

## Hosteli Unigeddau'r Elenydd : Elenydd Wilderness Hostels

### **Walks from Dolgoch Hostel**

**No.6 - Ty'n Cornel Hostel - 12.5miles (20km) or 6.5miles (10km) from Soar y Mynydd**

#### Summary

Goes down Tywi valley and then on road over to Soar y Mynydd chapel. Climbs on path to watershed between Camddwr and Doethie valleys from where optional diversion to Pen y Gurnos is possible. Fine views downstream as drop into valley; then head up valley to Ty'n Cornel. Return over the tops to chapel and by outward route to Dolgoch.

NB. Distance can be reduced by 1.5 miles by using return route over the top both ways.

#### 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** - Short section crossing into Doethie valley: high (1400-1500ft, 420-460m) and open for about 1.25 miles on return.

**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.

**Traffic** - About 3 miles on very quiet road 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 After about 0.5 miles fork R onto track to Nant Llwyd Farm.
- 5 Follow way-marking through farm (in front of house and R and L at barn).
- 6 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.
- 7 Descend steep slope on curving path and cross stream. Ignore paths to L and turn R above old ruins onto path heading up valley.
- 8 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.
- 9 L at track to cross the Doethie Fach (Little Doethie) and continue to hostel.
- 10 Return on track all the way to the chapel - 2.5 miles.

Return from chapel by outward route, reversing directions at 3,2 and 1 above.

#### Points of Interest

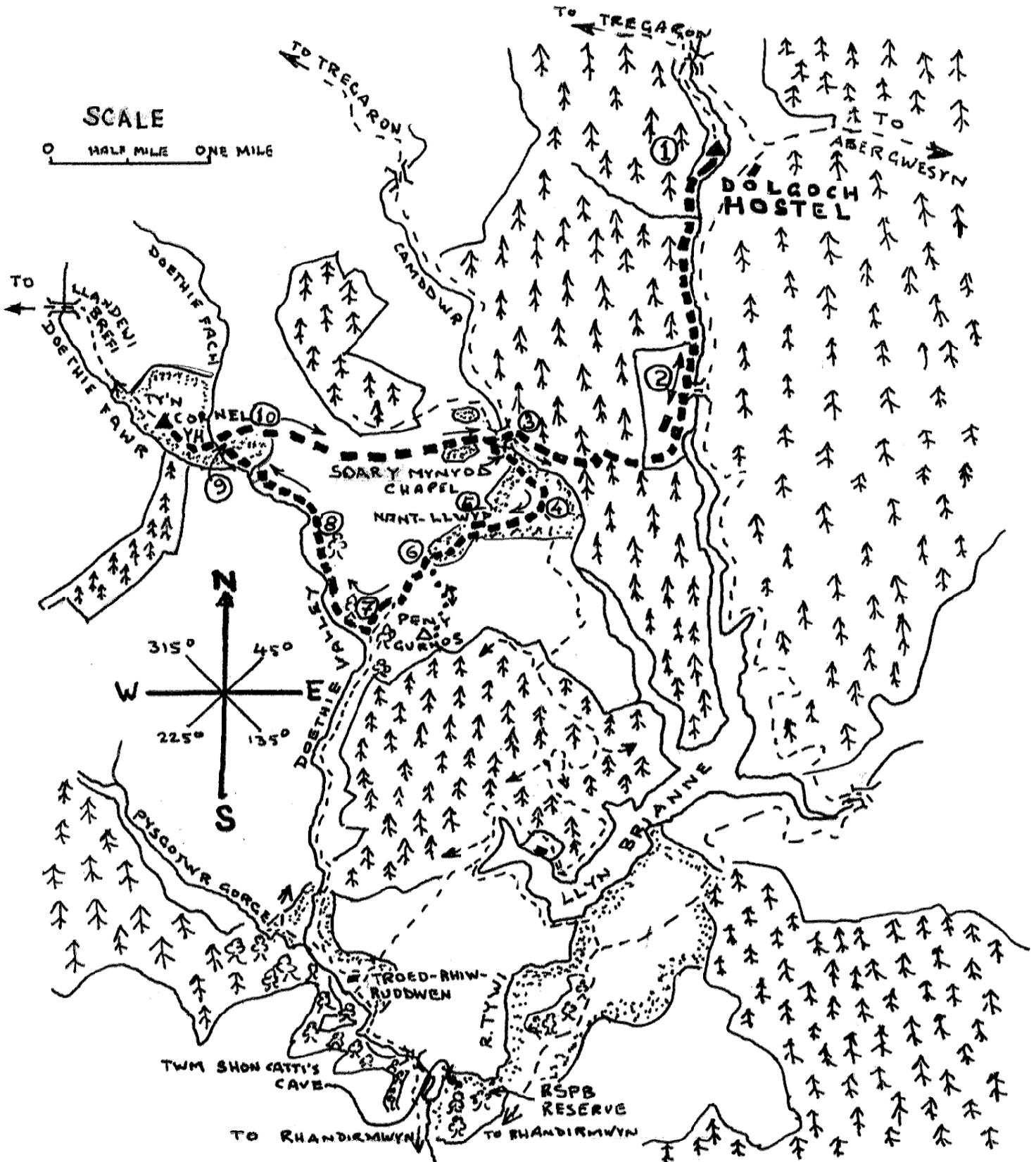
NB. for more information see Guest Information Files at hostel.

- 1 Soar Mynydd Chapel - the most remote chapel in Wales; good information inside.
- 2 Old settlements - much evidence of this on walk up Doethie. 28 squatters' farms have been counted in area - erecting a shelter within 24 hours gave a right of tenure.
- 3 Views - those down the Doethie valley as you come over the top and up the valley from Pen y Gurnos showing Ty'n Cornel hostel in all its isolation are particularly fine, as is that of the white-painted chapel as you return.
- 4 Track from Ty'n Cornel to chapel is an old drove road.

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■ ■ ■ WALK

→ DIRECTION OF WALK

① DIRECTION REF POINT (P.T.O)

● ● ● ● ● OPTIONAL DIVERSION

--- → OTHER PATH, TRACK, ROAD

—|— BRIDGE OVER RIVER

△ TRIG POINT

■ ■ ■ NOT ACCESS LAND

■ ■ ■ BUILDING

🌲 CONIFEROUS FOREST (INCLUDING FELLSD)

🌳 DECIDUOUS WOODLAND