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Cefn Y Bedd to Hope

An enchanting and easy walk that takes you along the border between England and North Wales.

- Exit Cefn Y Bedd Station, turn left onto the B5102, travel downhill over the River Alyn to a signed footpath Wat's Dyke Wayⁱ on your left.
- Follow Wat's Dyke Way for approx 2km, initially through woodland then crossing a stile to fields. 3 more stiles and 2 small footbridges lead to a bridle way. At Rhyddyn Hill cross road and climb lower slopes of Caer Estynⁱⁱ over a stile until you reach Rhyddyn Hill Farm. Turn left along the boundary fence until you reach a kissing gate which brings you onto a drive taking you to the A550, Hawarden Road.
- Cross A550 with caution and travel west along Fellows Lane crossing the sides of the road then bear left along a narrow access road, cross the Packhorse Bridge over River Alyn, head uphill until you reach Derby Road.
- Turn right along Derby Road and the footpath until you reach the kissing gate which leads you into meadows.
- Continue in a north-west direction crossing 3 fields through kissing gates keeping the marshy ground and pond to your right. After 3rd field reach a small riverside copse. Continue along footpath with the River Alyn close on your right, until you reach the old road bridge (Pont y Delyn).
- Cross the old bridge, turn right through a kissing gate, then follow the riverbank on your right in a generally south east direction crossing 3 kissing gates until you reach Sarn Lane. Turn left for 47M then left again onto an access which leads to Hope station platform.

Distance	4.5km (2.86 miles)
Time	1 hour 25 minutes
Difficulty	Easy
Landscape Quality	Woodlands, fields, stiles, riverside
Livestock	Sheep/Cattle

ⁱ The Wat's Dyke Way is a 61 mile walk through the border country between England and North Wales exploring its rich cultural heritage - the route is based on the course of Wat's Dyke, a Dark Age earthwork thought to have been constructed for the Saxon rulers of Mercia to protect their boundary with North Wales.

ⁱⁱ Remains of an Iron-age hill-fort – Caer meaning Fortress.

ⁱⁱⁱ This 17th century Packhorse Bridge, which is reputed to be haunted, was nearly destroyed by flooding in 2000, though it has since been restored.