

Directions to Tan-y-Garth Hall Retreat v.3.6.6

Tan-y-Garth Hall, Pontfadog, Llangollen, LL20 7AS
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If you are going to use Google Maps or a sat nav DO NOT enter Tan-y-Garth Hall. Instead enter INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY (the name of our charity).

Tan-y-Garth Hall sits in the steep sided Ceriog valley just outside and above the village of Pontfadog. You enter the valley at **CHIRK** which is signposted from both main roads to the area, the A5 and the A485 (between Chester and Oswestry). Its easy to find Chirk on any map or sat nav so these directions are from Chirk only.

N.B. If you are coming from North Wales on the A5 via Llangollen, we strongly recommend you come via Chirk and not on the single track road over the hill top from Llangollen. Google Maps will bring you this way but the road surface is currently very bad for pot holes and potentially dangerous in the dark!

Once in Chirk follow signs for the Ceriog Valley and you will come to a small roundabout (above the Chirk aqueduct) where you will see the first signpost for Pontfadog. We are 3 miles down the valley on the B4500 on the right hand side from this point. Once you reach this roundabout you **CANNOT rely on Google Maps or some sat navs** as they can mislead you and take you to the pedestrian entrance at the back and not our front driveway! Its a much better idea to rely on your trip counter. Set it to zero from this point. Then follow these directions. The attached sketched map will also help.

Exactly 3 miles from the roundabout in Chirk look out for the signpost on the left with a horse illustration indicating a bridle path crossing point over the river. You can see the Hall from here. Its the large house sitting low on the hillside to your right. Once you pass this point **slow down**. As you round the next bend our driveway entrance comes up on your right. Trip counter; 3.2 miles from the roundabout. There is a sign which says "Tan-y-Garth Retreat". The entrance is easy to miss even in daylight as it comes up suddenly after the bend. The Hall is accessed via a 250 metres long track suitable for most vehicles up to 16 tone 6 wheel HGVs. Please go slowly and watch out for pheasants and other wildlife!

N.B. If you find yourself entering the 20 MPH speed restriction zone of Pontfadog village, it means you have missed us. If you do this the best thing is to go into the village and turn around by the Post Office and Swan Inn. (DO NOT go up the hill to the right of the Swan Inn if you sat nav tells you to as you cannot drive into the Hall this way!!!)
On the way back, Go slow, the entrance is now on your left at the end of the straight stretch of road & is even harder to see going this way!

At the top of the driveway you can park anywhere **BUT NOT THE AREA MARKED "NO PARKING"**, which is to the left. This is the turning circle and must be kept clear at all times for safety reasons.

It's 40 shallow stone steps up to the front door, about 50 metres. Come up these and follow the path through the topiary to the right, to the front door. Please ring the bell on right of it and wait for couple of minutes for an answer before ringing again.