

Llanfachraeth to Llannerch-y-medd

Facilities & Amenities:

Valley - Various

Llanfachraeth – Convenience shop

Melin Llynon, Llanddeusant – Toilets & Café

Llannerch-y-medd – Station Cafe. The Bull Inn. Convenience shop.

Stamp Locations: St Bigael, Llanfigael. Melin Llynon, Llanddeusant. St Pabo, Llanbabo.

Directions:

1. Starting from Maes Pacio y Fali (car park opposite The Valley Hotel), carefully cross the road to be on the hotel side and then turn right, then left at the crossroads onto Holyhead Rd, walking along the front of the Valley Hotel.

2. When you reach the pedestrian crossing, cross over and continue in the same direction, passing St Michael's church. At the next proper road junction (just before you get level with the petrol station), turn right onto Pen Dyffryn, then left onto Ffordd Pendyffryn. After the road bends around to the left, keep straight on Manning Drive to the T-junction.

3. At the T-junction turn right (330 m) and when a pavement becomes available on the opposite side of the road, safely cross over. Turn left onto Penrodyn. At the right bend in the road keep straight on Bryn Moryd for 310 m to reach a set of bollards. Turn left here onto the footpath and follow it passing a parking area before continuing on the footpath down to the beach.

4. Turn right along the beach and follow the shoreline until you reach the small bay just before Penrhyn Bach Farm. At the end of this bay a prominent line of rocks extends towards the sea from a gate higher up the beach.

5. Inland of this gate, the coastal path continues and is clearly marked and bordered by fence or hedgerow. The path meanders over grassy or muddy ground, boardwalk and at a kissing gate, the footpath continues along a high section of wall. You eventually reach a footbridge over Afon Alaw decorated with metal artwork.

The artwork on this bridge was designed by artists Ann Catrin Evans and Catrin Meirion; the artwork is inspired by wildlife and scenes from the story of Branwen from the Welsh folk tales 'Y Mabinogion'. The tale claims that Branwen finally came to rest on the banks of the Alaw estuary. (4 km)

6. After the bridge turn right and follow the clear path until a kissing gate. Through this gate, turn right again and take the tarmac track over a small bridge and on towards Llanfachraeth. (600 m)

7. At the T-junction turn right to reach the Premier convenience store (the old post office). Turn left to walk along the smaller residential road next to the Premier store. Continue for 1.1 km on this road (continue past Bryn Farm and Llety'r Wennol) until turning right down a hedge-lined grassy track immediately after the house Pen Parc. After 550m, a stile crosses the wall on your left - cross this to enter the field beyond. Cross the field keeping to the right of a pylon and slightly right of the cream-coloured building in the distance. Pass through one of two neighbouring farm gates to enter another field. Then follow the wall on your left until reaching a stone stile to the right of a farm gate. Cross over to reach the road. (2 km)

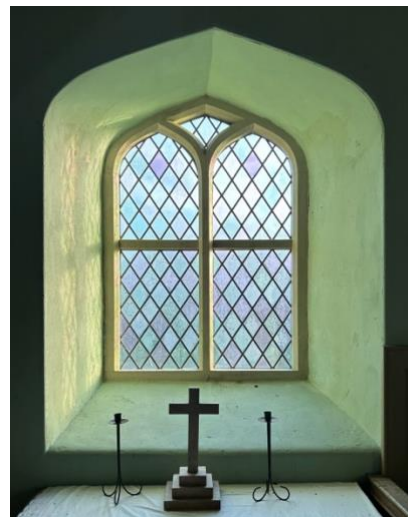
Across the road is Eglwys St Bigail/St Bigael's Church; this church was rebuilt in the 18th century and retains its late Georgian interior. It is associated with St Bigail, a 5th/6th century saint. [Find out more- Bigail](#)

The church is now looked after by Friends of Friendless Churches. [Find out more](#)

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8. Head north along the road (turn right if standing on the road looking away from the church). Pass Tyddyn Watcyn on your left and continue to a road junction (560 m).

9. Turn left at this junction and walk for 2.2 km to reach a crossroads. Turn left to visit Melin Llynon (300m).



Melin Llynon is the last surviving and only working windmill in Wales. Built in 1775, it was damaged in a storm in 1918 but continued operating as a gristmill until 1924, when further storm damage brought milling to an end. The local council restored the mill to working order in the 1980s, but by 2019 it had again fallen into disrepair. A major restoration was completed in 2024 by its owner, Richard Holt.

The mill is now a popular visitor attraction with a café, shop and bakery—famous for its “Mônuts”—as well as flour ground on site. Guided tours are available. The grounds also feature replicas of Iron Age roundhouses similar to those that stood on Anglesey around 3,000 years ago, the remains of which can be seen later

along the Llwybr Cybi a Seiriol route.

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10. Having visited the mill, retrace your steps to the crossroad – turn left and follow the road through Llanddeusant for 1.1 km until the first road junction and Capel Bethania Chapel.

Capel Bethania Chapel has a long history dating back to around 1795. The chapel was later enlarged in 1823, rebuilt in 1844, with an average congregation of 200 in 1851. It represents a significant place of worship in the area's religious history.

11. From the chapel take the steep left road. Just after the bend in the road by the house there is a good viewpoint and then a road junction. Turn right and uphill, stay on this road for 2.9 km where you will reach a road junction beside a farm.

12. Turn left towards Llanbabo and Rhosgoch and walk to reach Eglwys Pabo Sant/St Pabo's Church (240 m).

Eglwys Pabo Sant/St Pabo's Church is a 12th-century Grade II* listed medieval church, traditionally believed to stand on a much earlier Christian site founded around AD 460 by Pabo Post Prydain.

Pabo, whose title *Post Prydain* ("Pillar of Britain") reflects his reputation as a defender of the Romano-British north (*Yr Hen Ogledd*) against Pictish and Scottish incursions, was a warrior king who ruled in the Pennines. In later life he followed a pattern common



among early British rulers, renouncing his throne, embracing Christianity, and retiring to a life of religious devotion. He was also the grandfather of St Deiniol of Bangor.



The church is notable for its circular churchyard, suggesting an early Celtic Christian foundation, and for a remarkable 14th-century carved stone effigy believed to commemorate St Pabo. Much of the building remains largely unaltered, making it a rare and significant survival of medieval church architecture on Anglesey.

13. From St Pabo's, return to road junction by the farm. Take the left road keeping parallel to the reservoir until you reach a left turn signed 'Alaw' at the base of the reservoir (1.4 km). Turn onto this road (footpaths lead right alongside the water) and continue past Llyn Alaw dam until reaching Llyn Alaw Water Treatment Works. Trend right and continue on the gravel track past the water treatment works. Just before the brow of the hill, you reach a gate with walking room to its left - continue straight on. After a downhill section you reach a turning area to the left of the track - cross over the turning area to follow a public footpath downhill through bushes and then over a reservoir wall. (1.8 km)

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14. Continue left along the reservoir bank for approx 30m. Just before a small footbridge made of two wooden planks, turn right towards a metal stile a short distance away. The path is way marked for the 'Ceidio Circular Walk'. Cross over the metal stile and continue

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along the left hand boundary of the field until the top left corner where you cross a stream and then metal stile. cross the track and head straight over to a double metal gate entering a field with a wind turbine. Turn immediately right once in the field and follow the right hand boundary until a metal stile on top of a wooden bridge. (In 2024 these next fields were very muddy and wet, so take care crossing them). Cross the next field trending left, towards the top left corner (over the horizon initially). Cross the metal stile and wooden board walk to enter the field beyond. Follow the boundary on your left and then cut across the field corner to reach a metal kissing gate. After passing through the kissing gate gain the road ahead. (1.3 km)

15. Turn left at the road and continue the 2km to a T junction at which you turn right. After a further 200m turn left at the main road and continue a short distance to reach the old station car park on the right. Here you'll find an information board with the history of Llannerch-y-medd, as well as a community cafe and gardens.