

# Anglesey Coastal Path

## Section 12

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The walk divides into two parts.

1. From the RNLI station at Traeddu Bay to Ellin's Tower
2. From Ellin's Tower to St Cybi's Church Holyhead

### Overview

Approximate total distance: 12 miles

Minimum duration: 5 hours

Car parking is clearly signposted at Traeddu Bay it costs £3.50 to park for 12 hours. There is a short 40 minute walk back to the start from the finish if you want to do a full loop. There is a bus that runs from Holyhead to Traeddu. Good walking boots should be worn and a map must be taken within a group. Whilst the route is clearly signposted for most of the walk there are sections where if visibility was poor it is too easy to become lost and in danger.

On a sunny clear day the walk is very pleasant. However, the coastal path is very exposed and potentially very dangerous in wet conditions, strong winds, or poor visibility. There are toilets on the route at a cafe (approximately 5 miles), however they were not open on Saturday. There was an ice-cream van approximately half way which is likely to be there on June 22nd. There is free car parking at a bird watching centre that would be a good point for people to join in if they only want to complete half of the route. The second half is more tiring as there is a lot of hill work! There are toilets at the finishing point.

### Section 1

Approximate distance 6 miles.

Approximate duration 2.5 hours.

Combination of road walking and uneven stony and sandy paths. This section is very exposed. The coastal paths in this section contain steep, tall cliffs and short sections of overgrown plants including nettles! It is a very beautiful scenic route and you will see many photographers trying to take pictures of wild birds and marine life. If the weather is poor then alternative routes can be followed by walking more inland. This section finishes with a short hill climb that follows a road up to Ellin's tower. There is a free car park here for those that want to join in at this point, however, you must make your own arrangements to pick up your car! There is a café here but the opening times were not obvious, there is, however, likely to be an ice cream van!

### Section 2

Approximate distance 6 miles.

Approximate duration 2.5-3 hours.

Combination of rocky paths and short scrambling sections at the start of this walk. There are no toilet facilities until the end of this walk. A large part of this section is uphill and takes you close to the summit of Holyhead mountain.

From Ellin's tower there is a steep section of steps to climb before reaching the ice cream van! Alternatively the road that takes you to the car park goes on to the ice cream van and finishes at the top of the steps. From the top of the steps you can see the South Stack lighthouse. Following the rocky path up hill there is a lookout which is worth looking out from. Once at the top of this section the coastal path joins a much nicer and wider footpath for a short while that leads you to a very steep rocky descent to the North stack. You have to go right down to a building on the tip of the

North stack to stay on the coastal path and avoid the nice easy-looking footpath! This section is also very exposed. Once on the side of the mountain the path opens up and is a very pleasant stroll into Holyhead where you will find toilets and refreshments.