



TR Register Shropshire Group & TSSC Shropshire Area



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Joint Drive It Day Breakfast Meet & Run Sunday 21st April 2024

Our 2024 Drive It Day will start with a Breakfast Meet at the Montford Bridge Café off the A5 at Mountford Bridge. The Picnic Area can be easily accessed by both North and South bound traffic.

The café is receiving good reviews for its breakfasts. So do be there in time to enjoy one - from 09:30 on. We shall depart at 11:00 and drive to Lake Vyrnwy where we will join the TR Register North Wales Group. Refreshments (if you can manage them) are available, or you may wish to take a picnic, and there are WC facilities. We will drive around the lake and on to Llangadfan and Welshpool. From Welshpool you can easily return home.

Lake Vyrnwy

Lake Vyrnwy was created to capture water from the River Vyrnwy so it could be used to supply the ever-expanding city of Liverpool with fresh clean drinking water.

A century ago, the Vyrnwy Valley looked very different. The valley of the River Vyrnwy was closed off by the building of the dam and the whole valley was flooded when the reservoir was filled. The creation of the lake involved relocating the former village of Llanwddyn. Farms and their land were also submerged below the water.

The village consisted of a Parish Church, two Chapels, three Inns, ten Farmhouses and 37 houses. In dry summers the water level sometimes drops far enough for the ruins of the old village to be seen. The new settlement was built lower down the valley and even the graveyard was relocated along with the Church.

The Corporation of Liverpool began work on the huge masonry dam in 1881. The Dam was completed in 1888. The lake took two years to fill and water was first supplied to Liverpool in 1891. An official ceremony in 1910 was conducted by the then HRH the Prince of Wales to mark the completion of the works.

The reservoir is 216 ft deep at its maximum depth. The pointed tower is the 'straining tower' and is where the water leaves the lake on the start of its 70 mile journey down the aqueduct. The water passes through a fine metal mesh to remove large objects. Lake Vyrnwy is surrounded by a perimeter road which is 11.75 miles long. The two stone towers on the top of the dam house the valves which control the excess water flowing from the base of the wall to allow the river to flow normally.

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Itinerary: (times are approximate)

09:30	Meet at Montford Bridge Café, Montford Bridge Picnic Area, SY4 1EB
11:00	PROMPT start of run
12:00	Arrive Lake Vyrnwy, Llanwddyn, SY10 0LZ
13:30	Depart Lake Vyrnwy car park. Drive around the Lake and through Pont Llogal, crossing the listed 19 th Century bridge, to Llangadfan.
14:40	Arrive at Welshpool

This is a non-competitive social scenic run.

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