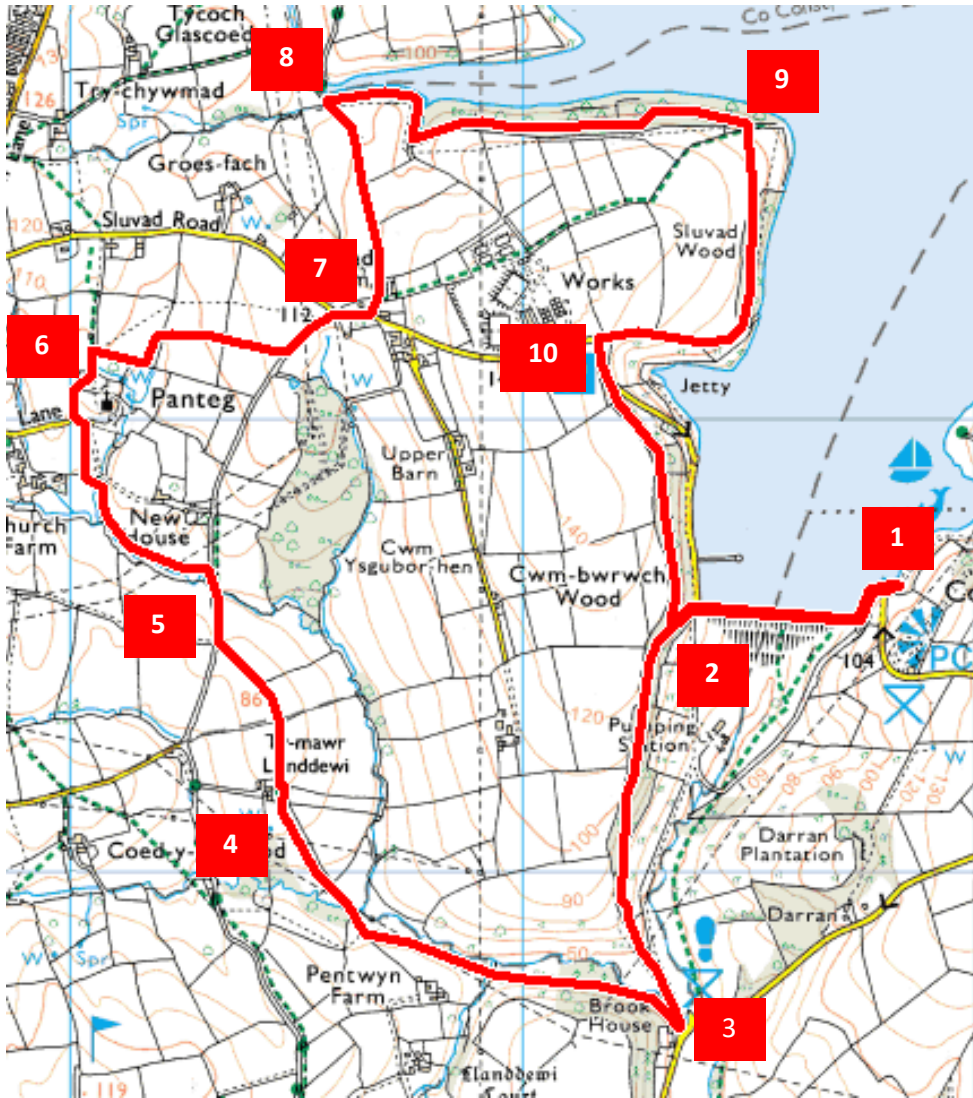
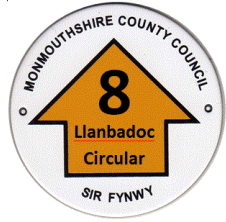


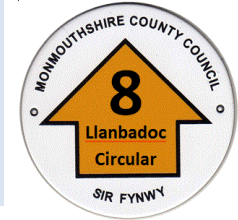
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A 5 mile (8Km) walk to the south west of Llandegfedd Reservoir through woodland, fields and farm tracks with some short road sections. The walk is of moderate difficulty with some short steep ascents. Some sections can become boggy after heavy rain. The walk has been made possible with the support of Welsh Water making some parts permissive paths on their private land.

Leave the Llandegfedd Reservoir Visitor Centre (1) through the entrance gates and cross the long straight dam wall until the road turns at right angles. At this point cross the road, follow the fingerpost to the left towards the large metal gates and climb the steps (2) leading up the wooded bank.

On reaching the fingerpost for the Reservoir Trail turn left and follow the path through the length of the wood (approx. 700m) until it emerges at a stile (photo) into a green field leading down to the picnic area at Sor Brook car park (3)



Go through the entrance gates over the cattle grid and look for the metal fingerpost (Panteg 2.4km) on the right just before the road. Take the steps up a wooded slope past Brook House and continue through the plantation keeping roughly on the same contour (photo) until descending to a footbridge.

Cross the bridge (photo) into a field below Pentwyn Farm (up on the left) . Continue keeping the stream to your right to a stile just beyond twin electricity poles and on to another footbridge. Cross boggy ground to a stile (if very wet a better route is to keep close to the fence on the left before turning for the stile). Cross the stile and continue up the field to Ty Mawr Llandewi (4)



As you reach the hedge at the top of the field turn right through a gap and immediately left to a stile situated to the right of the farmhouse. Go straight over the stile and then turn right along the hedge (now on your left) in a generally northerly direction for the full length of the field. Pass through the gap at the end and turn left for 20m before turning right at the corner of a fence (photo)



Continue in the same northerly direction keeping the hedge to the right before crossing a stile (photo) on the right immediately before a metal field gate. Once over the stile proceed downhill with hedge to your left to cross another stile which drops down into a sunken lane. Turn right, cross the stream before crossing another stile on your left. (5)

Keeping the hedge and stream to your left continue over a boarded walk (photo) and cross the stile at the end. Cross the field and take the next stile on the left over a footbridge. Look for a further stile on the right and then follow the path to the left of a private drive towards the church. When reaching the church road turn left and follow the boundary of the churchyard around to the right into the car park. (6)



St Mary's Church as it stands today, is a stone building under a blue slate roof dating from Victorian times with a 15th century square tower hung with 3 bells for full circle ringing. There has been a church on this site since Norman times.

Inside the walls are plastered and the roof is timber framed. There is an arcade of octagonal piers to the north aisle (a most unusual feature) . There are plain wooden pews seating about 150 people, a stone font with wooden cover, a wooden altar rail and pulpit all dating from mid to late 1800's. A wooden choir screen was added in 1935 whilst the organ chamber was built around 1879. There are stained glass windows to the North aisle with a painted triptych screen altar below a wonderful east window designed and made by O'Connor and Taylor.

Panteg means 'fair hollow' and the church regarded by many a bride and groom as ' not too big nor too small' offers a lovely setting for photographs.

Turn right to cross the stile next to a metal gate, then turn left up the grassy bank to another stile which leads into a corridor between two fences. After a short distance, cross the stile on your right and follow the hedge line (to your right) before turning left along the field boundary to a stile and gate. Cross over the stile and turn right continuing up the field to a stile in the top left hand corner, which brings you onto a track. Turn left until you reach a busy road. Turn right and continue for about 100m .

At Sluvad Farm (7) turn left onto a track and soon after keep left before a barn.



Follow the track heading downhill for about 400m and then turn right through a kissing gate (8) with a fingerpost indicating the Reservoir Trail. Continue on this path skirting the reservoir for about 1km until you reach a metal kissing gate on your right. (If you go straight on at this point for about 75m you will reach a bird hide (9))

The hide is particularly good on winter evenings just before sunset from which a very large gull roost may be seen assembling for the night. If you are good at gull Id you may spot the odd Mediterranean gull, Yellow Legged gull or something even rarer among the 5000 strong roost

Pass through the kissing gate and continue across the field with good views to the left of the reservoir and golf course on the other side. Enter the wood through another kissing gate and continue through the wood until emerging at the busy road again just below the pumping station. Turn left down the road for about 100m to the fingerpost (10) and take the path on the right which runs parallel with the road.. Continue through the wood until you reach the steps encountered at the beginning of the walk. Turn left, descend the steps and cross the dam wall back to the Visitor Centre.