



Dog Walking Info

Rockcliffe, Aberdyfi

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*Self-Catering Holiday Accommodation
in the heart of Wales.....*

Aberdyfi is a beautiful place from which to explore the local area with your furry best friend. Here we have laid out a small guide to the local walks that you can all enjoy. Some are on your doorstep and others a little further away, but all adult, child and dog friendly.... We hope you and your four legged friends enjoy your stay here in Wales but first, just a couple of things to remember when out walking:

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES WHEN OUT AND ABOUT WALKING YOUR DOG:

Always keep your dog on a lead around livestock or when specifically requested to.

You may know your dog doesn't attack but just chasing or "bothering" the sheep can have awful consequences, especially during Springtime when there are lambs – so please make sure you leash them when walking across farmland for the dog's safety also.

Always take Poop Bags!

The walks around the area are used by everyone, dogs and children alike so please be thoughtful and clean up after your dog. There are Poop Bags situated throughout the village for those who have left the house without – so no excuses!

Take water for your pooch.

It can get extremely hot on the beach or out and about in the summer so please bear this in mind when setting out for the day and pack plenty of water for the dog....or if he's really hot why not take him to the ice cream shop in Tywyn where he can get a frozen Doggy Yoggy! My girl loves the cheese flavour!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

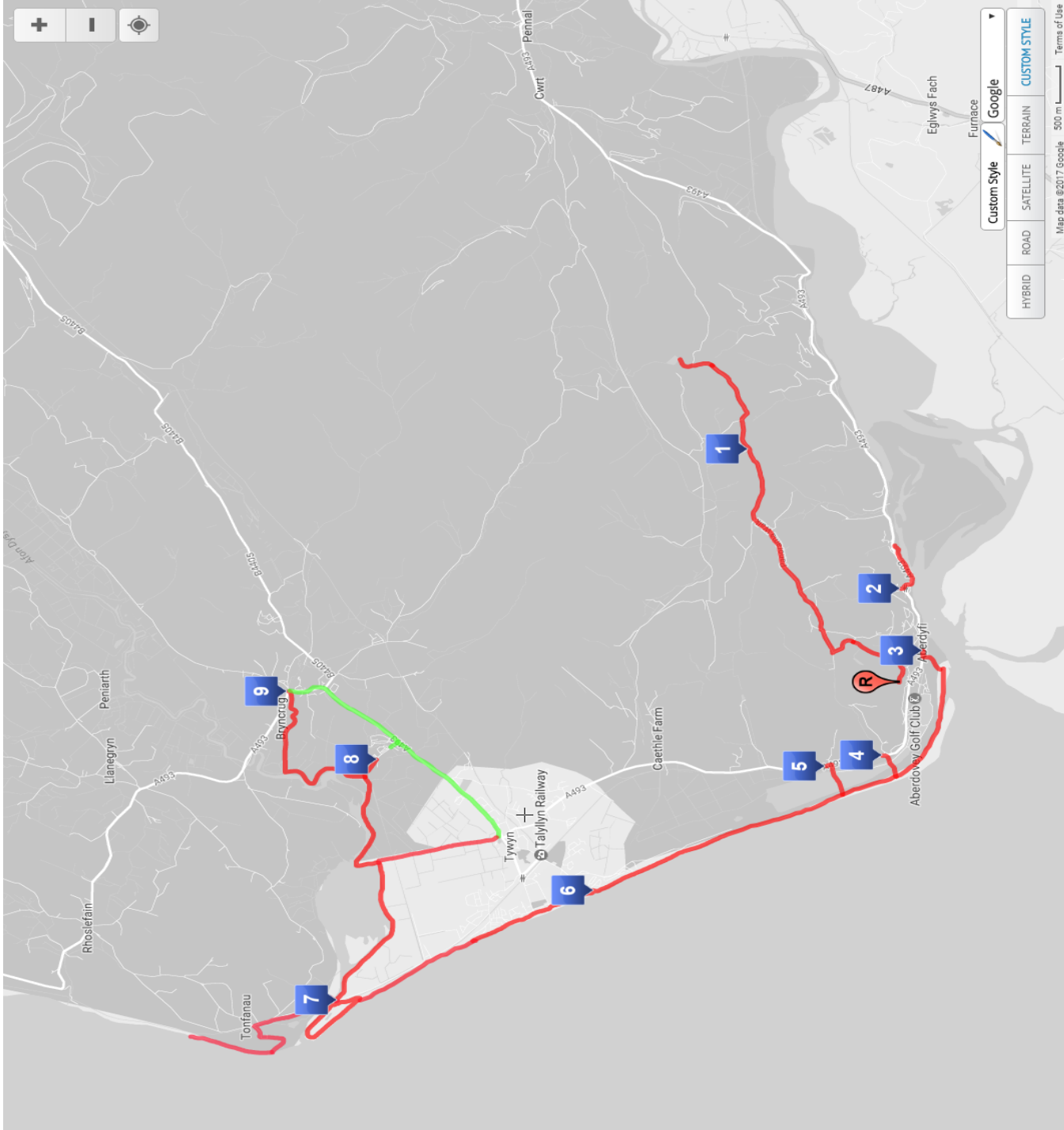
Although we take many precautions to ensure our furry friends stay safe sometimes accidents can happen. If you find yourself in need of assistance here are our two local vets, both based 4 miles away in Tywyn:

CAMBRIAN VETS: 37 High St Tywyn 01654 710 416

WILLIAMS' VETINARY PRACTICE: Pendre Ind Est Tywyn 01654 710 948

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LOCAL DOG WALKS

There are some great places nearby for dog walking, here are some that me and my dog enjoy:

1) PANORAMA WALK/BEARDED LAKE (Mainly grass lane, uneven ground, uphill parts, can be muddy at times so boots advised)

Bearded lake is a small lake situated above the village. It is surrounded by heather and has beautiful views over the estuary as well as down across Happy Valley. You can walk straight from the house up to the lake but this is a four-mile hike with a steady climb all the way, so you may want to opt for the shorter route which means driving to the end of the road, parking then walking. The simplest way to get to the lake is to drive down into the village and into the square, take the right turn up Church Street then follow the road up through the village (around a sharp hairpin bend). After crossing a cattle grid turn right and follow the road for two miles. There are two gates, the first with a grid which you can open and drive through, the second you cannot drive through. This is where you should park and then continue along where you will find the grass and stone lane which leads to the lake.

The longer route is taken by heading to Gwelfor Rd from the house and then walking to the top. There is an electric substation on the right with a style next to it. This footpath runs along the hill behind the village and will link up with the road which takes you to the lake.

Please be aware that this is farming land so livestock will be in the nearby fields.

2) ROMAN WALK (Easy walking but can be slippery when wet, mainly flat with some steps and short climbs)

The Roman Walk is a path which runs from the south end of the village along the estuary towards Machynlleth. The track is cut out of stone and parts of it can be dangerous when wet so please ensure you have good shoes. The path leads to Picnic Island which isn't an actual island but a section of rock which was separated when the train line was put in. It has stunning views of the estuary and is a great spot to stop for a sandwich. The walk takes you past small stone beaches and over little gullies until you come to a small beach. High tide may cut off some of the lower paths but there are higher ones meaning you won't get cut off if you forget the time! The start of the walk is at the Penhelyg Gardens. You can park in the car park next to the roundabout, cross the road and turn left under the bridge. You can then walk across the green and exit through the gate which starts the walk.

3) ABERDYFI BEACH (Easy walking, mainly flat with short climb through dunes)

Aberdyfi beach is a beautiful stretch of sand which sweeps up the coast and meets Tywyn beach. It's five miles of gorgeous sea views with plenty of space for the dog to run around and tire itself out. There are several ways to access the beach, the easiest being from the **(3) MAIN CAR PARK** in the village. Dogs are permitted on the beach except for the section which runs from the jetty to the end of the main car park. From here you can walk North toward Tywyn (5 mile walk to Tywyn, regular trains and busses run back to Aberdyfi if you find yourself there and too tired to walk back). The beach runs along the dunes and behind them is the golf course. The golf course is public land and you can cut across it to meet the main Aberdyfi/Tywyn road.

4) TREFEDDIAN CAR PARK To access the beach from these spots you can drive toward Tywyn, just after the Trefeddiان Hotel turnings is a small car park on the left-hand side of the road. You can park here for free and then drop down and cut across the golf course to the beach.

5) CEMETERY CAR PARK You can also carry on a short while until you come to the cemetery and a car park on your left. Park here then take the path at the south end to drop down and cut across the golf course to the beach.

6) NEPTUNE BEACH WALK (Easy flat walking, concrete or sand)

Drive north four miles to Tywyn. Take a right turn at the Tal Y Llyn railway, over the pedestrian crossing then take the second left which runs down to the beach (the road veers off to the right, you need to take the road that leads straight on). Drive to the end and park. From here you can head left down the beach back towards Aberdyfi (one of my favourite walks with pooch!) or you can turn right and walk along the promenade. You can follow both these paths and they will link up with other routes on the map.

7) BAILEY BRIDGE: HEADLAND/BROADWATER/TONFANNAU WALK (Easy, flat walking on grass and hardcore paths)

To get to Bailey Bridge you need to drive past Co-Op as you come into Tywyn then take the road opposite the corner shop called Idris Villas. Follow this road down until you come to a level crossing then take a right. Follow this road until you reach Bailey Bridge at the end. From here you can either cross the river using the bridge, this will take you to:

TONFANNAU the old army camp. Follow the path until you reach a tiny train station, then head through the gates and follow the tarmac road to the sea. There isn't really a beach here so please bear that in mind if venturing out that way. Or, alternatively you can go left under the train bridge to the...

HEADLAND which leads on to the stoney beach. At low tide there is sand to walk on but high tide covers this leaving only loose stones, so not for those who have issues walking. There are plenty of flat paths here though running through the long grass for those less sure-footed.

BROADWATER Turn right and go through the kissing gates to get to the river side. This broad and flat walk does have loose sheep and cattle on so please be aware of this. You can follow the path along the banks of the water to eventually reach the woods at Ynysmaengwyn. Great for a long walk with lots of nature and scenery to take in.

8) YNYSMAENGWYN (*Easy, flat woodland walk*)

Drive through Tywyn and head towards Brynchrug. About a mile along the road is a left hand turning into Ynysmaengwyn caravan park. Take the road through the park until it bends left and brings you to a small car park. From here you can choose various routes through the old estate, some of which will link up with the Broadwater and Brynchrug river walks. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times around Ynysmaengwyn so please bear that in mind.

9) BRYNCRUG (*Flat, grassy path next to river*)

Drive to Brynchrug, when you come to the centre of the village there is a small bridge. Turn right and you will find a car park. To the left of the bridge is a kissing gate which leads to the river path. Follow this along to meet up with the Broadwater Walk and the Ynysmaengwyn walks.