

Hosteli Unigeddau'r Elenydd : Elenydd Wilderness Hostels

Walks accessing Ty'n Cornel Hostel by Public Transport No. PT2 - from Cyngordy Station - 12 miles (19km)

Safety

Fairly low risk but be alert to traffic on the road section and walk on the right. The route up the Doethie is on a clear path which crosses a minor stream. It is relatively sheltered and an OS map is recommended.

Public Transport

Cyngordy railway station is a request stop on the Shrewsbury to Llanelli line. Times are obtainable on 08457 484 950 or 0870 9000 772 (free timetable from latter).

Local Services

Rhandirmwyn, 2.5 miles from Cyngordy, has a number of B+B's as well as accommodation at the Royal Oak (01559 760 201). Small shop and PO is nextdoor.

Directions

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

- 1 At station go to west end of platform and go Right (R) up track.
- 2 Go to Left (L) of barn, through gate and slightly uphill across field.
- 3 Go through gate at top end of hawthorn hedge and diagonally downhill.
- 4 Go through gate, past very small quarry on Right (R) to go L over stream and up track.
- 5 Leave track at gate and go R, keeping fence/hedge on your L through 3 gates.
- 6 When fence goes L, maintain direction to pedestrian gate at end of low willow trees.
- 7 Maintain direction, heading midway between hilltop and fence. At hilltop, head for gorse at R end of fence and through gate in corner of field to go L along fence.
- 8 Go R at lower corner of trees. Follow track through gate and grounds of former farm.
- 9 Turn R just before next farm and zig-zag up to road.
- 10 L at road and after about 200m fork R down green lane. R at junction with road.
- 11 After about 3miles fork L at 2nd turn after Rhandirmwyn and immediately cross Tywi.
- 12 Follow road, recross river, up steeply and L past farm where it becomes a track.
- 13 About 200m after farm fork R onto path signposted to hostel.
- 14 Path up Doethie valley is straightforward. Ignore R turns and head L down through bracken at this numbered point on map.
- 15 L at track. Hostel is about 0.25 miles along it.

From hostel it should be possible to return using points 15-11 in reverse after which:

- 10 About 1mile after Rhandirmwyn, fork L up green lane. Go L at road.
- 9 Afterabout 200m go R to zig-zag down to track between farms.
- 8 Go L, follow track through former farm and go L uphill at far corner of trees.
- 7 Follow fence and R through gate to go diagonally across field towards R-most trees, down to and through pedestrian gate.
- 6 Continue in same direction heading for L end of small trees. White waymark on gate.
- 5 Straight on with hedge on R, through 3 gates and L at track.
- 4 Over stream and R past very small quarry on L through gate.
- 3 Diagonally uphill to go through gate at top end of hawthorn hedge.
- 2 Diagonally R across field to R side of barn. Go through gate.
- 1 R at track and down to station.

Five alternatives - for quieter roads or a longer walk:

- 1 At point 10 continue on road (not R fork), cross at T junction and follow byway to Rhandirmwyn.
- 2 Rhandirmwyn to Tywi Bridge Inn - road/path to inn and path to Gailt y Bere point 11.
- 3 Day Walk 2 (part) - From hostel to point 13 (walk 2 directions are given from hostel).
- 4 Day Walk 5 (part) - To hostel from farm point 12 (walk 5 directions are given to hostel).
- 5 Day Walk 6 (part) - From hostel to point 18 on 6, continue on track and then road (L twice at junctions) to the Tywi Bridge Inn and thence by road or path to Rhandirmwyn.

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