

Hosteli Unigeddau'r Elenydd : Elenydd Wilderness Hostels

Walks from Dolgoch Hostel

No.1 - Local circular walk in Tywi Valley Valley - 5 miles (8km)

No.2 - Soar-y-Mynydd Chapel - 6 miles (10km)

Summary

Both walks follow the path down the Tywi from the hostel. From the road bridge Walk 1 returns on the east bank to the hostel access road. Walk 2 goes over into the Camddwr valley to the chapel of Soar y Mynydd (see below for more information). To extend Walk 2 (by 2 miles) you can follow Walk 1 on your return.

Safety

Both walks are very straightforward. Nevertheless you are recommended to read the safety and navigational advice on the website or in the Guest Information file 'Walking' in the hostel. For this walk this can be summarised as:

River Crossings - One, a side stream soon after the start; usually not a problem but be aware of the dangers if in flood and be prudent.

Underfoot - Good apart from tussocky and occasionally boggy path soon after start for about 1 mile to Tywi Bridge. This usefully gives an introduction to more challenging conditions elsewhere in the Elenydd.

Navigation - Straightforward but OS map recommended.

Traffic - Both walks are largely on roads. These are very quiet but be alert and walk on the right.

Forestry - steer clear of harvesting and other operations; follow directions; do not climb on wood stacks.

Directions

NB. ref.nos. are shown on map overleaf.

- 1 Left (L) from hostel down the valley on well-defined bridleway.
- 2 At road: Walk 1 - go L over Tywi bridge and up road.
Walk 2 - go R up road.

Walk 1 continues on the road:

- 3 L at T-junction.
- 4 L onto road from L.
- 5 Immediately after crossing river, L onto hostel access road.

Walk 2 continues:

- 6 Follow road and at bottom of hill go L, down to river and over bridge. (Chapel is domestic-looking white building on L.)

Return by the same route or pick up return leg of Walk 1 at the Tywi bridge.

Points of Interest

NB. for more info see Guest Information Files at hostel.

- 1 Soar y Mynydd Chapel - this is the most remote chapel in Wales and is still used from spring to autumn. There is interesting information inside.
- 2 Views of Dolgoch - delightful views of the hostel from the road on the return leg. You may care to read what it was like to be a Land Army girl here in the middle of the war (in the Guest Information Files).
- 3 Forestry - the extensive Tywi Forest, planted some 40-50 years ago, is now being harvested, opening up new views and ones that have not been seen for years, and bringing a great bustle of activity. Observe the safety advice (above).

