

This is a walk around the vicinity of an ancient and interesting town. Starting at the beach, we turn inland to the old streets which retain their layout from the Middle Ages. We continue through farmland, over a hillock, back through more farmland and to the coast, with this walk offering a different view around every corner.

Walk details

Approx. Distance: 6.4km/4 miles.

Approx. Time: 2hrs.

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

Start/Finish: Nefyn beach car park, SH302 407.

Access and amenities

Parking: Ffordd Dewi Sant car park, Nefyn; 30 spaces, LL53 6DU.

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

Toilets: At the top of the road to the beach.

Refreshment: Café on the street and above the beach; tea room at the museum; Nanhoron Hotel and Indian restaurants offering food and drink.

Please note

- After wet weather, the path through Cae Pysgodyn can become **wet**, therefore appropriate footwear is required.
- 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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Circular walk



Points of interest

The old town of **Nefyn** ① has been a town of stature since the Age of the Welsh Princes. Although it was given a royal charter by the English Crown in 1355, unlike Conwy and Caernarfon, there was no effort to undermine the Welsh population here and create a colony of privileged incomers. It was a busy market town and port for centuries.

The **Llŷn Maritime Museum** ② is located within the town's old church (www.amgueddfa-forwrol-llŷn.co.uk). The heritage of this part of the Gwynedd coast is celebrated with the collections housed here in St Mary's Church. Its foundations date back to the sixth century, and it was once an important base on the Pilgrims' Trail. The museum's buildings were substantially renovated in 2014. In the cemetery surrounding the church lie just some of the many graves of sailors and captains from Nefyn and the surrounding area. There is also a Maritime Museum located on the quay in Porthmadog (see Circular Walk 15).

The name **Cae Pysgodyn** ③ derives from the long oval shape of the field. It's official name is Cae Iorwerth, following Edward I's visit to Nefyn. He hosted a tournament here in 1283 to celebrate his victory over the Principality of Gwynedd.

Porth Nefyn ④ retains a feel of the sea's influence on this area. It's an interesting cove which was once a very busy and important part of the herring fishing and ship building industries. Nefyn's coat of arms displays three herrings, as this was the town's main produce. The fishermen would sail as far as the coast of Ireland to net herring – by 1910, there were forty 18 foot long fishing boats here, with a crew of four fishermen in each one. A number of Nefyn's grand houses were built by ship captains. This was a noteworthy vocation on these shores until the end of the age of the sailing ships. As many as thirty captains lived here at one time.

The **Cwrw Llŷn Brewery** ⑤ can be found in the business park on Ffordd Dewi Sant, the B4417. This is a local brewery which produces real ale and offers visitor tours around the workplace, experiencing the brewing process and its history and offers an opportunity to buy samples and other merchandise. Amongst the local ale bottles, you will find Brenin Enlli, Seithenyn and Cochyn labels which use local stories and traditions in their branding.



Walk directions

From the car park above the beach, walk towards the main Nefyn/Morfa Nefyn junction but before reaching it, turn left for Rhodfa'r Môr. Walk along a path which follows the coastline before turning towards the centre of the old town. Walk past the old St Mary's Church then weave your way along several interesting back streets before carrying on towards Cae Pysgodyn. From here, climb a short ascent to the top of a hillock, cross the A497 and follow the paths through agricultural fields back towards the coast. Cross the B4417 between Nefyn and Morfa Nefyn and then follow Lôn Pwll William to a small lake. Keep to the left side of the lake and carry on to the top of the coastal hill, with its lovely view of Nefyn harbour. Then, back along Lôn y Traeth to return to the car park.

