

## Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path Route Description

### SECTION 1: HOLYHEAD - PORTH TRWYN (LLANFAETHLU)

The Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path officially begins at St. Cybi's Church at grid reference SH247 826

Leave the church in a southerly direction through **Market St.**, and follow the pedestrianized high street for approximately 100m. Then, turn left and cross the footbridge - the **Celtic Gateway** - across the harbour. Walk through the station and port terminals, and once outside turn right to exit the port. At the roundabout turn left along **Turkeyshore road**, heading towards a monument.

Follow the road past a couple of entrances into housing estates, and shortly turn right up a walled path just after the timber yard. Following an enclosed path, you'll pass behind a number of factories, a path down to the shore, and a pumping station, to come out onto a playing field. Keep to the left-hand side of the fields, heading through a gap in a hedge at one point. Head past the play area and football field, and you'll head towards the chimney of **Anglesey Aluminium**.

Go through two big stone gateposts and follow an enclosed path to come out by some disused toilets at a car park. Bear left to follow a surfaced path along an embankment behind **Traeth Penrhos**. At the end of the embankment you'll reach a cream coloured house and another car park and you'll need to bear left. Follow a narrow path along the coastline and on arriving at a large stone wall go through the gap and bear left. Pass **The Battery**, and follow the fenced path around the headland. At a junction with a tarmac road turn left towards the access track to **The Bathing House**. On reaching the access track turn right and follow it until you reach another junction in the paths. At this point turn left onto the headland heading up the left-hand side of the field up to **Gorsedd y Penrhyn**.

On reaching a seating area at **Gorsedd y Penrhyn** bear right down the other side of the field following the coastline towards a white building visible in the Coastal Park. At a track, turn left, passing a pond. On approaching **Beddmanarch house**, follow the path to the right, turning left around a pets' graveyard, and then turn left again through a gap in a wall. When you reach the coast, turn right (away from **Beddmanarch House**), past the memorial and a flag pole to join a surfaced path towards the **Toll House**. Go through **Penrhos Coastal Park** car park, past the toilets and along the drive past the **Toll House café** to join the main road. Turn left. Go through the gate and walk along the **Stanley Embankment** with the crash barrier between you and the traffic.

On reaching the other side of the **Inland Sea** turn left and there is a beach option and an inland option here.

#### BEACH OPTION

Go through the gap in the fence and turn right along the shore. After passing two paths that come down onto the shore, you'll come out onto **Gorad beach**, where **Gorad Road** comes out.

#### HIGH TIDE OPTION

Go through the gap in the fence behind ATS garage, and follow the path around to the right, up some steps to come out into a field. Cross the field and pass along an enclosed path to come out in **Newlands Park** housing estate. Follow the road straight on and turn left down **Gorad Road**. At the end of the housing estates, turn left along the lane towards the beach. Shortly turn right onto a fenced path and follow it down some steps onto **Gorad Beach**.

Walk across the beach, past the cottage called **Wavecrest**, and on approaching the house **Penrhyn Bach** bear right up a couple of steps next to a gate. Follow an enclosed path behind the house. Cross a track, and carry on along an enclosed track to come out at a gate on the banks of the **River Alaw**.

Here, follow a footpath along the riverbank (the river Alaw should be on your left) After almost 2km; you will come to a 35m bridge over the river.

Go over the bridge in front of Neuadd Wen and turn left through a kissing gate. Walk along the river bank, through a gate following the hedge on your right across a field. Go through another gate to re-join the bank of the river. Cross a stone stile in a wall, and then through a gate into a field; walking towards Holyhead Mountain on the horizon. Turn left after the next gate, along a short section of track and then through another gate into a field. Turn right and follow the low stone wall, at the gateway bearing right towards the chimney of Anglesey Aluminium on the horizon. After a small rise you should begin to bear left and you'll come to a ladder stile, cross it and keep bearing left, away from the wall. You are now at the area marked **Rabbit Warren** on the OS Explorer map. Keep walking in the direction of the chimney on the horizon and at some old buildings bear left through a gate and along an embankment. There's another gate at the end of the embankment, and entering an area of heath proceed straight ahead, and then bear right towards the ruined cottage of **Tywyn-Gwyn**. Pass in front of the cottage, through a gate and head left along a track to the shore. Go through the gate onto the shore and turn right.

Follow the shoreline for around 1km and the farm **Penial Dowyn** will come into view. Before reaching Penial Dowyn along the shore, turn right onto a track, and then left down the farm drive. Just before the house and the cattle grid turn right through

the gate. Go up the hill in front of the house over the stone stile, keeping the hedge on your right, up to the top of the hill through the gate at the top. Walk down the next field, with **Penial Fawr** on your right, and through the gate. Join a track heading towards the beach, through a gate and at a split in the way take the left hand track, through two gates, to turn left along the drive to **Penrhyn Caravan Park**.

At the cattle-grid by Penrhyn house bear right along the track past the farm buildings. Carry straight on past the Penrhyn Caravan Park sign, with the tennis courts on your left, through a metal kissing gate, and proceed down the track (ignoring the timber gate into the caravan site) to the beach of **Porth Tywyn Mawr**. On reaching a second caravan site at **Tywyn Hir** you can either turn left, walk a short section along the beach, and return to the coastal path along a connecting path, or turn right and follow a track left through the front field of the caravan site and out along the drive. You meet a lane. Turn right, then almost immediately left and follow a path parallel with the beach, passing through two stone gateposts, to come out by a white house onto a lane. Follow the lane down the hill, and at a junction bear left. Walk past some buildings (**Dryll y Gro** on your left) and bear left at a gateway down onto **Porth Trefadog** beach. Cross the beach, and up the steps onto a path around the headland. Go through a wicket gate, and follow the path through another wicket gate and straight on along a track. Walk past the drive to Pen Terfyn, and carry straight on. Join the tarmacked road, past **Ty Glan y Môr** on the right and at the brow of a hill turn left onto a fenced path through a gate. At the coast go through the kissing gate and turn right, over a foot-bridge and follow the clawdd bank (on your right) around a headland. Go through another gate, and join a grassy track. You will meet a drive, and are now at **Porth Trwyn** bay.

*To catch the bus back to Holyhead - turn left along the road from **Porth Trwyn**, and shortly turn right up the drive to **Plas y Gwynt**. Pass the house and over the stile to your right, walking up the field with the hedge on your left. Cross over the ladder stile, and continue up the next field, turn left over a stile, through a wooded area, through a gate and then over a stile. Turn right along a track and right again along a drive away from **Carreglwyd** house and over a cattle grid. Follow the drive up the hill through an open field, over another cattle grid, and turn left along the road into **Llanfaethlu**. You can catch the bus next to the village shop.*