

Coastal walk – Porth Dinllaen, Llŷn Peninsula, North Wales coast

Short description: The hamlet of Porth Dinllaen is situated on a beautiful stretch of coastline with a sandy beach fringed by cliffs and ragged coastline. The National Trust acquired this special area in 1994, using Neptune funds, for its historic and seafaring history and for its geological and marine interest. There are 16 houses, the Ty Coch Inn, and the RNLI station all under our care.

Getting there:

Road: On B4417 from Morfa Nefyn. National Trust car park on site of old brickworks in Morfa Nefyn

Foot: Coastal paths from the west and east

Bus: (B=bus stop) Nefyn Coaches, tel 01758 720904

For public transport information visit www.traveline.org.uk

Maps and start grid ref: OS Landranger 123 gr SH 281 406, Explorer 253
Detailed walk leaflets priced £2 are available in local shops, National Trust car parks and the Trust Property Office, Craflwyn, Beddgelert, Gwynedd LL55 4NG

Facilities available: Car park, toilets, Ty Coch Inn, Hotel in Morfa Nefyn

Terrain: Easy walking conditions but some walking on beach, on sand, and perhaps wet rocks

Distance: 2 miles

Accessibility: Height gain of 20m over the walk. Beach is shallow water and safe for bathing. Do not use inflatables. Cliffs are dangerous (children should be supervised) keep clear at all times and do not dig into the soft cliffs

Points of interest: Follow the path from the car park towards the golf club house. Continue on this path looking out for the following features:

1. Remains of an Iron Age fort (1,000BC to 100AD). This old turnpike road was created (1770) in anticipation of Porth Dinllaen becoming a major port between London and Dublin
2. RNLI Lifeboat station
3. Carreg y Chwislen. A good opportunity to watch grey seals that live along the coast and breed on isolated beaches in late autumn
4. Remains of Irishmen's Huts of rectangular turf foundations and remains of 19th-century barracks constructed to house workmen to build the projected harbour installations
5. Coastguard station founded in 1930. Fine views out to sea and down the western side of the Peninsula

Return along the beach via the lifeboat station and past the Ty Coch Inn. If the tide is in, it is advisable to return over the golf course from Porth Dinllaen

Property contact details: Tel 01766 510129

National Trust properties nearby: Many coastal sites on the Llŷn. Houses, Plas yn Rhiw near Aberdaron and Plas Newydd on the Menai Straits

