drive towards Garth Farm until you reach the end of the hedge on your right. Just after this point, follow the GW way -marks up to your **right** through the trees and then out into a field. After crossing the stile, keep the fence line to your right and follow it up to a small quarry where you pass through a gate onto the open hillside. Follow the faint green track across the hillside (Do not bear left to the top of the hill) towards a GW way -mark post and go through the left hand gate

of the two in the fence ahead of you. Continue along the lane and through the field gate at the end. **Turn left** to the fence opposite, then **turn right** along the fence, through a gateway and approach a farm track, crossing your front. Just before reaching the track, **turn left** over the stile and walk through the field, parallel to the track, to the stile at the end and out onto the road (B4518).

Turn right and continue along the road for about half a mile (Ignore the left turn to Llyn Clywedog) until you reach the entrance to Penclun on your right and Bryntail Farm entrance on your left. Turn left along the drive towards Bryntail Farm. About 100 metres before the farm, bear off to your right at the fingerpost and go through the field gate and across the field to the wicket gate. Walk across to the field gate, pass through and cross the track to the next Field gate diagonally to your left. Walk down the field to the corner of the buildings and turn right along the farm track, exiting over the stile. Follow the track as it crosses the field and turns off right down to the preserved remains of Bryntail Lead Mine below the impressive Clywedog Dam. Continue to follow the *GW* way-marks away from the mine and car park up to the road. Turn right along the road and walk up the steep hill to the Lookout, above the dam, where you will find the Red Kite Kiosk. This is your first check point and there are toilets here.

2. On leaving the Red Kite viewpoint, walk through the car park and continue to follow the *GW* markers up the steep, grassy slope to the road. **Turn right** and follow the road over the cattle grid and down to the left hand bend and Ty Coch. At this point you leave *GW*. **Continue ahead**, along the road and after about 150 yards **turn left** at the entrance to **Deildre Fawr Farm**. Go over the cattle grid and down the drive, through two field gateways to where the track bears right into the farm. Do not go into the farm.

Go through the way-marked field gate in front of you and **bear diagonally left** across the field, keeping to the left of the copse of trees (Walk in the general direction of the dry stone walling, visible on the right hand slope just below the top of Pen y Gaer hill across the valley). This will take you to the way-marked gate on the far side of the field.

Go through the gate and follow the path down through the trees for about 100 yards and then turn **right**, along the valley, down to a fork in the track. Take the left fork and go through the gate, following the track down until you reach the huts belonging to a shooting club. **Turn right** here and cross the Nant Gwestyn stream over the footbridge just below the falls. Go up the track, through the gate, for about 75 yards until you reach a small quarry and bridleway fingerpost. Leave the track here and **turn right** onto the open field. Keep to the centre of the field as you walk up the

valley, picking up the green track that will become more pronounced as it climbs and takes you on through two field gates. At the second gate, **continue ahead**, bearing slightly left for about 150 yards, out onto the tarmac road at its right angled bend and junction with the track to **Brithdir**. **This is your second checkpoint**.

6. **Turn left** here and follow the SS way- marks for some 2 miles along the road until you reach a bridleway finger post (also marked SS) pointing down a farm lane to your left (the entrance to Lower Cefn Penarth Farm). **Turn left** into the lane, but then **enter the field** through the gate immediately on your **right**. **Turn left** along the fence, parallel to the lane. Keeping the fence line on your left, follow the way- marks down through 2 fields and out through a field gate onto a stretch of tarmac road.

Go straight **ahead** along this road for some 250 yards or so (Ignore a bridleway finger-post pointing left part way along) to another field gate in front of you. Go **ahead** through the gate and follow the way-marks through 3 fields and then through a further gate into a wooded lane. The River Clywedog is now below you on your left. Continue to follow the lane towards a bungalow. Bear off left here and cross the stile, continuing ahead, through a gate and across a footbridge before climbing up to the lane on the far side.

**Turn left** and follow the lane above the river. This becomes a tarmac drive which will carry you in to Llanidloes at the Short Bridge. Cross the bridge and take the first left (Pen y Craig Street), which will take you to the finish of your walk back at the Church Hall.