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## PRECIPICE WALK DOLGELLAU 3.5 MILES



From the Hotel head towards Dolgellau. On entering the town follow the road round, through the town to the bridge. On crossing the bridge turn right in front of the Council offices. Follow this road for about a quarter mile then turn left sign posted Llanfachreth and Precipice walk. Drive up this road for 2 and a half miles until you see the National Park car park on the left hand side of the road. There is ample parking here and a toilet.

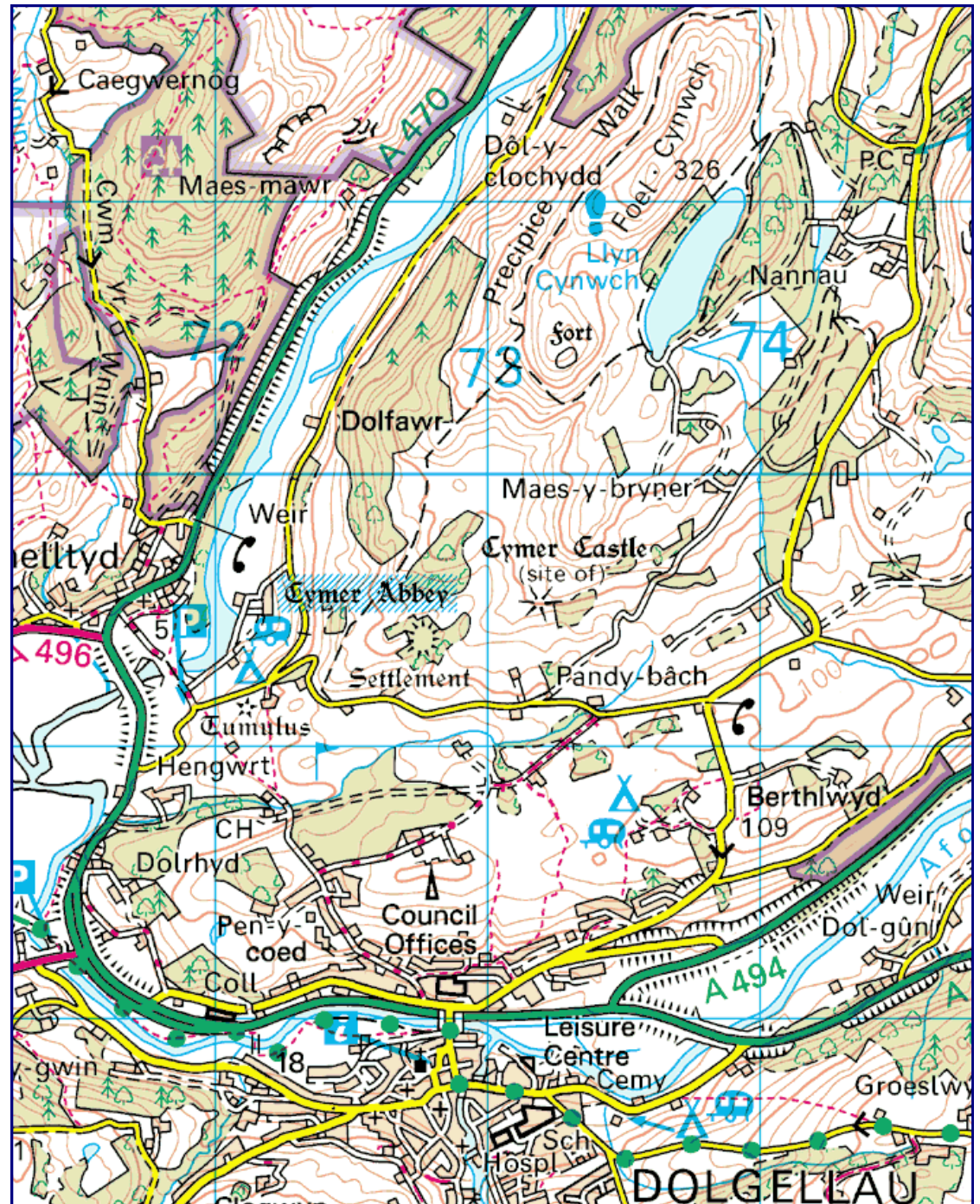
This circular walk does not follow a public footpath but a private walk over a particularly beautiful part of the Nannau Estate, which dates back to twelfth century. The public have been invited to use this walk by the estate since 1890 on the understanding that they observe the country code, follow the route indicated and use proper access, while keeping dogs on leads at all times.

The Precipice Walk is one the famous attractions of Dolgellau. It passes through an interesting variety of habitats which include deciduous woodland, a conifer planting, meadows, lakeside and sheep walk. But the main attraction is the incomparable views down the Mawddach Estuary and of the principal mountain ranges if Snowdonia.



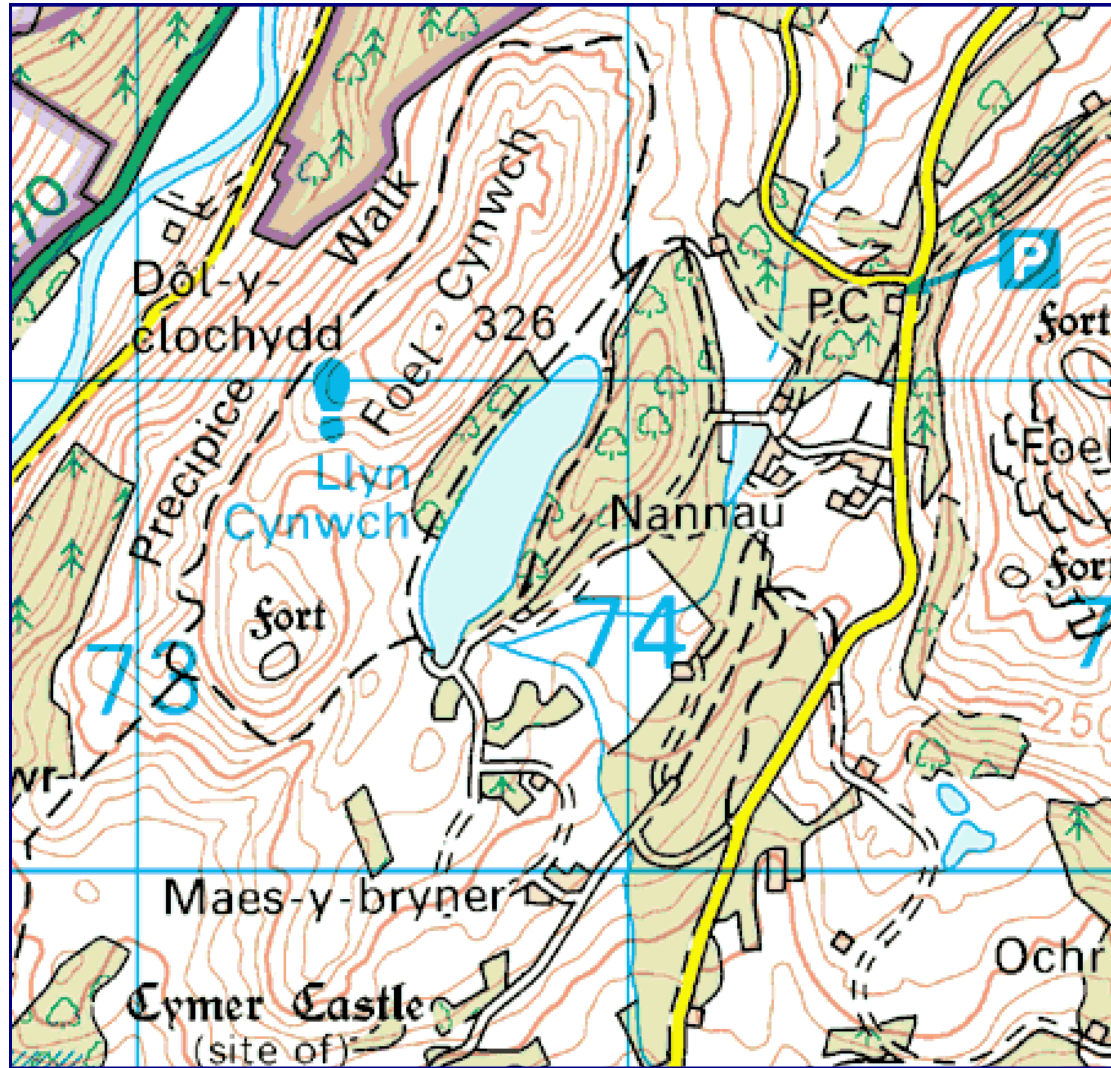
**1.** From the car park turn left along the road signed "Hermon" after about 100 yards turn left again on a rough surfaced track. After about 200 yards follow the track right and when you see a cottage in front of you turn left.

Here you will see Nannau Hall to your left, built in 1693 and until the 1960's the home of the Vaughan family, large landowners in this area.





**2.** Follow this path as it curves to the left. Go straight ahead to follow the footpath sign near the end of the wall to your right.



**3.** Follow the direction of the sign along the wall around to the right (do not follow the path around the lake) go through a gate and keep ahead on the clear path. There are extensive views over the wall towards the village of Llanfachreth and it's church. Further to the right in the far distance are the Aran Mountains, the highest in Meirionnydd, if you look right, much closer is Foel Offrwm, topped by an Iron Age hill fort.

**4.** As the path leaves the wall and curves around to the left, the undulating wooded slopes of Coed y Brenin Forest (The Kings Forest) can be seen. The impact of the forestry on the landscape is lessened considerably by avoiding block planting and by selecting a variety of different trees like our native oak, which are planted to soften the appearance of coniferous plantations.

Continuing along the path and through a gate you are soon high above the Afon Mawddach. Go through another gate, Cadair Idris is directly ahead of you here. Continue along the path and, after climbing a ladder stile over the a wall, Dolgellau can be seen in the valley between you and Cadair Idris. The path gradually bears left, away from the estuary, and reaches another ladder stile. For a little rest, walk to corner where you will see a memorial bench, the perfect place for taking in the views.

**5.** Climb the stile and Llyn Cynwch comes into view. Follow the path straight ahead to reach the shore at the footpath sign. Turn sharp left here along the shore and continue along the tree lined path which stays close to the lake. The path now joins the outward route and can be re-trace back to the car park.



For a shorter walk (2 miles) walk from the car park to Cynwch Lake to the right and all the way round back to the Car Park.