



Cemaes Circular Walk, Anglesey

This circular walk from Cemaes Bay, a pretty seaside village with its harbour, takes in not just a particularly spectacular stretch of the Wales Coast Path but also a stretch of Anglesey's lush green countryside.

"Enjoy breath-taking cliff top walking on this energetic walk, it's dramatic and rugged - it certainly has the WOW factor!"

GRUFF OWEN, WALES COAST PATH OFFICER

Start and Finish:

Cemaes Bay (SH374937).

Distance:

3 miles/6km.

Along the way...

Start your walk in a north easterly direction from the car park away from the coast along a country lane, turn right at a junction and then left along a footpath at the bottom of Tyddyn Rhydderch farm.

Follow this lane until you join a road – turn right here and follow this for a short while.

Soon you will turn left off this road and onto a footpath heading north towards the coast. At the fork, turn left to pick up the Wales Coast Path in an anticlockwise direction towards Porth Llanlleiana.

At Porth Llanlleiana, you'll see the ruins of a 19th-century works where clay was dug from the hillside and shipped from the little harbour nearby to be used in the manufacture of porcelain. You'll also be living on the edge at Dinas Gynfor, the most northerly point in Wales. This rocky headland boasts enormous views of the Irish Sea and is topped by a watchtower built in 1901 to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII.

Travelling westwards, along Anglesey's rugged northern coast, you'll tackle steep ascents and descents, with huge views to the rocky islets known as The Skerries to the west and Point Lynas to the east.

You'll also pass a number of fascinating historic sites, such as Llanbadrig Church, overlooking Cemaes Bay. Thought to be one of the oldest Christian sites in Wales, it's dedicated to Ireland's patron Saint Patrick, who is said to have sheltered near here after being shipwrecked in the 5th century.

As you follow the path, you'll come across Porth Padrig, one of Anglesey's many beaches, as you head back towards Cemaes for some well deserved refreshments.

Need to know:

Cemaes Bay is the northernmost village in Wales and a popular tourist destination, with plenty of parking, facilities and places to eat.