

This walk takes us along a clifftop with magnificent views of sea and shore life, through farmland at the far end of the peninsula and along a few country lanes. Experience a taste of life in the small ports on this part of the coastline and take the opportunity to view a significant ancient church on the Pilgrims' Trail, all located in the Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Walk details

Approx. distance: 5 km/3.2 miles.

Approx. time 2.5hrs.

OS Map: 1:25 000 scale Explorer Map 253.

Star/finish: Turn off the B4417 near Tudweiliog towards Porth Ysgaden, SH219 374.

Access and amenities

Parking: Porth Ysgaden, 10-15 spaces, LL53 8NB.

Bus: Llŷn Coastal Bus service: : 01758 721 777; oddrwsiddrws@yahoo.co.uk

Toilets: Morfa Nefyn end of the village; SH238 368.

Refreshments: Lion Hotel, Tudweiliog (locally called the 'Ring').

Please note

- This map is a rough guide only. We recommend you use the above **OS map**.
- Remember to adhere to the Countryside Code: **Respect, Protect, Enjoy**
naturalresources.wales/media/1369/the-countryside-code.pdf

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Points of interest

Porth Ysgaden ① is one of the traditional ports of northern Llŷn, and is still used today by local producers. 'Ysgaden' (pronounced locally as 'sgædæn') is another name for 'pennog' (*herring*) and fishermen were among those who used this busy little sheltered port. Old coal yards (boat yards today) can be seen here and the path goes past the old lime kiln used to burn limestone to be used as fertilizer for the land. The ruin on the port's promontory is the old shipwright's cottage - the wife used to hang a candle in the window on a stormy night to warn ships of the dangers of the rocks.

Remains of a mill from the olden days can be seen at **Porth Ysglaig ②** and Cwyfan's Well, the patron saint of Tudweiliog, is also located here. It was believed that this well could cure skin conditions – warts and so on – and pins used to be thrown in as offerings.

The area surrounding **Porth Tywyn ③** is called Rhos y Llan. It is believed that the old village and original church were located opposite the farmhouse where Cwt Tatws, a shop selling goods and crafts (www.cwt-tatws.co.uk), stands today. Porth Tywyn is a lovely sandy beach and there is a car park near the farm for anyone wishing to spend time there.

Cwyfan, the patron saint of **Tudweiliog Church ④**, was one of Beuno's followers. He lived in the 7th century but the name of the village suggests that Tudwal was the original saint. This is an important church on the Pilgrim's Trail. Its stained glass windows commemorate the Wynne-Finch family who still live at Plas Cefn Amlwch to the south of the village.

The remains of **Cromlech Coeten Arthur ⑤**, the Neolithic quarry of Cefn Amlwch (SH229 345) lie by Gromlech Woods on the Sarn Mellteyrn road (unmarked but signposted – turn left, about a mile from Tudweiliog in the direction of Aberdaron). It is one of several ancient stones in Wales which are linked with the strength-based feats of King Arthur.



Walk directions

After parking near Porth Ysgaden, you will reach the Coastal Path leading eastwards. The walk follows the rough and wild coastal path above significant ports of the olden days: Porth Ysgaden, Porth Lydan, Porth Ysglaig and Porth Tywyn. Cross the road near the caravan park and head left until you come to a path which goes past the eastern gable of the farm. Carry on towards Tudweiliog through agricultural fields. Turn right when you reach the B4417 in Tudweiliog and follow a path to the right again behind the village, through the fields to the coastal road by Porth Ysgaden farm. Turn left, then right at the junction and follow the lane back to Porth Ysgaden harbour.

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