



Moelfre to Llugwy, Anglesey

A walk brimming with shipwrecks, lifeboats and tales of daring sea rescues, sure to spark the imagination of young visitors.

"This section of path has a little bit of everything; there's something of interest around every corner, and all within easy reach. There are fantastic sea views and if you're lucky you may see dolphin or porpoise along the way, it's not uncommon to see them on this stretch of coastline."

GRUFF OWEN, WALES COAST PATH OFFICER

Start and Finish:

Moelfre village centre to Llugwy

Distance:

Walk Route 2 miles / 3km, Extended walk 2 miles / 3km.

Along the way...

Start out at Moelfre Seawatch Centre, it's well worth a visit as it tells the story of Anglesey's maritime history and the importance of the sea to this part of the island. You'll also find out about Moelfre-born Dic Evans. This daring lifeboatman saved more than 200 lives in his 50 years of service and was awarded two gold RNLI medals. There's even a statue of him in action outside the Centre.

In addition to Moelfre's seafaring past, its present can be seen at the lifeboat station, still saving lives after nearly two centuries. During the summer months, you can take a guided tour to see what goes on behind the scenes.

As the Wales Coast Path winds northwards around a little peninsula, you'll pass a pretty little row of fishermen's cottages overlooking a pebbled beach with views across to Ynys Moelfre.

Bring your binoculars as it's a great place to spot sea birds. Close to the path at Porth Helaeth you'll see a memorial stone to the Royal Charter, a ship wrecked in bad weather here on 25 October 1859 with the loss of around 450 lives.

Finally, you'll arrive at Traeth Llugwy (although you'll see it referred to as Lligwy when you're out and about), a glorious sandy beach with dunes and rockpools to explore.

For your return journey, you can make your way back along the path or alternatively follow the road inland from the carpark at Lligwy beach and across the first crossroads. From here you can follow the country roads or inland footpaths back into the centre of the village.

About 850m up this road, there is Capel Llugwy and a short link to Din Llugwy, an ancient settlement dating back to the Iron Age, and later used by the Romans, that's well worth a visit.

Need to know:

There's a good choice of places to eat and drink in Moelfre, plus parking and other facilities. There's also a car park, beach shop and toilets at Llugwy.