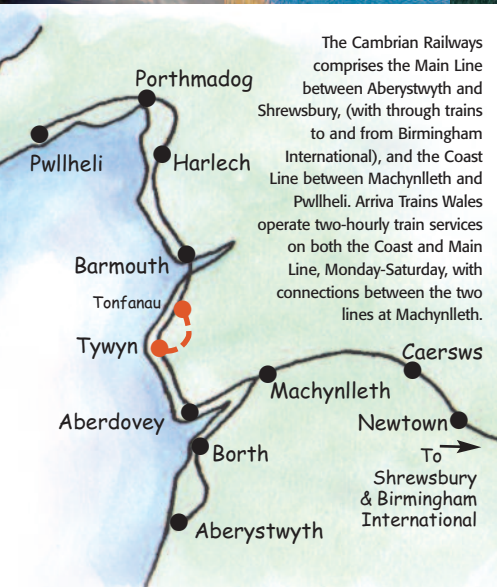


# Cambrian Railway No. 9 Tonfanau - Tywyn

**Distance: 8 miles Type: Easy Time: 3 - 5 hours**

The Cambrian Railways are a series of leaflets promoting self-guided linear walks between railway stations on the Cambrian network. These have been developed to promote car-free accessible walks in the Mid Wales area that really make the most of the wonderful, varied scenery and wildlife this unique part of the world has to offer.



The Cambrian Railways comprises the Main Line between Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury, (with through trains to and from Birmingham International), and the Coast Line between Machynlleth and Pwllheli. Arriva Trains Wales operate two-hourly train services on both the Coast and Main Line, Monday-Saturday, with connections between the two lines at Machynlleth.

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There's something for everyone to enjoy on this walk centred around the Dysynni river and its estuary! It starts at Tonfanau, site of a former army camp, also home to Ugandan refugees in the 1970s, which now occasionally hosts car rallies and motorcycle races! As well as views of Cardigan Bay, the walk affords great vistas of Craig-yr-aderyn (Bird's Rock) and the slopes of Cadair Idris. From Brynrcrug the route follows the Dysynni towards the sea, meandering round the lagoon known as Broadwater (a Site of Scientific Special Interest) before leading back to the coastal resort of Tywyn – home to the Tallyllyn Railway and delicious honey ice cream at the Halo Foods Factory!

**Terrain:** Low level walk mostly on quiet metalled road and well used and signed rights of way. Extra caution required when walking on verge adjacent to A493 road between Bont Dysynni and Brynrcrug!

**Special Feature:** With the aid of the local bus services the route can be divided at Brynrcrug.

**Wildlife:** Regular sightings near the Dysynni and its estuary include Oystercatcher, Turnstone, Redshank, Dunlin and other waders as well as Mergansers and Shelduck, Mallard and in winter, Wigeon. Cormorants fly overhead between the sea and Craig-yr-aderyn and you may also see Lapwing, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Buzzard and Red Kite.

**Refreshments:** There are no outlets offering refreshments at the start of the route in Tonfanau, however there is a shop, post office and pub at Brynrcrug as well as a wide selection of cafes, shops, pubs and takeaways at the end of the walk in Tywyn.

### For further information on...

**Public Transport:** 0871 200 22 33 [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

**The Cambrian Railways:** [www.thecambrianline.co.uk](http://www.thecambrianline.co.uk)

**The area:** Barmouth Tourist Information Centre

01341 280 787 [www.gwynedd.gov.uk](http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk)

Aberdovey Tourist Information Centre (seasonal)

01654 767 321 [www.eynri-npa.co.uk](http://www.eynri-npa.co.uk)

Tallyllyn Railway 01654 710 472 [www.tallyllyn.co.uk](http://www.tallyllyn.co.uk)

**Accommodation:** To look and book in advance visit [www.visitmidwales.co.uk](http://www.visitmidwales.co.uk) or telephone 0870 080 3436

## Things to remember when walking the Cambrian Trailways:

1. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
2. Take spare clothing - the weather in Mid Wales can change quickly!
3. Take plenty of food and water.
4. Tell someone where you're going, along which route and when you expect to return.
5. Don't rely on a mobile phone as many areas in Mid Wales have a poor or no signal reception.
6. Always obey the Countryside Code and leave nothing but footprints!

**Disclaimer:** The routes promoted in the Cambrian Trailways are along recognised public rights of way. The Cambrian Railways Partnership accepts no liability for injuries sustained or damage caused in undertaking the walks. It is the responsibility of those partaking in the walks to make sure that they are adequately prepared to do so before setting out.

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