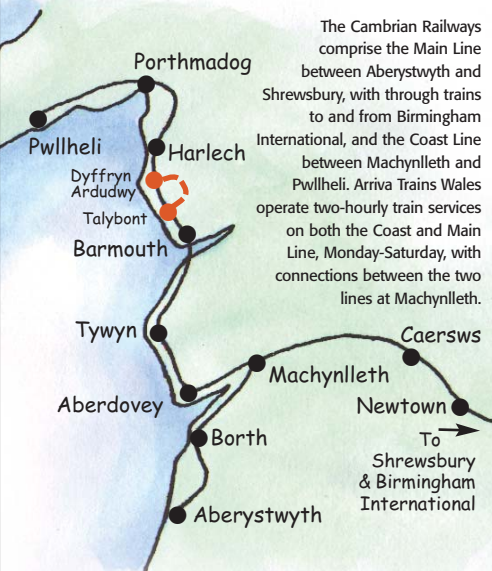


Cambrian Railway No.5 Dyffryn Ardudwy - Talybont

Distance: 3.75 miles Type: Easy Time: 1.5 – 3 hours

The Cambrian Railways are a series of leaflets promoting self guided linear walks between railway stations on the Cambrian network. These have been developed to promote car-free accessible walks in the Mid Wales area that really make the most of the wonderful, varied scenery and wildlife this unique part of the world has to offer.



No.5 Dyffryn Ardudwy – Talybont

Step into the Stone Age to some of the earliest tombs erected on these islands. Dating from around 4000 BC the cairn at Dyffryn Ardudwy has two separate burial chambers. The route includes an avenue which was built by the powerful Vaughan dynasty, (who were instrumental in placing Henry Tudor on the throne in 1485), to connect their family mansion, Cors-y-gedol (The Bog of Hospitality), with the family chapel. The existing mansion which can be seen from the walk was built in 1576. Nearby, the Cors-y-gedol burial chamber stands amidst the site of ancient fields and settlements close to the highest and midway point of the walk which affords glorious views of Cardigan Bay. From here, the rewarding descent to Talybont is via an enchanting wooded valley and the river Ysgethin.

Terrain: Gradual ascent mainly on country lanes to a plateau. Gentle descent through woodland path, with care needed in certain areas due to uneven surfaces and steps. Special care required where the path runs beside the river.

Wildlife: Birds including the Ring Ouzel, Merlin, Jay, Grouse and Raven. A wide and interesting range of flora and fauna to be seen in the wooded Ysgethin valley.

Refreshments: A small selection of shops and eateries providing refreshment at both Dyffryn Ardudwy and Talybont – some of which are not directly on the route of the walk. The route does pass by the popular and well known Ysgethin Inn, formerly a 19th century woollen mill near the end of the walk at Talybont, where walkers can enjoy a well deserved drink and bite to eat.

For further information on...

Public Transport: 0871 200 22 33 www.traveline.org.uk

The Cambrian Railways: www.thecambrianline.co.uk

The area: Barmouth Tourist Information Centre
01341 280 787 www.gwynedd.gov.uk
Harlech Tourist Information Centre (seasonal)
01766 780 658 www.eryri-npa.co.uk

Accommodation: To look and book in advance visit www.visitmidwales.co.uk or telephone 0870 080 3436

Things to remember when walking the Cambrian Trailways:

1. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
2. Take spare clothing - the weather in Mid Wales can change quickly!
3. Take plenty of food and water.
4. Tell someone where you're going, along which route and when you expect to return.
5. Don't rely on a mobile phone as many areas in Mid Wales have a poor or no signal reception.
6. Always obey the Countryside Code and leave nothing but footprints!

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