

## Barmouth – Cell Fechan Circular



Approx. 4 miles / 2 hours / difficulty - easy

A short walk above Barmouth, that takes in wonderful views of the Mawddach Estuary, Cadair Idris mountain range and Cardigan Bay.

Driving from Dolgellau just before getting to Barmouth, you'll pass a large house with a clock tower on your left. 100m further on park in the lay-by on your right.

- Go through the gate and climb up the steps
- Turn left here and zig zag on the path until you hit a tarmac road.
- Turn right and walk uphill on the road for approx. 0.5 mile, keeping an eye out for a gate on your right, signed as the start of the Panorama Walk. The gate is set back slightly.
- Go through the gate and follow this path behind the back of a barn, and climb up the opposite bank.
- The track sweeps around to the left and becomes walled.
- Pass through a gate across the path, then turn right through a second gate in the wall. Follow the trail, at a fork keep left, and go up the stone steps. You will soon arrive at a rocky headland offering spectacular views of the Mawddach Estuary.
- Return the same way.
  
- As you exit the gate, that was the start of the Panorama Walk, turn right at the tarmac road.
- After passing the car park to your right, turn left sharply uphill.
- Continue uphill on this steep and winding tarmac road, passing Gwastad Annas and Gwastad Agnas/Bunkorama - till you reach a gate across this road.
- Go through the gate, turning left and following the tarmac to "The Slabs", a rock face often used by climbers. Enjoy the great view behind you.
- Passing to the right of The Slabs, continue on the obvious track for approx. 0.5mile, go through one gate until you reach Gellfawr farm cottage.
- Pass in front of the cottage and just after the white front door, turn left and walk alongside the wire fence to your left.
- Still following the fence, turn left again (don't head uphill) and aim towards a small metal gate in the corner of the field, keeping the fence to your left. At a small mound, leave the fence and follow the narrow path round and back to the corner of the field. The metal gate is in front of you.
- Go through the gate and over the small stream.
- Turn right and look for a gap in the old stone wall ahead. Go through the gap and follow the obvious path around the rocky, grassy outcrop.
- Follow this path around till you come to another stone wall with a gap. Ignore the gap and follow the path around to the left, keeping the wall to your right.

- When you get to the top of the path, enjoy the full view of Cardigan Bay. On a clear day you can see as far as Llyn Peninsula and Bardsley Island. To your right you will see a flag atop the monument in remembrance of the soldiers from the Birmingham District who fell on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916.
- Go down the path towards to the old farm buildings at Cell Fechan. To visit the monument, turn right just before the main building on the right.
- To continue to Barmouth, follow the grassy path downhill, to begin with in between 2 stone walls.
- At a T-junction of paths, with a finger post, turn right to walk further downhill.
- After continuous zigzagging, you come to another decision maker, a T-junction, above St John's church. Turn right here and go through the black metal gate.
- Continue on the narrow path, keeping left at a fork with a fingerpost. You soon hit a tarmac road. Turn left here and head downhill into town.

To get back to the car, you can either follow the High Street with shops, or wander along the beach front. Both pass the Last Inn, where you follow the main road uphill/downhill towards Dolgellau until you reach the lay-by.