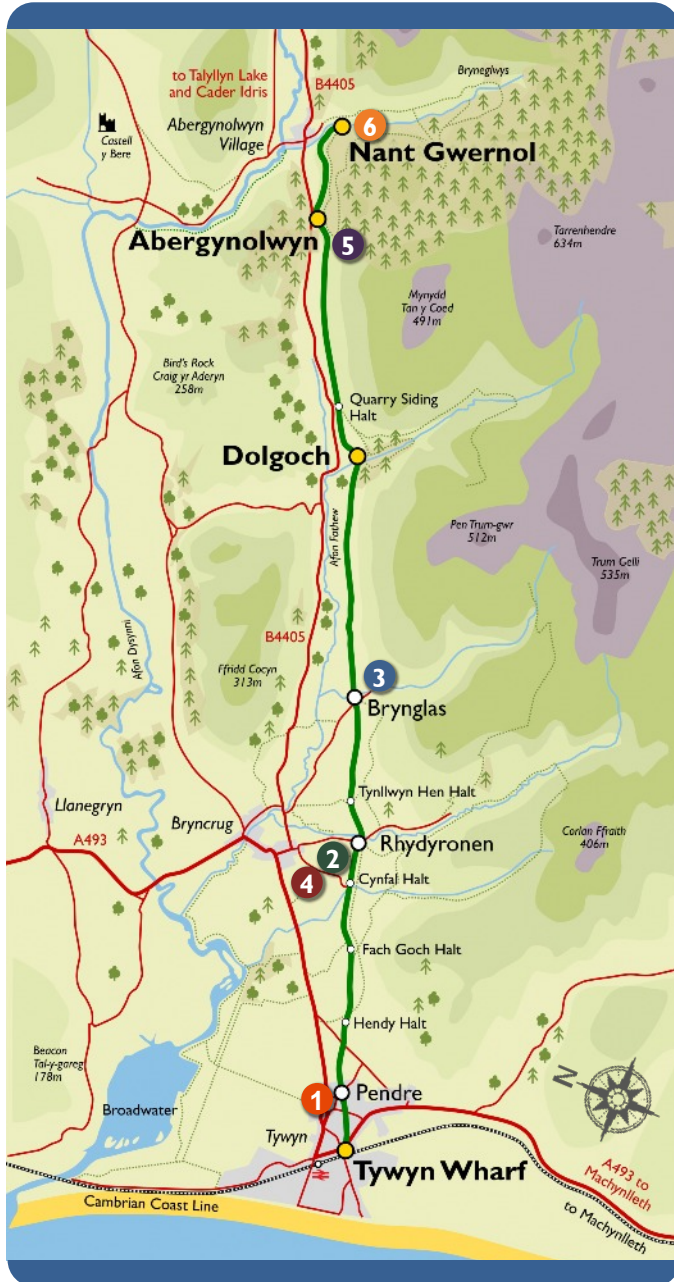


Rheilffordd Talyllyn Railway ROUTE MAP



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WALKS

3: Rhydyronen & Brynglas Walk



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Rhydyronen and Brynglas

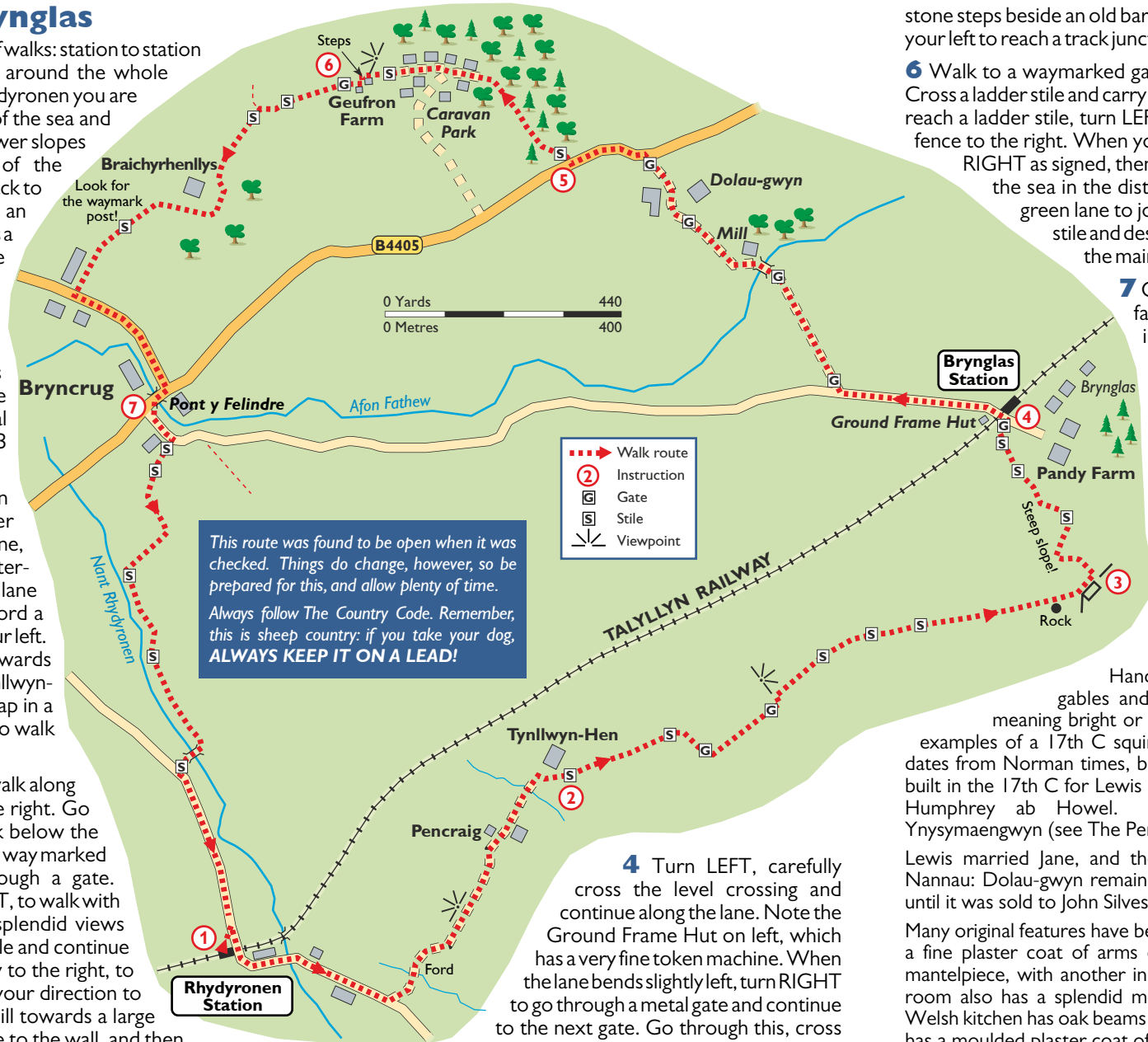
This route presents you with a choice of walks: station to station either way, or an enjoyable journey around the whole circuit. If you choose to start from Rhydyronen you are soon presented with a stunning vista of the sea and the valley as you climb gently up the lower slopes of the south-western extremities of the Tarrens. A steep descent brings you back to the railway at Brynglas Station, and an alternative starting point. You then pass a fine converted mill and the handsome house of Dolau-gwyn before making your way through woods and beside Nant Rhydyronen back to the start. It is one and a half miles from Rhydyronen Station via Tynllwyn-Hen to Brynglas Station, and a little over 2 miles for the return walk via Bryn-crug, making a total circuit of less than 4 miles. Allow about 3 hours.

1 Leave Rhydyronen Station and turn sharp RIGHT to cross the bridge over the railway line. Continue along the lane, which bends left and passes a fine water-pump on the right. Turn LEFT along the lane signed to 'Tynllwyn-Hen', and soon ford a small stream. Fine views open up to your left. Pass a house on the left and walk towards 'Tynllwyn-Hen'. As you approach 'Tynllwyn-Hen' turn SHARP RIGHT through a gap in a stone wall and then turn HALF-LEFT to walk uphill to a way marked stile by a gate.

2 Cross this stile and turn RIGHT to walk along an old green lane, with a fence on the right. Go through a gate and turn LEFT to walk below the track but to the right of the fence. Pass a way marked fence post on the left and go through a gate. Immediately turn LEFT end then RIGHT, to walk with the fence on your right. There are splendid views ahead towards Cader Idris. Cross a stile and continue HALF-RIGHT, as the fence goes away to the right, to reach a stile. Cross this and maintain your direction to another stile. Cross this and veer uphill towards a large prominent rock. Pass this and continue to the wall, and then on to an opening by a sheep fold.

3 DO NOT go through this opening, but turn LEFT to walk steeply downhill to reach a stile beside a gate (by another gate in the wall). Cross the stile and continue downhill with a stone wall to the right. Cross the stile beside the gate ahead at the end of the wall, and walk HALF-RIGHT down the field to cross a stile by the railway. Go through gates on the RIGHT to Brynglas Station.

This route was found to be open when it was checked. Things do change, however, so be prepared for this, and allow plenty of time.
Always follow The Country Code. Remember, this is sheep country: if you take your dog, ALWAYS KEEP IT ON A LEAD!



4 Turn LEFT, carefully cross the level crossing and continue along the lane. Note the Ground Frame Hut on left, which has a very fine token machine. When the lane bends slightly left, turn RIGHT to go through a metal gate and continue to the next gate. Go through this, cross the bridge over Afon Fathew and continue, passing a converted mill. Go through the next gate and pass 'Dolau-gwyn' to emerge through a gate to reach a road. Turn LEFT and walk about 100 yards to a footpath sign on the right.

5 Turn RIGHT, cross the stile beside a gate and follow the path AHEAD and uphill. Climb steps and continue uphill and left as signed. You soon join a tarmac road. When this forks, go to the RIGHT, uphill. Carry on ahead, passing 'no. 5', to a stile. Cross this and continue, enjoying the fine view ahead. You soon descend

stone steps beside an old barn, and pass a 'helem' (Dutch barn) on your left to reach a track junction.

6 Walk to a waymarked gate ahead, go through and continue. Cross a ladder stile and carry on with a fence on the left. When you reach a ladder stile, turn LEFT, cross it and walk downhill with a fence to the right. When you have passed 'Braichyrhenllys' turn RIGHT as signed, then walk towards a waymark post, with the sea in the distance. Now veer LEFT down an old green lane to join a fence on the left. Cross a ladder stile and descend to the road. Turn LEFT to reach the main road, where you turn RIGHT.

7 Cross the bridge and turn LEFT. Pass factory buildings on the right and, immediately after, turn RIGHT and cross a stile. Follow the path, cross a stile and walk with a hedge on the left. Continue beside the hedge when it bends to the right, to reach a stile. Turn LEFT, cross the stile and walk with a stream to the right. Cross the next stile and continue beside the stream. You then reach a footbridge, which you cross, and then a fine stone step-stile ahead. Cross this and turn LEFT to return to Rhydyronen Station.

Dolau-gwyn

Handsomely built, with crow-stepped gables and mullioned windows, Dolau-gwyn - meaning bright or white meadows - is one of the finest examples of a 17th C squire's house in Meirionydd. The estate dates from Norman times, but the house is more recent and was built in the 17th C for Lewis Gwyn, who inherited the estate from Humphrey ab Howel. John, Lewis' brother, inherited Ynysmaengwyn (see The Pendre Station Walk in this series).

Lewis married Jane, and their daughter Jane married Gruffydd Nannau: Dolau-gwyn remained in their family for over 250 years, until it was sold to John Silvester.

Many original features have been retained within the house: there is a fine plaster coat of arms dating from 1620 above the kitchen mantelpiece, with another in the drawing room dated 1656 - this room also has a splendid moulded plaster ceiling; the traditional Welsh kitchen has oak beams and settles, and each of the bedrooms has a moulded plaster coat of arms over the mantelpiece.

Not being 'offered' food and shelter at Ynysmaengwyn, Oliver Cromwell burnt the house down and moved on to Dolau-gwyn for one night when the then occupants, having seen the fire in the distance, thought better of denying him!

The house and grounds are now a private residence. They are NOT open to the public.