

Walks from Ty'n Cornel Hostel

Telephone Box - 10 miles (16km)

It is essential to take an Ordnance Survey Map. Borrow one from the hostel if you don't have one.

Summary

The walk goes North over the moors to the disused phone box on the mountain road. It returns by road to remote Soar Y Mynydd Chapel and then back to the hostel on a track.

Safety

The area is remote and can be difficult underfoot with indistinct paths. An Ordnance Survey map is essential.

For this walk this can be summarised as:

River Crossings – One just before the phone box. Small stream. Not usually a problem but take care.

Underfoot - about 2.5 miles across open moor. Tussocks and grass can be long in summer. Largely trackless. Higher ground generally firm and largely avoids boggy sections in valleys. On the return from the Chapel, take care on the track as it is very badly eroded. You need to walk on the grassy verge in places.

Navigation - must be able to navigate in bad conditions with OS map and compass - these are essential.

Directions

NB. Ref. Nos are shown on map overleaf.

- 1 Right (R) West from the hostel and up the approach track.
- 2 Turn R, about 50m before bridge over Doethie, onto a side track.
- 3 Follow track to where it bears R and climbs up into a low col. Turn L and follow top of Esgair Wynt ridge.
- 4 Route continues parallel to forest edge on L (bearing of about 30°) **keeping to the high ground.**
- 5 Drop down at end of ridge and pick your way carefully across the boggy low ground to gain the start of the next ridge (Esgair Cerrig). There is an old metal stile to cross.
- 6 Again climb ridge and stick to high ground. Bearing is closer to 40° now. Do not swing off to R and maintain awareness of forest edge.
- 7 Continue over top. Aim towards Nant-y-Maen farm and phone box as they come into view (bearing of 20°).
- 8 At stream, select a suitable crossing place and cross to join road. If nowhere suitable, choices are to try upstream, go downstream to join road or retreat. Do not take risks.
- 9 Pass phone box (not in use) and waterfall. Take road signposted to Soar y Mynydd Chapel and follow this until turning R off the road to cross the River Camddwr by bridge to the chapel.
- 10 After Chapel take steep stony track ahead. Take care on eroded sections. Walk on grassy verge where track is very bad. Up to top of pass, down other side, (ignore sign for path on left) across footbridge over Doethie Fach and up to hostel.

Points of Interest

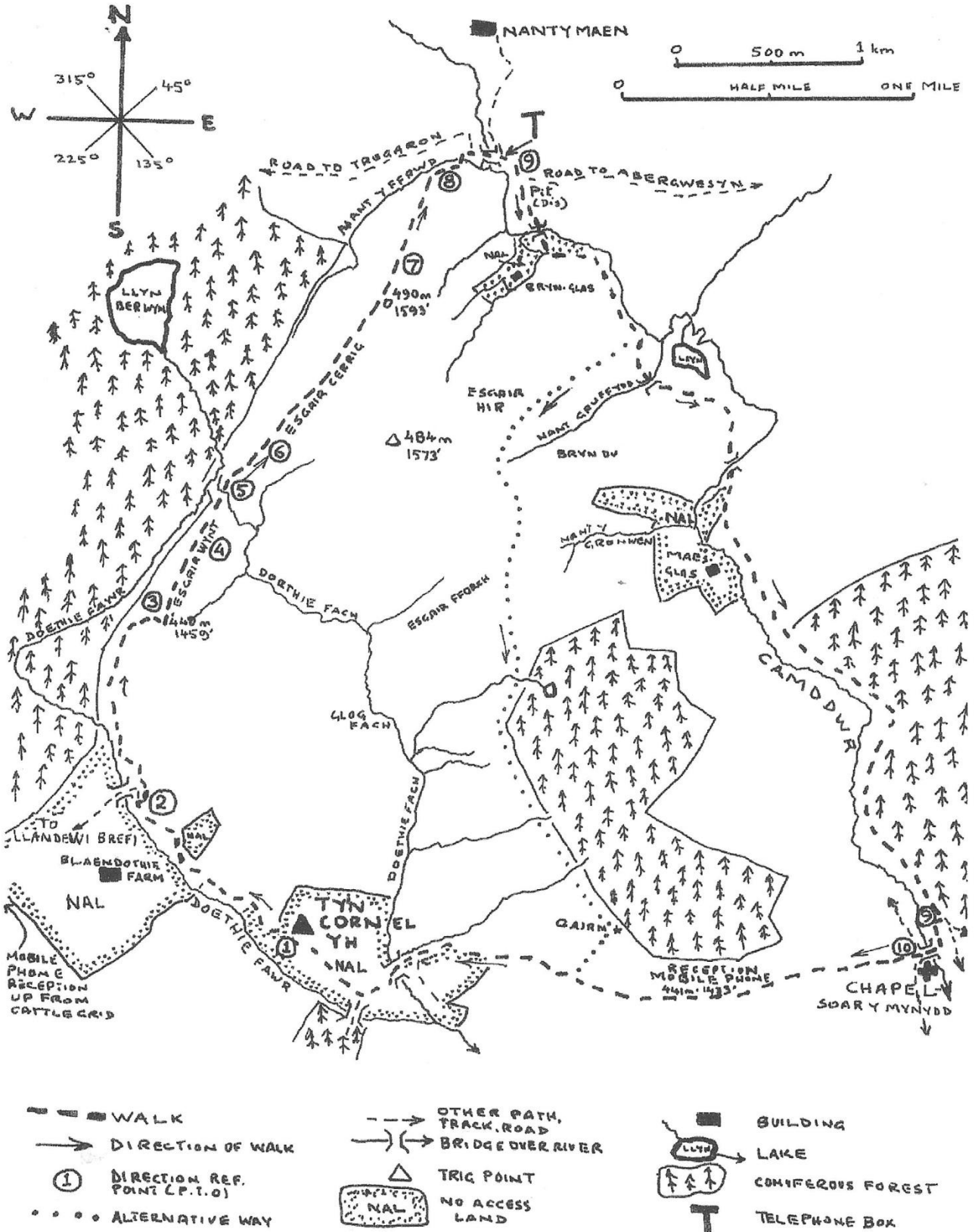
NB. for more information see Guest Information Files at hostel.

Remote phone box (no longer in use) is a well-known local landmark.

Soar Mynydd Chapel - the most remote in Wales; good information inside

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