

The Clump & The Garn: separate or combined (And a visit to Coed Hills Art Space)

0.5 miles/800m to 2.5 miles/4km – 40 minutes to 1¼ hours – Easy
Good paths, tracks and roads

Overview

The two easiest, simplest and most popular walks in St Hilary
Can be done separately, or combined – no stiles, gates or farmyards



Route information

Start and finish The Bush Inn, St Hilary / grid reference ST 016 733

Routes:

- A The Clump** Good track – 1 mile (return) – 30 minutes plus time to admire the view – 100 feet / 30m ascent
- B The Garn (& Coed Hills Art Space)** Lanes – 2 miles / 3.2 km – 45 minutes – 75 feet / 25m ascent
- C Combined** Lanes, fields then good track – 2.5 miles / 4 km – 1 hour – 130 feet / 40m ascent

Pub/cafe stops: Bush Inn

Map: OS Explorer 151 1:25,000 or the OS app

Notes

- This map can be downloaded as a pdf file from www.sthilary.org.uk/walks/clump-garn - on your laptop/PC or smartphone
- Details of all the routes from St Hilary and advice are on the website www.sthilary.org.uk/walks
- There can be bramble/nettles on some stiles, so secateurs are useful
- An OS map or the OS app is highly recommended – don't just rely on this guide
- Email info@sthilary.org.uk if there are any errors in the instructions or problems en route
- Disclaimer: you undertake these walks at your own risk – take great care when crossing roads and on the lanes

The Clump



The Clump (or more accurately Bryn Owain, meaning Owain's Hill) has a colourful history including the battle of Stalling Down, which was part of the Glyndwr Rising, the Beacon ceremonies, gory executions and fireworks!

It is reputed that the Battle of Stalling Down took place in the late autumn or early winter of 1403, between the supporters of the Welsh leader Owain Glyndwr and those of King Henry IV of England. It was part of the Glyndwr Rising or Welsh Revolt of 1400-1415. The exact site of the battle and the precise details of the action are not known.

The general site is known locally as Bryn Owain, meaning Owain's Hill. The site was known as Stallington, evolving to Stalling Down. A Roman road runs over the hill as it traverses the area and would have been a convenient route for moving a very large army along for the English!

More details are on the St Hilary village website: sthilary.org.uk/history/clump

Coed Hills Community and Wedding Venue



At the heart of Coed Hills is the community. A group of people embracing the new and old in order to lead a more sustainable existence, both ecologically and socially. They aim to inspire visitors to 'think outside the box' when it comes to how they work and live.

The community is happy to engage with visitors, sharing their knowledge of, and enthusiasm for sustainable living. There is a green woodworking area, a blacksmith and printing, mosaic and textile workshops. It is not unusual to bump into artists, craftspeople or ecologists. A stone circle has been built based on the solar lunar calendar.

Coed Hills Community uses alternative energy, from high-tech wind turbines and biomass underfloor heaters, to solar showers made out of scrap radiators. Their accommodation includes railway carriages, Mongolian Yurts, log cabins, teepees and straw bailed buildings.

With its permaculture gardens Coed Hills is also an inspiration for the budding and more experienced eco-conscious.

Coed Hills Community: coedhills.co.uk/communities Coed Hills Wedding Venue: coedweddings.co.uk

Directions

A: The Clump

1. As you face the main entrance of the Bush turn to your right (ie out of the village, passing the church on the right and Church Crescent on the left) for about 300m
2. At the crossroads after Church Crescent take the track to the left, up St Hilary Down ("The Downs") to The Clump at the top
3. Retrace your steps to return

Notes

- From the Clump, you can walk round the perimeter of either side of The Downs to return
- If you go straight across at The Clump and downhill towards the A48 you will reach Stalling Café for drinks and light bites
- If you turn left at The Clump you can follow the Roman Road into Cowbridge (joining Primrose Hill)

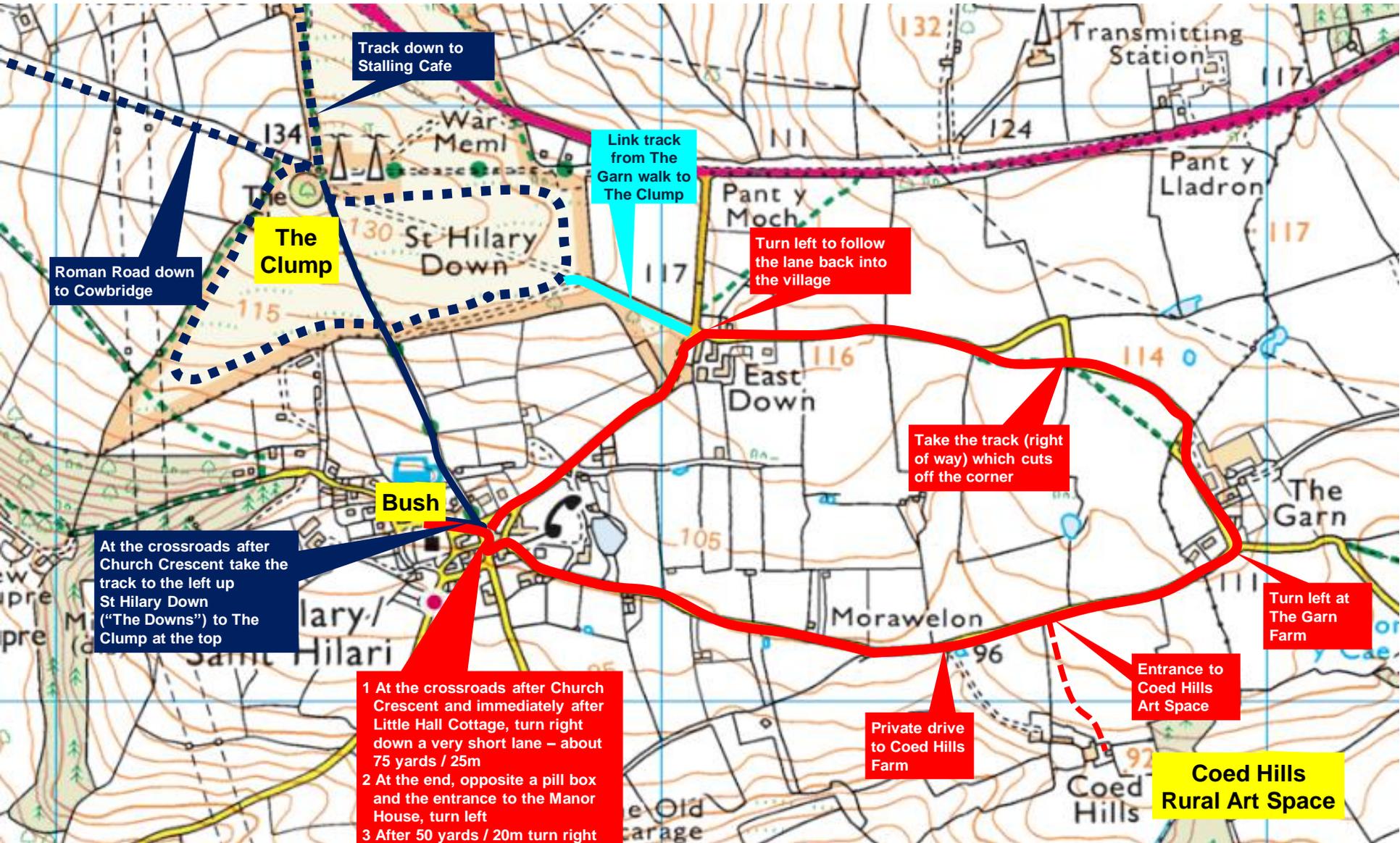
C: Garn and Clump

1. Follow walk B until point 9 – the junction at the lane back into St Hilary at East Downs Farm
2. Go straight across the lane along a track for about 300 yards / metres
3. The track comes out on St Hilary Down – follow the path to the right to go to The Clump (or the path to the left to return straight to St Hilary, turning left after 400 yards/metres down the track to the village)

B: The Garn (and Coed Hills Art Space)

1. As you face the main entrance of the Bush turn to your right (ie out of the village, passing the church on the right and Church Crescent on the left) for about 300m
2. At the crossroads after Church Crescent and immediately after Little Hall Cottage (on your right), turn right down a very short lane – about 75 yards / 25m
3. At the end, opposite a pill box and the entrance to the Manor House, turn left
4. After 50 yards / 20m turn right down the lane by the post box and telephone box towards Llantrithyd
5. Pass the entrance to Coed Hills Farm – private drive
6. Up a short incline – the entrance to Coed Hills Art Space is on the right
You are most welcome to visit Coed Hills Art Space (unless there is a sign to the contrary)
7. At The Garn Farm ($\frac{3}{4}$ miles from St Hilary), turn left just after the two bungalows – Marche House and The Chase
8. Follow the zig zag lane which comes out on the main lane into the village at East Downs Farm (a further $\frac{3}{4}$ mile)
A short way along the lane you can take the track (right of way) which cuts off a corner of the lane
9. At the T junction with the main lane, turn left back into the village – take great care because of vehicles





Track down to Stalling Cafe

Link track from The Garn walk to The Clump

Roman Road down to Cowbridge

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Private drive to Coed Hills Farm

Entrance to Coed Hills Art Space

Coed Hills Rural Art Space

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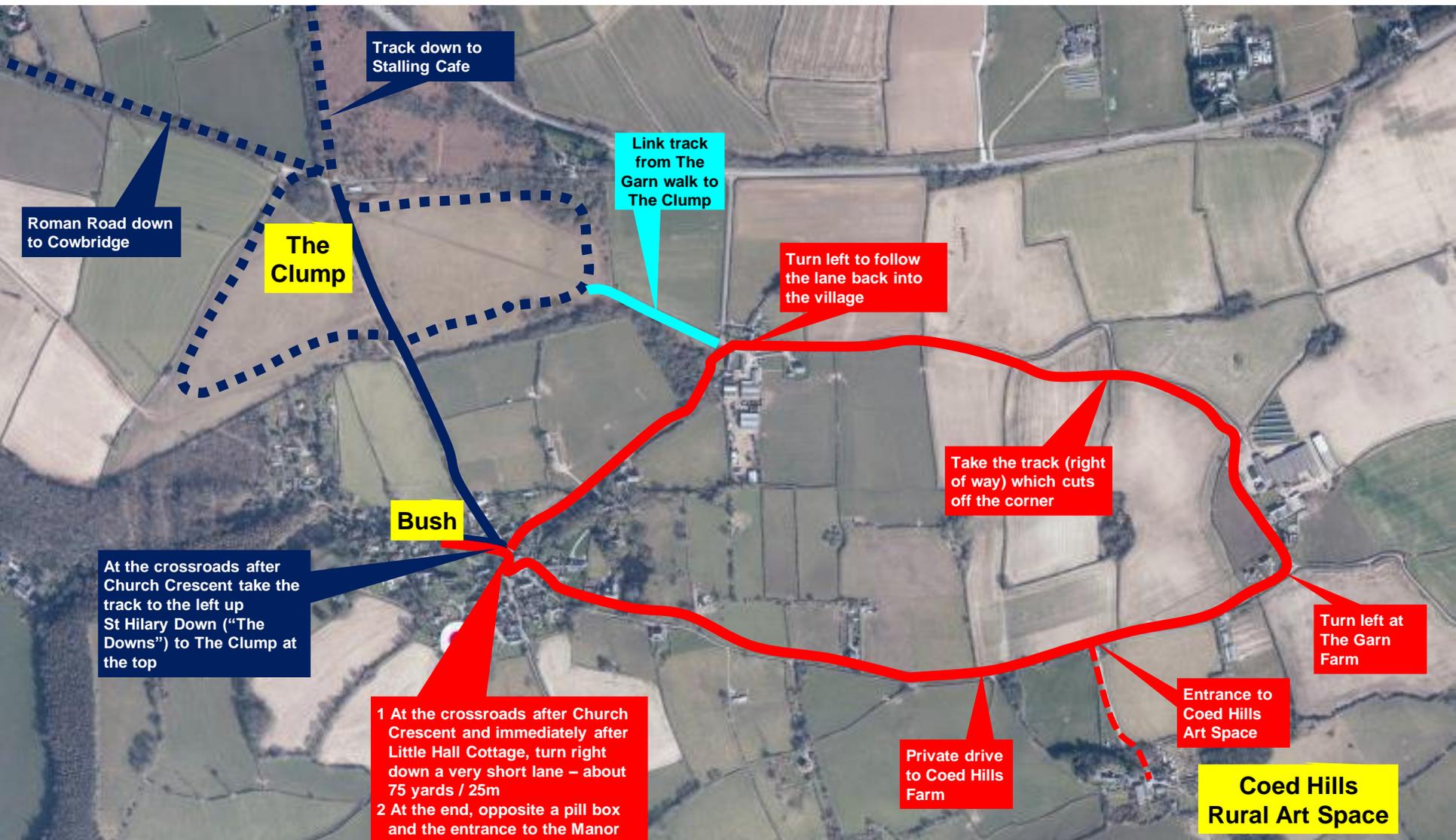
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