



Local Walks

Walk 1a. Llyn Tecwyn (Lake) & Church

Duration: 1 hour



Directions:

1. Leave Barcdy by either of the 2 footpaths that run up through the woods from the static caravan site.
2. Go through the gate in the stone wall and turn right
3. Walk up the lane (it is fairly steep) until you reach the road junction and the red phone box. (approx. 150 metres).
4. Turn left and cross the cattle grid.
5. Very shortly the lake, Llyn Tecwyn Isaf, will come into view. Take the road uphill to the left.
6. Continue up this fairly steep lane for approx. 500m.
7. Llandecwyn church will come into view on your left. You will be rewarded with spectacular views of Snowdonia, Portmeirion, the Llyn Peninsular and Harlech.
8. Retrace your route to Barcdy or continue on to Reservoir and beyond (See Walk 1b) or Pylon walk via Llandecwyn (See walk 1c)





Local Walks

Walk 1b. Reservoir & beyond

Duration: 2 - 3 hours



Directions:

1. Follow directions for walk 1a to Llandecwyn church
2. From the church walk along the farm track for approx 1 km passing underneath the power cables at one end of the reservoir
3. Here it is possible to take 2 paths alongside the reservoir (NB it is not possible to circumnavigate the entire lake).

Option 1

1. Taking the left hand path (it is very narrow in parts) proceed to the far end of the lake, veer left, and up to a gate leading onto a forest track
2. Turn right and keeping to the right follow the forestry tracks for approx 1km until you reach the road.
3. Turn right and follow this road for approx. 2 km. Take the footpath on the right (steep in places) leading to Llyn Tecwyn. Alternatively follow the road to the Lake and from there back to Barcdy.

Option 2 (shorter)

1. Take the right hand path around the reservoir and head towards a ladder stile on the right. (This path is not well defined in places)
2. Keeping to the right head downhill towards a cottage. Pass alongside this onto the road and turn right (then as above).





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Walk 1c. Pylon walk from reservoir

Duration: 1.5 hours



Directions:

1. Follow directions for walk 1a to Llandecwyn church.
2. From the church walk along the farm track for approx 1 km passing underneath the power cables at the end of the reservoir.
3. Just past this point, before you get to the reservoir, turn left and follow the wide grassy path downhill alongside the pylons
4. The path comes out onto the minor road at Llandecwyn. (A signpost here marks the start of the Ardudwy Way).
5. Turn left and follow the road uphill back to the gate into the woods above Barcdy. Do not be tempted to cut across the fields as there is no access to Barcdy from here.





Local Walks

Walk 2. Lake & river walk

Duration: 1.5 - 2 hours



Directions:

1. Leave Barcdy by either of the 2 footpaths that run up through the woods from the static caravan site.
 2. Go through the gate in the stone wall and turn right
 3. Walk up the steep lane until you reach the road junction
 4. Turn left and cross the cattle grid.
 5. Very shortly the lower lake, Lyn Tecwyn, will come into view. Follow the road around the lake.
 6. Take the footpath to the right a short distance after leaving the lake. Cross both the wall stile and ladder stile beyond this.
 7. Follow this path for approx. 1km through mixed woodland.
 8. Go through a wooden gate and short boggy section. Turn sharp left back on yourself and through another wooden gate*
 9. Follow the path down to the stream. Do not cross the wooden bridge. Turn right and walk approx. 0.75km alongside the stream.
 10. When you reach the field cut diagonally across to a gate and turn right onto the road. Follow the road back to Barcdy
- * [another option is to keep straight ahead past the house on your left and either turn right at the road or take the footpath opposite through the wood to the top road and turn right. Follow either road back to Barcdy]





Local Walks

Walk 3a. Circular walk via Soar

Duration: 2 - 2.5 hours



Directions:

1. Leave Barcdy via either of the 2 footpaths up through the woods. Go through the gate in the wall and turn right.
2. Walk up the steep hill and turn right at the telephone box.
3. After approx. 200 metres take the higher road to the right and carry along this road (wonderful views), past farm buildings to a farmyard on the right. [NB it is possible to approach this point from Barcdy via a public footpath, but this is dependent on livestock, condition of the farmyard and walking a short section along the main road.]
4. At this point there are 2 options:
 - a) Take the footpath a short distance on the left (again watch out for livestock) and head diagonally across the field, cross over a ladder stile and keeping in the same direction pass through a copse of trees and make for the small gate in the stone wall. Go through this and head down to the houses and a small playground, or...
 - b) Continue along the road for approx. 0.75 km. The road will drop down into Talsarnau. Before reaching the main road take the road to the left signposted Soar. Climb up quite a steep hill and follow the road until you reach the playground.
5. Continue along this road past houses and drop down through the woods until you reach the lower road. Turn left and continue back to Barcdy (approx. 2 km.)

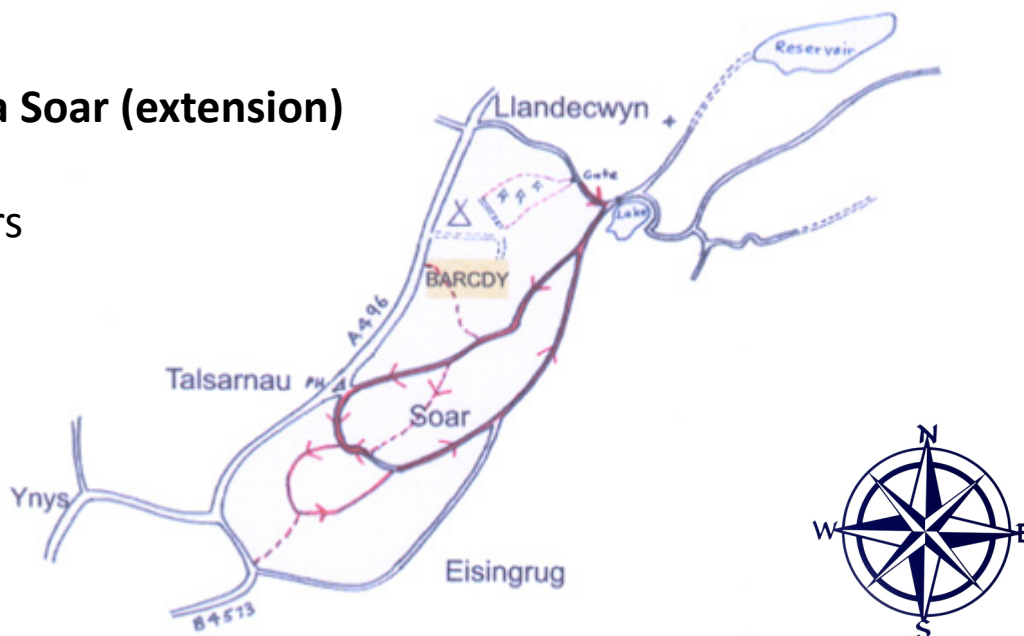




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Walk 3b. Circular walk via Soar (extension)

Duration: 3 hours



Directions:

1. Follow Walk 3a. 1 - 4
2. If you chose option a) turn right at the playground and walk along the road for approx. 200 metres until you reach a footpath sign on the left. If you chose option b) you will find the footpath sign on your right approx. 0.5 km up the hill.
3. Take this path and walk beside the wall a short distance then keep to the path that veers left. Pass by a house and along the lane a short distance. Turn into the left hand lane and follow this up to a gate.
4. Keep straight ahead for a short distance until you see the path winding gently upward to the left. Continue along here (fantastic views) until the path begins to drop down to a gate in the wall.
5. Do not go through the gate (unless you are doing to the long walk to Ynys - see Walk 4), but carry on along the path alongside the edge of the wood and fields. At a point where the wall ends bear slightly to the right along the narrower path (ignore the painted arrows on a rock) until you reach a stone stile in the wall.
6. Turn right at the stile and continue on the road past houses and woodland until you reach the lower road.
7. Turn left and continue back to Barcdy.



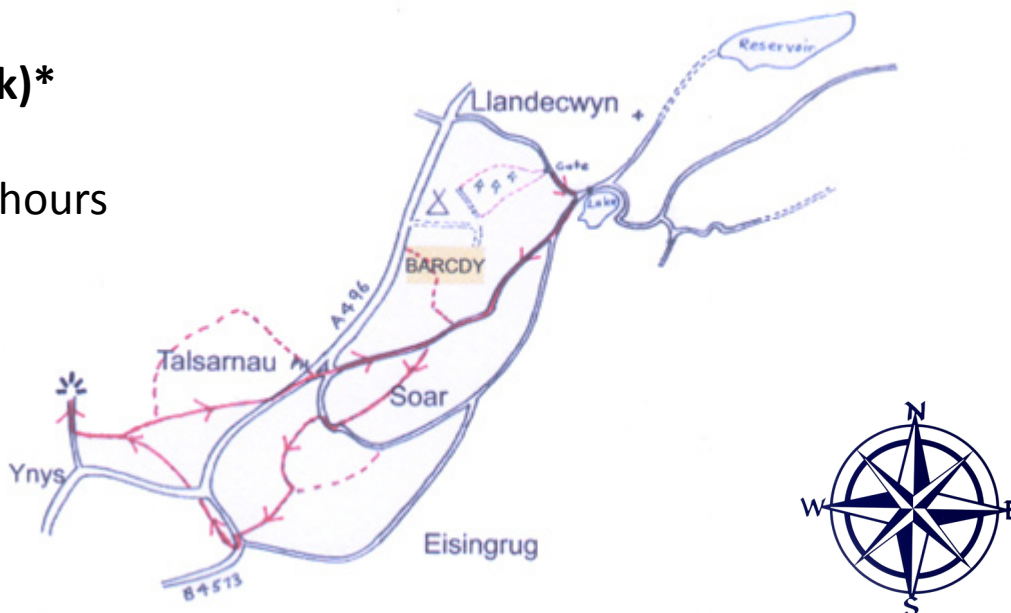


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Walk 3c.

Ynys (longer walk)*

Duration: 3 - 3.5 hours



Directions:

1. Follow Walk 3b. 1 - 4
 2. Follow instructions for Walk 3a and 3b 1-7
 3. Go through the gate in the wall and follow the path straight ahead until you reach a field. Veer to the right towards the public footpath sign and gate onto the main road.
 4. Turn left, and then cross the main road over the bridge. Take the footpath on your right and follow this along the river until you reach the A496
 5. Cross over to the public footpath opposite and keeping straight ahead follow this path towards the group of houses approx. 500 m away, crossing the railway at one point.
 6. Go through the gate and turn right after the house. Follow the road a short distance until you reach the estuary. This is a popular viewpoint (seats available) with views across to Portmeirion and Mt Snowdon.
 7. Retrace your steps until you come to a wooden footbridge across the tidal streams. Cross this. After about 50m the path divides. The shortest option is to take the path straight ahead towards Talsarnau. Turn left once you reach the A 496 and walk alongside this until you reach the centre of the village.
 8. [Alternatively, to avoid the main road, turn left just past the footbridge and follow the rough track beside the sea defences for approx 1km. Take the gated lane on your right back to the village]
 9. Take the lane opposite the pub in the centre of the village and follow this uphill back to Barcdy.
- * Shorter walk to Ynys : From Talsarnau avoiding Soar





Local Walks

Walk 4. To the summit of Y Gyrn

Duration: 2 hours



Directions:

1. Leave Barcdy by either of the 2 footpaths up through the woods. Turn right at the gate in the wall.
2. Continue up the steep lane and turn left at the telephone box junction. Cross over the cattle gird.
3. Keep to the road around the lake and continue on this road until the first junction on the right. At this point you will start to see wooden sign posts marked 'Ardudwy Way'. This walk follows part of this long distance path.
4. Turn right and continue for approx 200m until you reach a gate signposted 'Caerwyich'. Go through this.
5. Follow the winding lane uphill (excellent views) until you reach the riding centre, farmhouse and stable block.
6. Turn sharp right immediately after the stable block and follow this track for approx. 1 km through 3 gates/wall gaps
7. After the final gate/gap take the path uphill to the right alongside the wooden post and head towards a gate. Go through this.
8. Follow the path for a short distance and when you reach some grassy slopes to the left it is possible to climb to the top, (no properly defined path) for fantastic views.
9. Retrace your route back to Barcdy.

Other options:

- a) For a long circular walk see the booklet 'Local Walks around Harlech' (Walk 9)
- b) Follow the first section of the Ardudwy Way (see separate leaflet) to Harlech and take the train/bus back to Barcdy.





Local Walks

Walk 5. Circular walk via Eisingrug

Duration: 2.5 hours



Directions:

1. Leave Barcdy via the woods and turn right at the gate in the wall. At the telephone box junction turn right.
2. Keep to the lower road (marked cycle route 8) for approx. 2km then take the higher road towards Soar.
3. Continue up the hill until you reach a footpath on your left immediately before the houses.
4. Follow this path steeply downhill and across a rather marshy area almost to the road,
5. Take the footpath on the right and follow this for approx. 1.5 km. The path will come out into a driveway alongside a cottage.
6. Turn left at the road and head up the steep hill with a waterfall on your left.
7. Continue through the hamlet of Eisingrug and its unusual village pool, past the hotel, until you reach the junction to Soar.
8. Retrace your steps back to Barcdy along the cycle route.

