



Newborough Warren Circular walk

Remote coastal walk with sand dunes, beaches, pine forests and salt marsh - ideal for rest day, or when there is bad weather on the tops.



Length Circular walk : about 12 miles / 19 km (add 1 mile / 1.5 km to finish in Maltraeth, add 5 miles / 8 km to walk to/from the station)

Short Walks : from 4 to 9 miles / 6 to 14 km for one/both walks

Toughness 2 out of 10

Maps OS Explorer 263 (Anglesey East)

Features This is a short and gentle but very varied low-level coastal walk around Newborough Warren (the largest area of sand dunes in Wales), a remote beach, a sand spit (with big open views along the Menai Straights to Snowdonia and the Llwyn Peninsular), salt marshes, a Pine Forest, Llanddwyn Island (with its lighthouse) and Maltraeth Sands.

This walk would make a good alternative walk if you have come to North Wales to visit Snowdonia, but there is poor weather or low cloud over the tops, but it is a lovely walk in its own right. It is suitable for children.

There are 2 options, a circular walk (public transport friendly), and for car drivers, 2 short coastal walks starting from a beach car park.

- The circular walk starts in Newborough village (pub, bus from Bangor). It crosses grassland, then sand dunes to reach the coast. At low tide cross the sands to Menai Point, or circle inland, along the dunes around

a salt marsh. Menai Point is the end of a sand spit at the entrance to the Menai Straights between Anglesey and the mainland. The second leg of the walk is around the point and around Llanddwyn Bay - a long, sandy beach backed by sand dunes - to Llanddwyn Island. Half way around the bay, behind the dunes is a car park used by the short walks. Llanddwyn Island, at the far end of the bay, is only a few metres off shore, a long, narrow peninsular connected to Anglesey by sand. After walking out to the tower/lighthouse at end and back, continue past the island to Maltraeth Sands - more beach walking, or if you prefer, the pine forest behind it. Finally, a short walk inland returns you to Newborough village. Bus travellers can continue on to the cob (a causeway) that leads to Maltraeth village (pub, bus to Bangor).

- The short walks are i) along the beach or sand dunes in 1 direction to Menai Point, and ii) along the beach in the other direction to the island.

Train travellers can start from Bordorgan Station, walk to Maltraeth and cross the cob to start the circular walk, then return the same way, but while pleasant, this would make quite a long walk.

Dogs aren't allowed on the stretch of beach from the car-park to the island in the summer (May to September) - but there is a forest path behind the beach you could use

Maltraeth Sands are also used by naturists, and the saltmarsh north of the spit to Abermenai Point is also used by migrated birds.

Tides

A small part of the circular walk is tidal - do not walk across the sands to Menai Point on a rising tide - circle around the sands (and the salt marsh) to cross via the sand dunes

Lunch

The beach has no facilities, but Newborough has a pub - the White Lion Hotel

Travel

Bus

#42 Bus from Bangor. Every 2 hours or so, takes 35 mins. Stops in Newborough and Maltraeth

Train

Bodorgan Station (on the Bangor to Holyhead line) has hourly trains, and is about 3km from Maltraeth - there is a path that runs alongside the tracks to just north of the village centre. From there you could head south along the Anglesey Coastal path along the cob / causeway to pick up the circular walk - but this would add 8km/5 miles to the walk

Car

Park for free at the end of the small roads by the mini roundabout on the A480 just south of Newborough. Near: LL61 6RS

Park for 3 x £1 coins in a barrier in the main beach car park, along Church Street from Newborough village centre. A km or so past along the road past: LL61 6SG

Links

- [Forestry Commission](#) - On the right hand side are PDF maps of the area
- [#42 bus timetable](#)
- BBC Wales : [\[info\]](#) - [\[video of this walk\]](#) - [\[another walk\]](#)
- Wiki : [Newbrough Warren - Llanddwyn Island](#)
- [Save Newborough Forest Campaign](#)

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By Car

Start Newborough, Anglesey, Wales

Map Walk

This walk **requires** an OS map and a compass or GPS for navigation. You can print out OS maps using the link above.

Help

National Rail: 03457 48 49 50 • Traveline (bus times): 0871 200 22 33 (12p/min) • TFL (London) : 0343 222 1234

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Walk Directions

A) Short beach walk to Abermenai Point

This walk starts from the Newborough Forest beach car park

1. Head southeast through the pine forest, then across the sand dunes backing the beach to Abermenai point, return along the beach (8km out and back)

B) Short beach walk to Llanddwyn Island and Malltraeth Sands

This walk starts from the Newborough Forest beach car park

1. Head northwest along the beach to Llanddwyn Island (1.5 km)
2. Walk out to the tower at the end of the Island and back (2 km)
3. Continue along the beach towards Malltraeth Sands as far as you wish. Walk back through the pine forest backing the beach, along the Angelsey Coastal Path (4 km)
4. Return through the pine forest to the car park (1.5 km)

C) Long Circular Walk Starting from Newborough Village

The walk out to Abermenai Point is best done at low tide - so do in reverse if need be.

1. Starting from the A4080 in Newborough Village, head West down Church Street for 100m
2. Then South on a footpath for 500m. At a small road, turn left for 20m to a small roundabout on the A480
3. Continue south on a small road, pass a car park. The road becomes a path across the sand dunes. Continue to the high tide mark (2 km).
4. At low tide/falling tide, continue to Abermenai Point (otherwise contour in a big loop to the west around the high tide mark and the salt marsh, and walk along the dunes, as this part can be dangerous when the tide is coming in) (1.5 km)
5. Head west along the beach or along the dunes behind it. Pass the main beach car park (4 km)
6. Continue along the beach, or the pine forest behind it, to Llanddwyn Island (1.5 km)
7. Walk out to the tower and back (2 km)
8. Continue north along the beach, or the waymarked Angelsey Coastal Path through the pine forest (4 km)
9. Circular Walk : By a small tower, head east back to Newborough (1 km) (If you reach a car park on the A480, you've gone to far).
10. Linear Walk : Or if you came by bus, continue north, past the A480 car park, then along the cob (causeway) to Malltraeth to catch the bus home.(2.5 km)

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