

Hosteli Unigeddau'r Elenydd : Elenydd Wilderness Hostels

Short Walks from Ty'n Cornel Hostel **No. SW1 - Cerrig Ysgfarnog - 3 miles (5km)**

Directions

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

- 1 Right (R) from hostel and up the approach track.
- 2 R, about 50m before bridge over Doethie, onto a side track.
- 3 After 0.75 mile track bears R and climbs up into a low gap in the ridge where it peters out. Turn R and climb onto top. Continue to where ground starts to drop away and the view ahead opens up. Enjoy the view (described below). Either return by same route or continue.
- 4 From viewpoint, with view before you, go left (L), heading SE-wards.
- 5 Cross low ground of upper part of side valley. Go up and over low ridge to cross a second smaller side valley. Repeat this for 3rd side valley - broader and boggier but not severely so (follow quad bike trail).
- 6 From top of next ridge head for rocky prominence straight ahead.
- 7 From rocky prominence keep high as cross 4th side valley and then bear R following high above valley so that you can drop onto path that descends laterally across hillside with green pasture field below it (NAL on map).
- 8 Pick up path described at 7 and descend to main track. Go L back to hostel.

Alternatively continue along the tops but do not overshoot the hostel, maintain visual contact with the main valley and beware steep slopes!

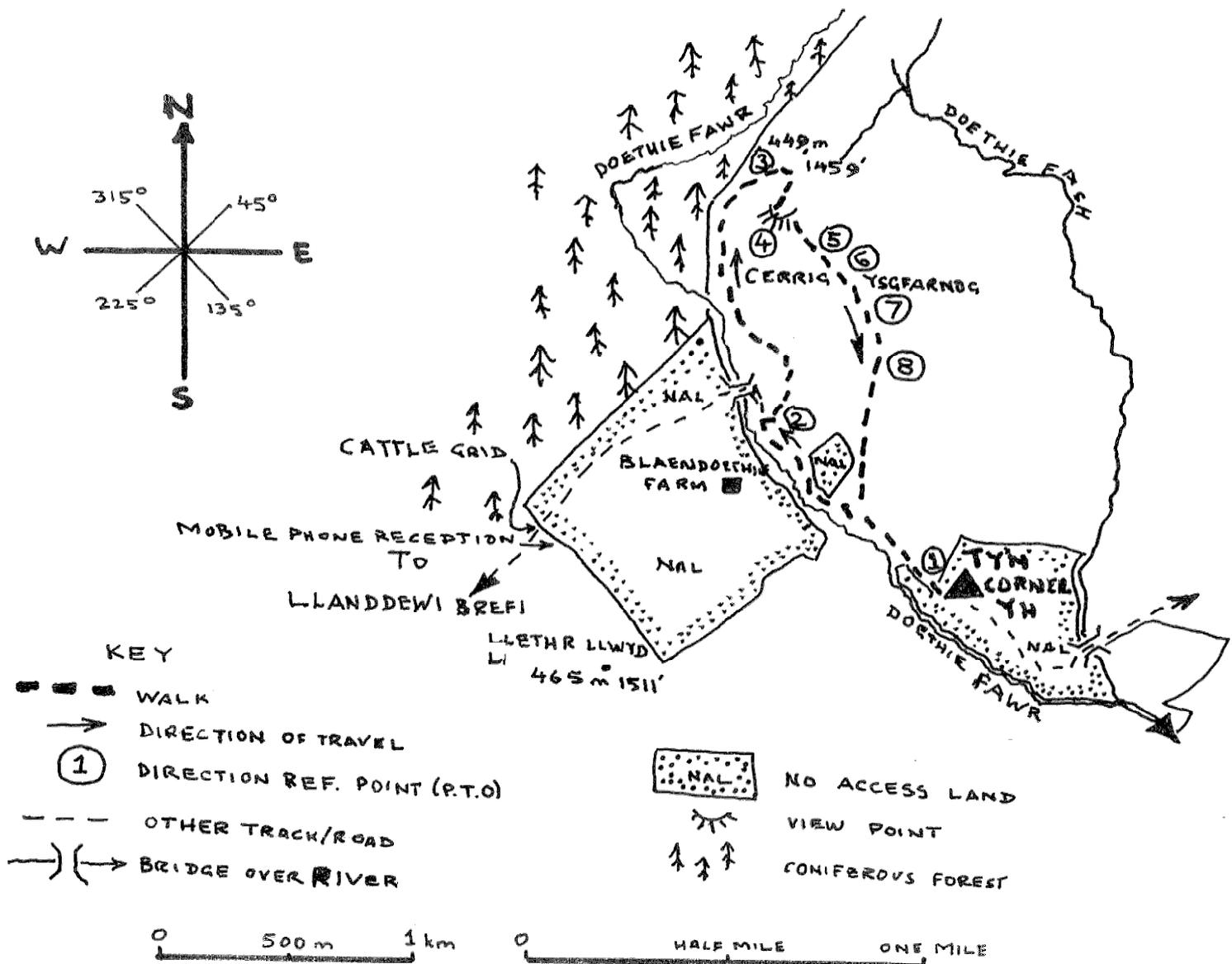
Points of Interest

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

- 1 Track past hostel is an old drove road by which livestock was driven from the coastal plains via Llanddewi Brefi over the Cambrian mountains to markets to the E and S.
- 2 Viewpoint - Directly below is the Doethie Fawr as it descends from its source in Llyn Berwyn in its deep and steep valley. (Read how the Doethie Fawr captured the Doethie Fach within the last 40 years in the Walking Information for Guests.) Ahead the forest climbs over the watershed into the Pysgotwr catchment area and a glimpse of the road out of the Doethie to Llanddewi Brefi. To the left the highest point is Llethr Llwyd, destination for Short Walk 2. It is the highest point on the ridge separating the Doethie and Pysgotwr valleys at 1511 feet (465m). From this angle the flat top reveals itself as saddle shaped (a Welsh Blencathra). Its green pasture stands out in contrast to the rough moorland that encircles it. Only slightly to the left but much lower the trees enclose Blaendoethie Farm.

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Safety

This is the easiest walk but nevertheless you should familiarise yourself with the safety and navigational information in Guest Information File No. 4 "Walking" at the hostel. The walk to the viewpoint is straightforward with all but the last 150m or so on a track. To continue along the top of the valley to the hostel is rough going in parts and exposed. Maintain visual contact with main valley. Should you descend by a different way than described (eg by continuing further along the top), be careful about slipping on steep slopes.

Summary

An easy walk of about 1.5 miles (2.5km) to a fine viewpoint overlooking the Upper Doethie valley. The walk returns along the top of the valley across open moorland before dropping down to rejoin the track back to the hostel - a further distance of c1.5 miles (c2.5km). Alternatively to return by the same route from the view point makes a pleasant walk, again of c3 miles, suitable for children.