

Hosteli Unigeddau'r Elenydd : Elenydd Wilderness Hostels

Walks from Ty'n Cornel Hostel

No.1 - Soar y Mynydd Chapel and Doethie Valley - 6.5 miles (10.5km)

Summary

Basic walk is by clearly-defined tracks and paths - over to the chapel, returning via Nant Llwyd Farm and Doethie Valley. Stunning views down the valley going over the top and fine views to hostel from optional diversion to Pen y Gurnos.

Safety

You are strongly 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 - None apart from 3 minor streams on return to Doethie valley.

Underfoot - Good.

Exposure - High (1400-1500') and open for 1.25 miles, also a short high open section as re-cross into Doethie valley.

Navigation - Straightforward with obvious paths but pay attention to the directions and be vigilant in poor visibility. OS map recommended and compass if visibility poor.

Directions

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

- 1 Left (L) from hostel (E) following track all the way to the chapel - 2.5 miles.
- 2 Right (R) to go past front of chapel on unsealed road over cattle grid. (Coming out of chapel turn L onto this road).
- 3 After about 0.5 mile fork R onto track to Nant Llwyd Farm.
- 4 Follow way-marking through farm (in front of house and R and L at barn).
- 5 At top, with Doethie valley before you, decide whether to divert to trig-point on top of Pen y Gurnos, about 0.5 mile away very slightly E of S. There is no path but in good and settled visibility this is easily reached by following the ridge. Do not attempt this without map and compass if visibility is questionable. Return same way.
- 6 Descend steep slope on curving path and cross stream. Ignore paths to L and turn R above old ruins onto path heading up valley (about 2 miles from chapel by direct route).
- 7 About 1 mile further on, shortly after steepish climb, look to turn L off the obvious path to head diagonally downhill through bracken: can be missed when bracken high.
- 8 L at track to recross the Doethie Fach (Little Doethie) and return to hostel.

Points of Interest

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

- 1 Track past hostel is an old drove road - see also Walk 3 for more information.
- 2 Soar y Mynydd Chapel - the most remote chapel in Wales; good information inside.
- 3 Old settlements - much evidence of this on walk up Doethie and 28 squatters' farms have been counted in the region around Nant Llwyd. Erecting a shelter within 24 hours on common land gave a right of tenure.
- 4 Views - those down the Doethie valley as you come over the top and up the valley from Pen y Gurnos showing the hostel in all its isolation are particularly fine, as is that of the white-painted chapel as you descend into the Camddwr valley from the tops over from the hostel.

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