

# LLWYBR YSTWYTH

Mae Llwybr Ystwyth yn cysylltu Aberystwyth, ar Ian Bae Ceredigion, â Thregaron ym mhegwn gogleddol Dyffryn Teifi. Mae darnau helaeth o Lwybr Ystwyth yn dilyn trywydd yr hen reilffordd arferai cysylltu Aberystwyth â Chaerfyrddin. Esbonnir isod addasrwydd amryw gyfrannau Lwybr Ystwyth ar gyfer gwahanol ddefnyddwyr.

## Pwy fedr ddefnyddio Llwybr Ystwyth?

Mae'r rhan fwyaf o Lwybr Ystwyth yn addas ar gyfer teuluoedd â phlant ifanc. Dylid cadw cŵn ar dennyn a phlant o dan oruchwyliaeth gan bod y llwybr yn croesir ffordd fawr mewn sawl man.

### Mae pob cam o'r Llwybr yn addas i gerddwyr.

Mae'n cynnig mynediad i deithiau cylch o gwmpas Trawsgoed, teithiau cylch ar draws Gwarchodfa Natur Cors Caron a theithiau llinellol a chylch eraill. Gweler yr adran cerdded a [www.Croeso.Ceredigion.gov.uk](http://www.Croeso.Ceredigion.gov.uk) am fanylion.

**Mae'r Llwybr cyfan yn addas ar gyfer beicwyr profiadol.** Mae'n cysylltu â llwybrau Gwyllau Beicio Tregaron a Llanbed (gweler [www.Beicio.Ceredigion.gov.uk](http://www.Beicio.Ceredigion.gov.uk)) yn ogystal â Lôn Cambria (Sustrans Rhif 81) sy'n cysylltu Aberystwyth â'r Amwythig a Lôn Teifi (Sustrans Rhif 82) sy'n cysylltu Aberystwyth ag Aberteifi ac Abergwaun.

**Mae sawl rhan gwastad yn addas ar gyfer pobl ag anbledd neu'n ddefnyddio sgwteri trydan.**

Mae'r rhan rhwng Aberystwyth a Llanfarian yn hwylus iawn ar eu cyfer. I'r gogledd o Dregaron gellir mynd at Gors Caron a'r guddfan adar newydd dros y llwybr bordiau. Gweler y map drosodd am fanylion.

### Mae rhai rhannau yn agored i farchogion

(mae mynediad goddefol ar draws Cors Caron). Mae'r map drosodd yn dangos y rhannau lle gellir marchogaeth ar hyd y Llwybr yn ogystal â llwybrau ceffyl cyfagos.

## Cwmni Rheilffordd Manceinion ac Aberdaugleddau (M&M)

Breuddwyd y bobl tu ôl i'r M&M oedd elwa o gysylltu porthladd Aberdaugleddau â ffatrioedd cotwm gogledd orllewin Lloegr. Y nod oedd creu cysylltu rhwng Pencader, ger Caerfyrddin, ble'r oedd rheilffordd eisoes yn terfynu, â rheilffordd newydd fyddai'n cael ei hadeiladu o Langurig i Llanidloes ac, oddi yno, yn cysylltu â gogledd orllewin Lloegr drwy'r Drenewydd a'r Amwythig.

Ni chychwynnod y cwmni ar y gwaith adeiladu tan y flwyddyn 1864 pan aethwyd ati i osod 27 milltr o reilffordd rhwng Pencader a Phontrhydfendigaid. Cyrhaeddodd y rheilffordd Dregaron ym 1866. Fodd bynnag, y cwestiwn mawr, o'r cychwyn cyntaf, oedd sut i gyrraedd Pontrhydfendigaid ac i fentro ymhellach tua'r gogledd ddwyrain. 'Roedd croesi Cors Caron - y gors fwyaf o'i bath ar dir mawr ynys Prydain - yn her anferthol i'r peirianyddion ac unigeddau uchel y mynyddoedd tu hwnt i Bontrhydfendigaid yn eu disgwl wedyn. Yn wir, roeddent eisoes wedi cyfarfod â thrafferthion wrth geisio gyrru twnnel rhwng Cwm Ystwyth â Llangurig.

Gwnaed penderfyniad i beidio â gyrru am Bontrhydfendigaid gan groesi ochr ddwyreiniol Cors Caron i gyfeiriad Ystrad Meurig. Wrth gwrs, roedd hynny yn golgyu byddai'n rhaid i'r peirianwyr ddarganfod ffordd o adeiladu ar fawndir Cors Caron. Felly y bu a sefydlwyd gorsaf ger Ystrad Meurig a'i galw 'Strata Florida' ar ôl abaty Ystrad Fflur i'r dwyrain o Bontrhydfendigaid. Rhoddywyd y syniad o gysylltu â Llangurig i'r neilltu ac anelwyd am y môr i gyfeiriad Aberystwyth gan gyrraedd yno ym 1867.

Llynnydd yr M&M gan y Great Western Railway (GWR) ym 1911 ac, yn ddiweddarach, aeth y GWR yn eiddo i'r Rheilffyrdd Prydeinig. Peidiwyd cludo nwyddau ar y lein ym 1964 a gorffennwyd cludo teithwyr y flwyddyn ganlynol.

# YSTWYTH TRAIL

The Ystwyth Trail connects Aberystwyth, on the shore of Ceredigion's Bay, with Tregaron in the northern Teifi Valley. Substantial sections of the Ystwyth Trail follow the track of the old Great Western railway line. **Full details of the suggested suitability of different sections of the Ystwyth Trail are offered below.**

## Who can use the Ystwyth Trail?

**Most of the off-road sections of the Ystwyth Trail are suitable for families with young children.** Dogs should be kept on leads and young children supervised – the route crosses public highways at several points.

**All of the Ystwyth Trail is suitable for walkers.** The trail offers access to circular walks around Trawsgoed, circular routes across the Cors Caron National Nature Reserve and other linear and circular routes. See the walking section of [www.Tourism.Ceredigion.gov.uk](http://www.Tourism.Ceredigion.gov.uk) for details.

**The complete trail is suitable for experienced cyclists.** The trail offers access to Tregaron and Lampeter Cycle Break Centre routes (details from [www.Cycling.Ceredigion.gov.uk](http://www.Cycling.Ceredigion.gov.uk)) and to Sustrans Route 81 (Lôn Cambria) linking Aberystwyth with Shrewsbury and Route 82 (Lôn Teifi) linking Aberystwyth to Cardigan and Fishguard.

**Several level sections are suitable for persons with disabilities or using mobility scooters.** Aberystwyth to Llanfarian, for instance, is almost all on a tarmac surface. Just north of Tregaron, Cors Caron and the new bird hide are accessible via level boardwalks. See the map overleaf for accessible sections.

**Some sections offer access to horse riders** (there is permissive access across Cors Caron). As well as identifying sections offering access to horse riders, the map overleaf also suggests nearby bridleways.

## The Manchester & Milford Railway Company (M&M)

The original ambition of the M&M was to profit by connecting the transatlantic port of Milford Haven, in Pembrokeshire, with the cotton industry of north west England. The plan was to lay a track from an existing railway at Pencader - north of Carmarthen - to link with Llanidloes and onwards, through Newtown to link to Shrewsbury and Manchester.

The M&M did not venture into development until 1864 when it commenced laying 27 miles of track between Pencader and Pontrhydfendigaid. The track arrived at Tregaron in 1866 but the major questions, were always going to be how to get north east from Tregaron, to Pontrhydfendigaid and beyond. The challenges involved the great expanse of Cors Caron, one of the largest peat bogs on mainland Britain and, beyond Cors Caron and Pontrhydfendigaid, some of the most lonely upland expanses of the Cambrian Mountains. The intended route towards Pontrhydygores, Devil's Bridge, Llangurig and onwards to Llanidloes was fraught with difficulty and, indeed, problems had already been encountered in attempting to tunnel between Cwm Ystwyth and Llangurig.

A decision was made not to head towards Pontrhydfendigaid but to cross the eastern extreme of Cors Caron towards Ystrad Meurig, the station built there being called Strata Florida after the historic Cistercian abbey east of Pontrhydfendigaid. The idea of laying a track to Llangurig was abandoned in favour of swinging seaward towards Aberystwyth which was reached in 1867.

The M&M was taken over by the Great Western Railway Company (GWR) in 1911. GWR subsequently became part of the British Railways network. The Aberystwyth to Carmarthen railway line ceased transporting goods in 1964 with passenger trains ceasing a year later.



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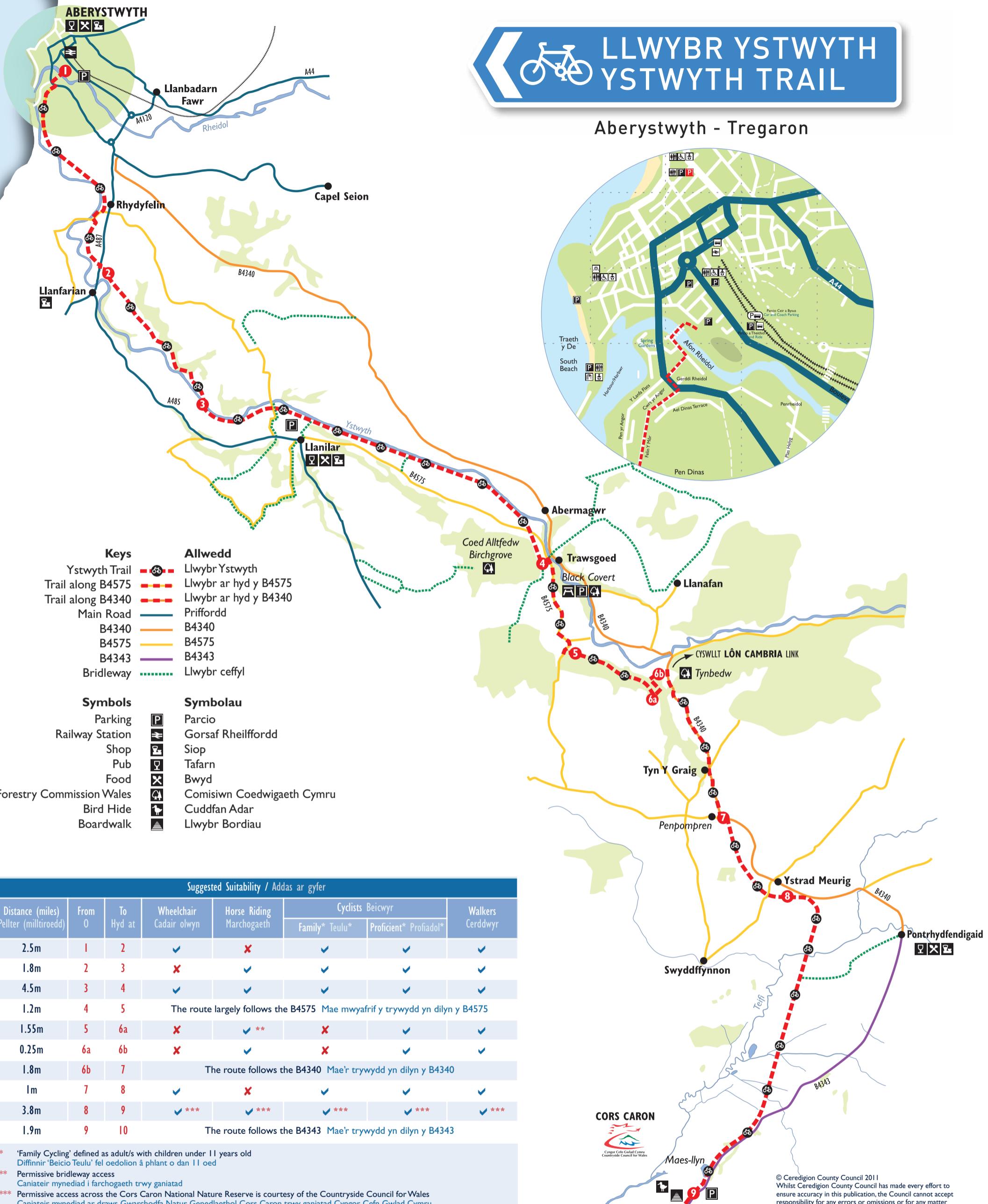


Aberystwyth - Tregaron



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**PARENTS & GUARDIANS**  
Please maintain close proximity with young children under your care whilst using the Ystwyth Trail.  
The route crosses public highways at several points and, on some sections, they might otherwise be frightened when encountering other users e.g. horse riders.

See the Forestry Commission Wales booklet 'Bwlch Nant yr Arian & Ceredigion Forest Walks' for details of circular walks.

See the Countryside Council for Wales leaflet on Cors Caron for details of walks out onto the reserve, including level boardwalks.



**RHIENI a GWARCHEIDWAID**  
Cymerwch ofal i gadw plant bychain sydd o an eich gofal yn agos atoch ar Lwybr Ystwyth, os gweilwch yn dda. Mae'r trywydd yn croesir ffodd farw: mewn aml i le ac, fel arall, mae perygl iddynt gael braw o ganfod defnyddwyr eraill, e.e. marchogion.

**TRAWS GOED**  
Sylwch fod y llyfrau Cerdded Coedwig Bwlch Nant yr Arian a Cheredigion gan Comisiwn Coedwigaeth Cymru yn disgrifio clychdeithiau cerdded.

**CORS CARON**  
Sylwch ar daflen Cyngor Cefn Gwlad Cymru – Cors Caron am fanylion llwybrau ar y warchodfa gan gynnwys llwybrau gwastad ar loriau pren.