

Hosteli Unigeddau'r Elenydd : Elenydd Wilderness Hostels

Walks from Dolgoch Hostel

No. 10 - Llyn Brianne - 18 miles (29km) or 15 miles (24km) from Tywi Bridge

Summary

Goes down Tywi valley and then on road over to Soar y Mynydd chapel. Follows forest road above Llyn Brianne through forest to dam. Crosses dam, returns on road to Tywi bridge and then by outward route.

Safety

You are strongly recommended to read the safety and navigational advice in the Guest Information file 'Walking' in the hostel. For this walk this can be summarised as:

River Crossings - One, a side stream soon after the start; usually not a problem but be aware of the dangers if in flood and be prudent.

Underfoot - Good apart from tussocky and occasionally boggy path soon after start for about 1 mile to Tywi Bridge.

Exposure - Mostly sheltered in valleys and/or forests.

Navigation - Straightforward with obvious paths but pay attention to the directions in forest. OS map recommended.

Traffic - About 8 miles on quiet roads but be alert and walk on the right.

Forestry - steer clear of harvesting and other operations; follow directions; do not climb on wood stacks.

Directions

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

- 1 Left (L) from hostel down the valley on well defined bridleway.
- 2 Go Right (R) at road.
- 3 Follow road and at bottom of hill go L, down to river and over bridge. Go L past front of chapel (domestic-looking white building on L) onto unsealed road over grid.
- 4 Follow road into forest, over cattle grid and bear L onto long straight.
- 5 At end of straight bear R, ignoring track on L.
- 6 At bottom of hill, ignore minor track from L and then follow road L over river.
- 7 At top of rise bear L, ignoring track/road going R.
- 8 Fork R where minor track forks L downhill to house.
- 9 Fork L.
- 10 Fork L as approach edge of forest on road to dam.
- 11 Cross dam and follow access road to public road.
- 12 Go L at road and next L (after about 6 miles) onto road to Tregaron.
- 13 R immediately after bridge over Tywi and follow BW to hostel.

Points of Interest

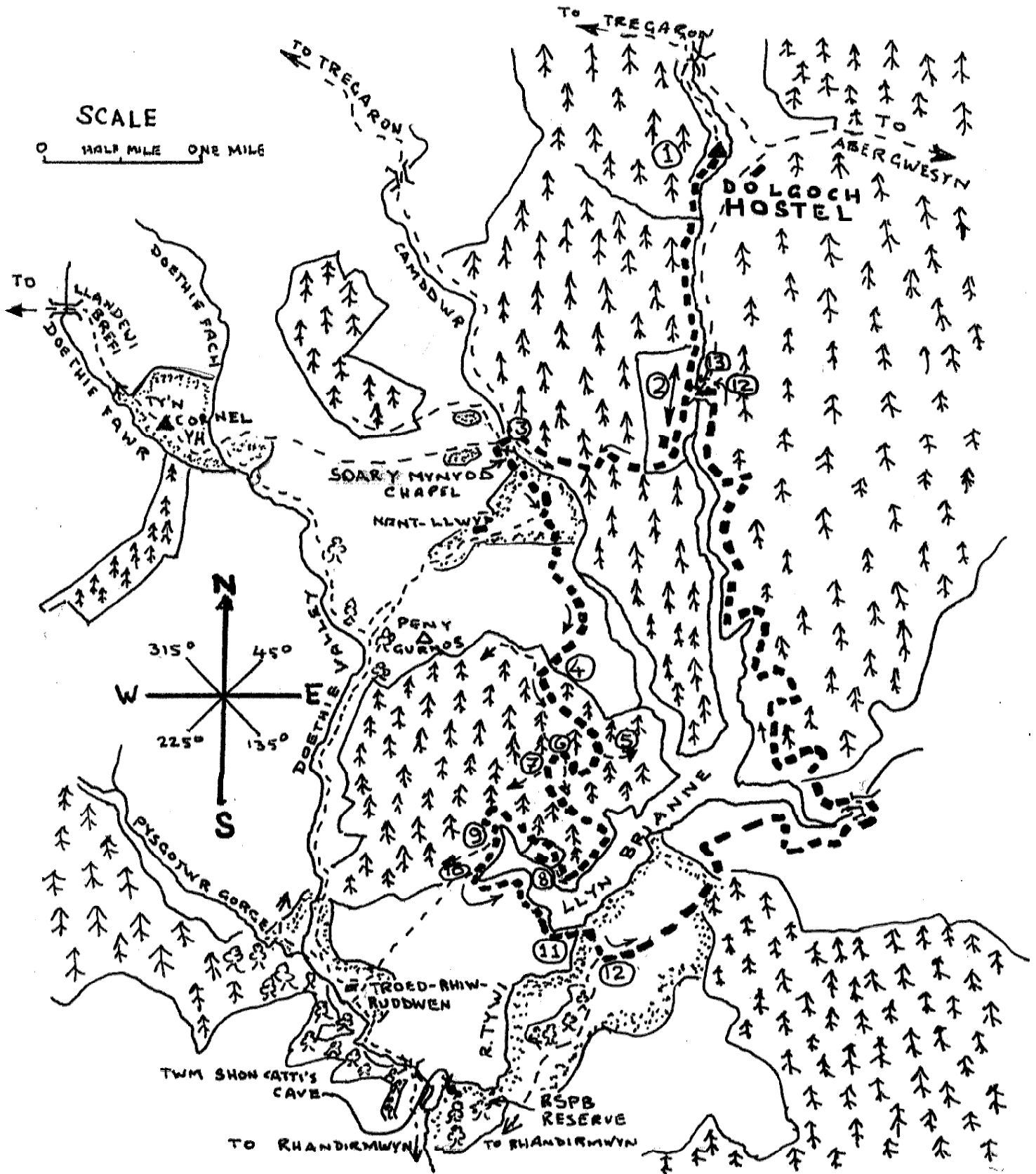
NB. for more information see Guest Information Files at hostel.

- 1 Soar Mynydd Chapel - the most remote chapel in Wales; good information inside.
- 2 Llyn Brianne - reservoir for Swansea, built in 1970's. Highest dam in the country.
- 3 Dinas - about 1.5 miles S of dam by road (ie a long 3mile diversion!) - a rugged hill sculpted on all sides by present and former courses of the Twyi. Now a RSPB reserve: formerly the cave home of Twm Siôn Cati, the local Robin Hood.

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█ █ █ WALK

→ DIRECTION OF WALK

① DIRECTION REF POINT (P.T.O)

--- OTHER PATH, TRACK, ROAD

→|← BRIDGE OVER RIVER

△ TRIG POINT

█ NOT ACCESS LAND

█ BUILDING

() CONIFEROUS FOREST (INCLUDING FELLED)

() DECIDUOUS WOODLAND