



Over 100 hut circles have been identified below the Iron Age hill fort on **Garn Boduan**.



Thrift, Sea Campion and Spring Squill flourish on **Trwyn Porth Dinllaen**, which offers superb views across Porth Nefyn to Yr Eifl.

The **lifeboat station** at Porth Dinllaen opened in 1864 and has been manned ever since. It is claimed to be the only station where the crew habitually communicate in Welsh. It was the subject of an S4C series in 2013.

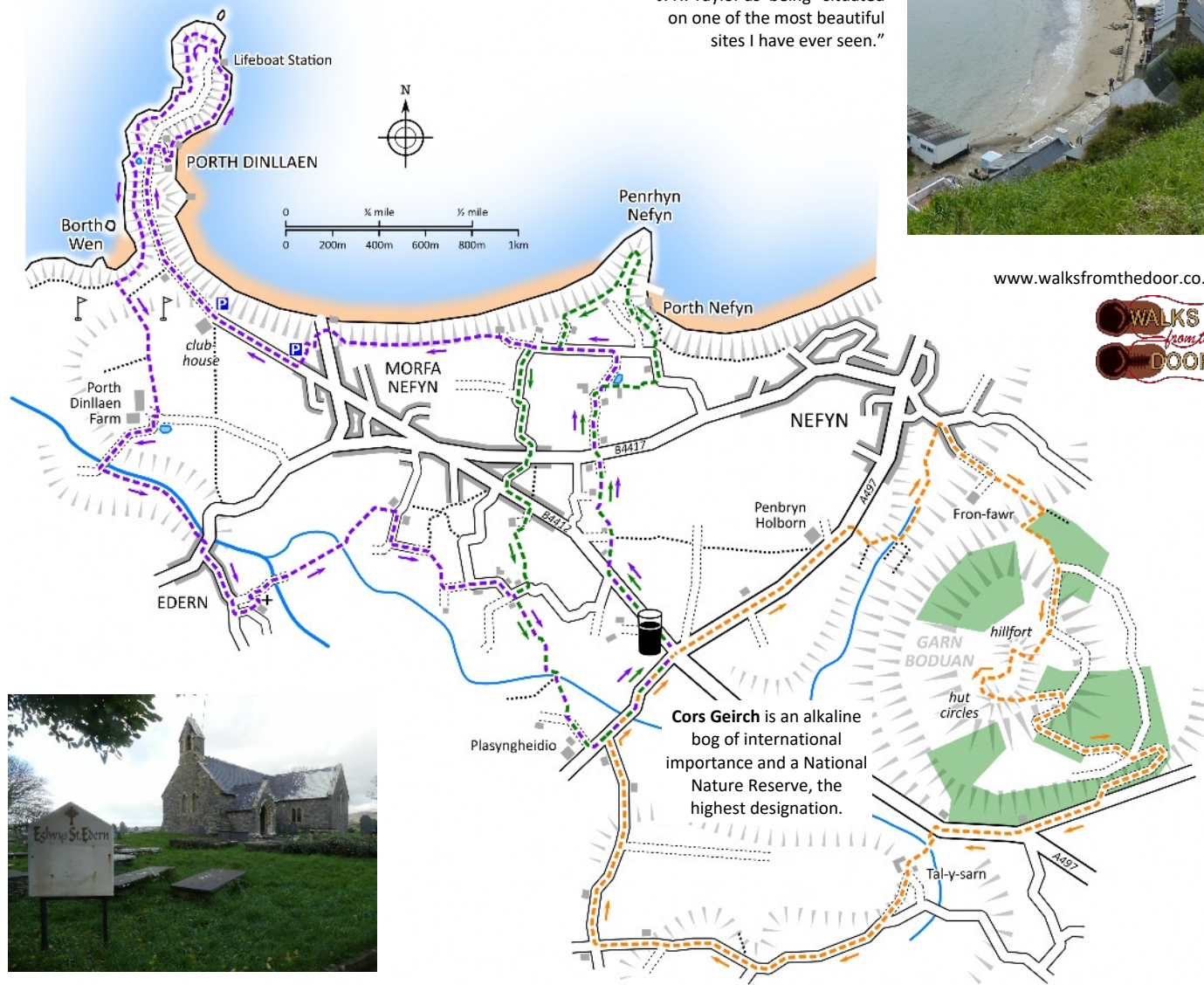


Stormy seas off the headland of **Trwyn Porth Dinllaen**.

The idyllic beachside fishing village of **Porth Dinllaen** was mooted as a major ferry port for Ireland in the 18th century, but the plans never came to fruition. The conical hill in the background is **Carn Fadryn**.



**Nefyn Golf Course** was described by its designer J. H. Taylor as being "situated on one of the most beautiful sites I have ever seen."



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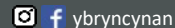
The simple Victorian **Church of St Ederne** retains some 15th-century roof timbers and occupies a medieval site.

**Cors Geirch** is an alkaline bog of international importance and a National Nature Reserve, the highest designation.

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**Penrhyn Nefyn**  
 3½ miles: Moderate  
 Stroll through farmland to and from a headland overlooking the beach at Porth Nefyn.

**Garn Boduan**  
 5½ miles: Fairly strenuous  
 Climb to a rocky summit with a well-preserved hillfort and a remarkable settlement of hut circles.

**Porth Dinllaen**  
 7 miles: Fairly strenuous  
 A dramatic section of the Wales Coast Path featuring a picturesque beach village.

# Penrhyn Nefyn

## 3¼ miles: Moderate

*Allow 2 hours. Wet grass and occasional muddy spots after rain. There are steps and a couple of stiles. Sheep likely.*

**1** From the front door, turn left, past the car park on the B4412 towards Morfa Nefyn. **2** Pass the entrance to Twnti caravan park and continue along the busy road for a further 320 m. **3** Opposite the end of Cefn Morfa, turn right through a kissing gate. Continue to the end of the field, aiming for a house where a gate gives access to a grassy track. **4** Go through the gate opposite and walk through the garden and through another gate; a third leads into fields on the far side. **5** Walk along the right-hand field edge then switch to the other side of the hedge at a gateway with a waymark. **6** A kissing gate leads past another property to a similar gate in the corner, beyond which follow the track ahead out to the road on the edge of Morfa Nefyn. **7** Turn left then immediately right into Lôn Pwll William. **8** Swing right and left between two houses, then turn right down a driveway by a pond. **9** Take the narrow path to the left of Sea View, which leads to a kissing gate into fields. **10** Cross the field ahead and follow the hedge to a gate on the left, through which the path follows the top of the bank to a road. **11** Turn left towards the sea. **12** When the road bends left, take the coast path ahead to the top of the cliffs overlooking Porth Nefyn. **13** Turn left along the coast path. **14** When you meet a wider path at the end of a driveway, turn right onto the headland of Penrhyn Nefyn. **15** Walk down to the end of the headland, keeping right at a fork. On your return, turn right along a less obvious path along the other side of the promontory. **16** Turn right along the obvious coast path, passing a cliff-top house on the left. **17** At a fork, keep right along the cliff-top path then bear left up to another house. Follow the driveway out to the road. **18** Turn right then follow the road round to the left after 150 m, leaving the coastal route, which continues straight ahead. **19** Follow Lon Tan Y Bryn round a series of bends back to the road in Morfa Nefyn. **20** Follow Lon Bodlondeb opposite to the B4412. **21** Turn left and after 100 m, opposite the first house on the left, turn right into an unmarked, walled driveway. **22** Beyond the last house, follow the garden wall right to a gateway, then turn left along another wall to a gate in a corner. **23** Cross the next field to a slate-stepped wall-stile, then walk down the left-hand side of the next field and out to a narrow lane. **24** Turn right past houses called Buarth and Bwthyn Buarth, then turn left through a kissing gate onto a footpath signposted to Botwnnog and Llanbedrog. **25** Walk down the side of the field to a gate and stile, and continue to the bottom corner of the next field, where a narrow continuation leads beside a ditch to a footbridge and stile. **26** Follow the top of the wall for a short distance, then drop off to the right and cross a concrete footbridge over a stream. **27** Bear half-left across the field, aiming for a farmhouse in the distance. **28** In the top left-hand corner of a field, a kissing gate leads to the farm drive. Walk out to the road past the farmhouse. **29** Turn left and follow the road for 500 m back to Y Bryncynan, passing a turning on the right and crossing the Cors Geirch National Nature Reserve en route.

# Garn Boduan

## 5½ miles: Fairly strenuous

*Allow 3 hours. Includes a long climb, some rocky, uneven ground and some road walking, mostly on quiet lanes but with stretches along main roads. Livestock may be encountered.*

**1** From the roundabout by the pub, follow the A497 signposted to Nefyn. Pass Nefyn United's football ground on the left after quarter of a mile. **2** After a similar distance, pass a couple of houses and the sign for Nefyn. **3** Pass Penbryn Holborn, then cross to a layby and take a footpath through a stone kissing gate on the right. **4** Walk straight across the field towards the hill ahead of you (Garn Boduan), then follow a track to the left, down the gorsy bank. **5** At the bottom of the valley, go through the gate on your right, then turn left through a kissing gate onto a path between two streams. **6** At the end of this section, bear right into a field and follow the right-hand edge. Go through a gate into a driveway and follow it out to the road on the outskirts of Nefyn village. **7** Turn right and follow the road (Y Fron) up the hill. The road shrinks to a track, which you follow to a farm entrance. **8** Pass to the right of a ruined barn and keep left, still climbing, past a gate. The track leads into a field; follow the left-hand edge to a field gate, then follow the right-hand edge of the next field. **9** After the next kissing gate, ignore the path ahead, instead turning right along a fence towards Garn Boduan. Follow the path round a right-angled bend to the left and continue climbing through gorse and spruce with an old wall on your right. **10** On meeting a track, go straight on, still uphill. **11** At a left-hand bend in the track, turn right past a white-topped waymark post onto a narrower footpath. Follow the path up to the foot of the rocky citadel of Garn Boduan, then bear right to climb steeply between screes. Finally, swing left between crags and bear right to the summit. **12** Follow the top of the ancient rampart wall for a short distance to the left, then drop off to the right. **13** This narrow path winds down to a flattish area covered in hut circles; it's worth diverting left through the heather to the top of a rounded rocky knoll for an elevated view that reveals the true extent of the settlement. **14** Returning to the path, bear left around the foot of the rocky rise, between the hut circles, then pass through a breach in the rampart of the hillfort and descend gradually through scattered trees on a path that gradually develops into a wider track and swings right to meet another. **15** Turn right at the junction of tracks and continue downhill. Follow the track as it swings left and continues to lose height. **16** At the next junction of tracks, go straight on along a track that bears left. After a final right-hand bend, descend to a road. **17** Turn right along the road for 400 metres below wooded cliffs and past a cottage to the junction with the A497. **18** Turn right and follow the main road for 330 metres, before crossing carefully to take a signposted footpath on the left, by some houses. **19** This path drops down some steps then descends steeply through gorse and bracken to the valley bottom. Cross a footbridge then aim right of some trees and climb the field to a hand-gate into a farm. **20** Bear left across the farmyard to exit

between barn and farmhouse, then follow a fenced track on the right out to a lane. **21** Turn right along the lane. **22** After 600 metres, keep right at a road junction, ignoring a footpath up steps on the right. **23** At a crossroads, turn right and climb over a shoulder of land before descending past a couple of farms to a T-junction. **24** Turn right and follow the lane across a reedy valley (part of Cors Geirch, a National Nature Reserve) back to Y Bryncynan.

# Porth Dinllaen

## 7¼ miles: Fairly strenuous

*Allow 4 hours. There is much rocky ground around the end of the Porth Dinllaen headland. Field paths may be muddy and sheep are likely to be encountered.*

Follow steps **1–7** of the **Penrhyn Nefyn** walk.

**8** Swing right then left between two houses, and continue past a large pond on your right; the path narrows and continues to a narrow metalled lane (Lon Penrallt). **9** Turn left and follow the road for 375 m; the coast path joins from a driveway on the right after 200 m or so. **10** When the road bends left (Lon Tan Y Bryn), take the signposted coast path straight ahead, along a driveway. **11** At the entrance to the house, take the path ahead, which skirts the property and then runs along the top of the cliffs, passing a couple of paths heading off to the left. **12** Ignoring a flight of steps on the left, the path drops down steps to a lane that runs down to the beach. If the tide is out, you may choose to walk along the beach to Porth Dinllaen and the Tŷ Coch Inn (step **17**), but otherwise take the path opposite, to the left of the public toilets and climb more winding steps back to the top of the cliffs. **13** Turn left across the car park out to the road, and turn right. **14** Follow the road uphill to the golf clubhouse and RNLI shop. **15** Beyond the clubhouse, go through the gate onto the golf course and follow the main track. Pass a maintenance building on the left. **16** After 500 m, pass a large sinkhole on the left and then turn right down the track to the Tŷ Coch Inn. **17** Pass in front of the pub and follow a path that winds between the cottages beyond and returns to the shore. **18** Follow this path above rocky beaches and past another house. The path rounds a couple of rocky coves with short flights of steps and passes a wooden cabin before reaching the lifeboat station. **19** Walk up the access road, then turn right onto a narrow path that continues above the rocks. **20** This path rounds the end of the headland (rocky in places), then climbs to pass to the left of the Coastwatch lookout point. **21** Stay on the coastal path, skirting to the right of the fairway; beyond a rocky cove and a short stretch of roughly surfaced track (close to the main track) the coastal path swings right and continues just above the rocks, over the collapsed sea-cave between sinkhole and shore before passing to the right of a raised platform. **22** The path continues around the golf course, sometimes along the edge of the fairway, sometimes veering into the rough, as it gradually swings right around the inlet of Borth Wen. **23** At the far end of the bay, leave the shore and cross the fairway carefully toward a prominent footpath sign, to the left of a

bench atop an obvious rise. **24** Go through the gap in the bank and pick up the banked path ahead of you. Cross a golfers' path and continue ahead, with the peak of Carn Fadryn appearing straight ahead. **25** Cross another golfers' path and continue through a metal hand-gate; the path becomes a track as it approaches Porth Dinllaen Farm. **26** In front of a pond, turn right towards the farm buildings, then go through a gateway on the left and follow the track right, passing below the farmhouse. After a farm gate, the track descends to a stream. **27** Beyond another gate, cross the bridge and turn left onto a footpath (boggy in winter) that follows the valley, with the stream on your left. **28** After a section through gorse and scrub, go through a gate into a field and follow the stream to the bridge in Edern. **29** Turn right up the village street (Lon Goch) then take the first left. **30** Continue out of the village, then turn left into Lon Pwll Clai. **31** Keep left of the old school, and go through the gate into the churchyard. **32** Walk to the left of the church, then down the path beyond; halfway down the slope, cut across the graveyard to the left. A step-stile to the left of a tree leads over the retaining wall to a track below a farmyard (if awkward, retrace your steps along Lon Pwll Clai and walk through the farm). **33** Turn right and follow the farm track below the churchyard and over a bridge. **34** Follow the track ahead, ignoring another off to the right, to another bridge over a stream. **35** Walk up the field ahead, passing a telegraph pole with a waymark. At the top of the field, turn right. **36** In the field corner, go through a kissing gate on the left and through a farm-gate out to the road. **37** Turn right and walk down the narrow lane, then follow it round a left-hand bend. **38** Beyond the last houses, the lane narrows to a path; when it bends left, turn right to a gate into fields. **39** Cross the field on your left diagonally, to a gate in the far hedge. Cross a track and go through the kissing gate ahead, right of a hedge. **40** A kissing gate on the left gives access to a grass-centred driveway; turn left and walk out to the road. Go straight ahead, past a long, low white cottage on the right. **41** Follow the lane round a right-hand bend, and then left. After the cottage on the bend, turn right through a kissing gate with a footpath sign to Botwnnog and Llanbedrog.

Now follow the directions from step **25** of the **Penrhyn Nefyn** walk to return to Y Bryncynan.



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