

The French Meadow & Felin Puleston... 4 miles (6.4 km)

Erddig, Wrexham

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Erddig is one of Britain's finest historic houses with glorious formal gardens and landscaped country park that reflects the life of the Yorke family who lived here for over 250 years.

Start: Dovecote **Grid ref:** SJ325485 **Map:** OS Landranger 117

How to get here and local facilities

On foot: access via Felin Puleston along path to the property

By bike: National Cycle Network route 86 passes near property. See www.sustrans.org.uk

By bus: Arriva bus routes 2, 2A, 2C, 5 and 5A; alight Felin Puleston

By train: Wrexham Central, 2½ miles from Erddig

By road: 2 miles south of Wrexham, off the A483

Historical house, formal and landscaped gardens and a country park with WCs, picnic tables, gift shop, second hand bookshop, restaurant, ice cream parlour and tea garden. A walking guide is available from the ticket office.

Look out for...

Cup and Saucer

Constructed by the famous landscape designer William Eames in 1775, this circular basin has water flowing over a central weir and exits through a tunnel a few metres away, allowing the waters of the Black Brook to drop quickly and prevent erosion.

French Meadow

Also known as the French Mills, this beautiful, open plain has a natural lake flourishing with birds, wild fowl and flowers. The River Clywedog runs through the meadow that was once the life blood of the area to power the water and corn mills.

Felin Puleston

This village was once a thriving community with numerous tenanted cottages, a shop and a pub, however, very few original buildings remain. The 17th century wooden barn was donated to the National Trust and brought to Felin in 1977. It is now an education centre.



The Cup and Saucer was built in 1775 by William Eames and was designed to drop the water of the brook and prevent soil erosion of the river bank.

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Another example of the landscape design from William Eames built around 1780 to solve the problem of flooding in the meadow and roads around the estate.

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This picture shows the thriving village of Felin Puleston taken around 1891. Today many of the buildings have gone but you still get a sense of its past as you pass through.

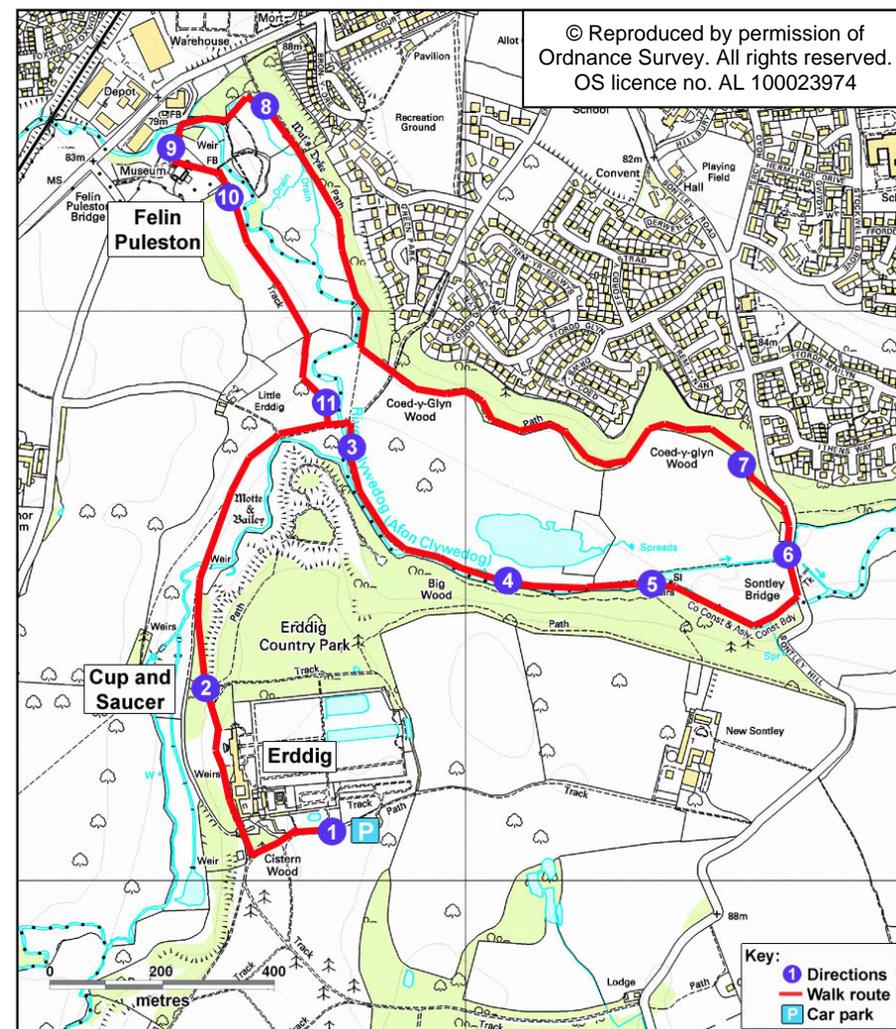
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'A great mixture of environments to explore; man-made features combine perfectly with how nature has landscaped this beautiful part of north east Wales.'

Tudor Williams, National Trust Visitor Services Manager

Directions

1. From the dovecote walk back along the driveway with the house on your right. At the finger post turn right and then head down towards the cup and saucer.
2. The Cup and Saucer will be on your left. Then follow the path over the bridge under which flows the Black Brook.
3. Continue along the path until you reach the next bridge. Turn right leading onto the pathway with the River Clywedog flowing to your right.
4. Continue along this riverside path with the meadow and lake on your left.
5. When you reach the slush gates by the weir take the small path to your left leading towards Sontley car park.
6. Enter the car park and head to your left into Coed y Glyn Wood.
7. Follow the path until you reach the kissing gate. Cross over the path into Court Wood.
8. At the end of the path turn left through the gate at the end across the river into Felin Puleston village.
9. At Felin Puleston go through the gate on your left back into the country park.
10. Continue along the path through two sets of kissing gates until you get to the stone bridge.
11. Turn right at the bridge back onto the path heading towards the Cup and Saucer again. Continue up the path back to the main drive and return to the Dovecote.



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Distance, terrain and accessibility

4 mile (6.4km) following footpaths and gravel pathways through the country park. Fairly easy terrain with one short steep climb at the end of the walk.

Dogs welcome. Please keep on lead as livestock in surroundings fields. No dog bins so please take dog litter home.

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