



Conwy to Llanfairfechan, Conwy

Walk on the inland stretch of the Wales Coast path and enjoy panoramic views to the North Wales mountains and the coast whilst strolling over heather covered moorland.

"This walk is totally different from any other along the North Wales section of the Wales Coast Path. Make time to marvel at the Druids circle and ancient standing stones that have stood on the mountain for more than five thousand years."

GRUFF OWEN, WALES COAST PATH OFFICER

Start and Finish:

Conwy Quay to Llanfairfechan.

Distance:

11 miles/18km.

Along the way...

This walk follows the inland stretch of the Wales Coast Path over Conwy Mountain, through a landscape rich in history and heritage – this is a great alternative to the official route with a fantastic high vantage point with panoramic views over to the Isle of Anglesey and the Irish Sea.

Starting from the World Heritage Site of Conwy, with its impressive 12th-century castle and town walls, the path goes

along the quay before turning away from the coast and heading upwards. During summer, the mountain is blanketed in purple heather with speckles of bright yellow gorse. Whatever the season, you'll enjoy spectacular views across North Wales.

Look east along the coast and you'll see the Great Orme headland above Llandudno, while Anglesey lies to the west. Turn inland to gaze down the verdant Conwy Valley to the foothills of the Carneddau mountain range (keep an eye out for the wild Carneddau ponies). The stones on this walk have many stories to tell. A short detour from the path takes you to the ruins of an impressive Iron Age hill fort, one of many ancient sites to be found here.

Close to the path above Penmaenmawr, you'll see a circle of around 30 stones which have stood on this spot for around 5,000 years, plus the remains of a Stone Age 'axe factory' where our ancestors once built tools.

Finally, you'll drop down into the pretty little Victorian resort of Llanfairfechan, enjoying spectacular views across the Menai Strait as you go. If you're still in the mood for walking when you arrive, take the main Wales Coast Path back to Conwy.

Need to know:

Conwy is well endowed with places to eat and drink, plus parking and public toilets. There's also a café and toilets in the car park by the beach in Llanfairfechan. To return to Conwy, you can either follow the main Wales Coast Path back along the shore or take the bus or train.