



Looking north over Porth Dinllaen | Andy Biggs

Trefor to Porth Dinllaen

No. 16 | Grade A | 12km | OS Sheet 123 | Tidal Port Liverpool

Start	△ Trefor beach (376 472) or Aberafon Campsite (400 485)
Finish	○ Lon Bridin, Morfa Nefyn (283 408), via Tŷ Coch public house (276 416)
HW/LW	are around 2 hours before Liverpool.
Tidal times	The SW stream starts 2 hours before HW Liverpool. NE stream starts 4 hours after HW Liverpool.
Tidal rates	The spring rate for most of this section is no more than 2 knots.
Coastguard	Holyhead, Tel. 01407 762051, VHF Weather 0235 UT.

INTRODUCTION A range of three bold peaks called Yr Eifl dominates this spectacular coastal scenery. If the scenery itself were not enough to take your breath away, these cliffs are home to thousands of nesting seabirds during their breeding season in spring and early summer. The coastline beyond the mountains reveals beaches and smaller headlands, until you reach Porth Dinllaen, where you can relax with a refreshing drink outside a charming pub beside the beach.

DESCRIPTION There is a large car park at Trefor and the harbour beach is generally well sheltered. Paddling west from Trefor you will find yourself beneath some impressive cliffs where there are several small stacks, caves and inlets to explore. The coastline soon turns south-west and the cliffs give way to views of Yr Eifl, the largest of three peaks which dominate the northern coast of the Lley Peninsula. The western edge of Yr Eifl crashes dramatically into the sea and forms a steep headland, Trwyn y Gorlech. This and the next headland, Penrhyn Glas, have seabird breeding colonies during the late spring and early summer. Between these headlands is Porth y Nant; the pebble beach here is steep, making landing tricky in all but calm conditions. Landing is easier beside the remains of an old pier at the foot of Nant Gwrtheyrn, a wooded valley and abandoned mining settlement.

Once round Penrhyn Glas, the white buildings at Porth Dinllaen will be in sight and the beaches become increasingly sandy. Don't make a dash across the bay, stay close to the shore, as the small headlands at Penrhyn

Bodeilas and Nefyn can provide some pleasant rockhopping fun. From Penrhyn Nefyn, the charming Tŷ Coch public house is 2km to the west across Porth Dinllaen. There is no public road access to Tŷ Coch so there remains a 1km paddle to reach the point where the road, Lon Bridin, meets the shore close to Morfa Nefyn.

TIDE & WEATHER The north part of the Lley Peninsula is exposed to westerly or northerly winds but is generally well sheltered in south-easterlies. Leaving Trefor within an hour of local high water is best so as to take advantage of the south-west running ebb stream. There are strong currents with overfalls to the north of Trwyn Porth Dinllaen.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Aberafon Campsite has direct access to the sea 2km north-east of Trefor, Tel. 01286 660295. Parsal Campsite, Tel. 01286 660222, is a little closer, but access to the sea is less convenient. The petrol station at Clynnog Fawr also has a well-stocked general store. This trip can be done in the reverse; care should be taken if ending the trip on the beach at Aberafon Campsite. This boulder strewn pebble beach, which is subject to dumping surf, would make for a possibly dangerous carry up the beach to the campsite.



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TIDAL INFORMATION

Tidal Port		Mean Sp Range			Local Port		
		Mean Np Range					
Tidal Port Tide Times (UT)	Height in Metres	Tidal Range in Metres	HW/LW	+1 Hr for BST?	Local Port HW/LW Time Difference	Local Port HW/LW	Sp or Np Tides

TIDAL STREAM TIMES

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ROUTE PLAN

Location	Notes	ETA	ETD
Start			
1st			
2nd			
3rd			
4th			
5th			
Finish			