

22 GWYNEDD ABER FALLS



► Distance: **4.4km/2¾ miles** ► Time: **2 hours** ► Grade: **Easy**



Enjoy a lovely family outing to a stunning waterfall on this Welsh walk.

Photo: Steve Goodier

PLAN YOUR WALK



Route

Start/parking Car park on roadside before bridge (pay and display) south of village of Abergwynnregyn, grid ref SH663720

Is it for me? Excellent tracks and paths throughout. Dogs okay on lead. Care needed with kids near the waterfall and by the river at beginning and end

Stiles 2

Planning

Nearest town Bangor

Refreshments None

Public toilets Overflow car park

Public transport None to start

Maps Ordnance Survey Explorer OL17; Landranger 114 & 115

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CHOSEN BY...

STEVE GOODIER

Here's a lovely family route to a stunning waterfall in dramatic surroundings with the added advantage of being able to get right to the base of the falls themselves. The walk along the wooded and steep-sided valley of the Afon Rhaeadr-Fawr is very beautiful and the return is both relaxing and enjoyable.

1 Start

Walk down road towards bridge with river L, staying ahead at bridge to walk past parking meter. Pass through metal kissing-gate near noticeboard and take track ahead beyond with river down L. Stay R (ahead) at fork to reach wood carvings. Go ahead to ascend steps and follow path above river to go L over bridge following path to pass through gate by big gate and reach lane. Go R following lane (later track) through kissing-gate by notice board. Continue with river R climbing steadily. Crest rise continuing in more open area to climb to path junction by low sign.

2 0.5km/¼ mile

Stay on main track climbing to wind a way towards exhibition centre ahead and take time to visit information centre in barn. Return to track continuing in same direction to climb and

continue on track through two openings (double gates). Follow track eventually descending towards falls and head of valley. Ignore L fork up steps and climb up passing through gate. Stay ahead at R turning (bridge) continuing to end of path. Continue on rougher path to base of falls - care with kids.

3 2.2km/1½ miles

Retrace steps passing bridge (now L) to cut R shortly afterwards up steps following path to cross stile (signpost). Follow path half-L, climbing to cross stile into plantation. Stay ahead on path descending into forest. Follow path up and down in woods to reach kissing-gate.

4 3.5km/2¼ miles

Pass through following path, descending to leave fence, curving L to join outbound route at low sign. Go R down track continuing to kissing-gate and gate by sign.

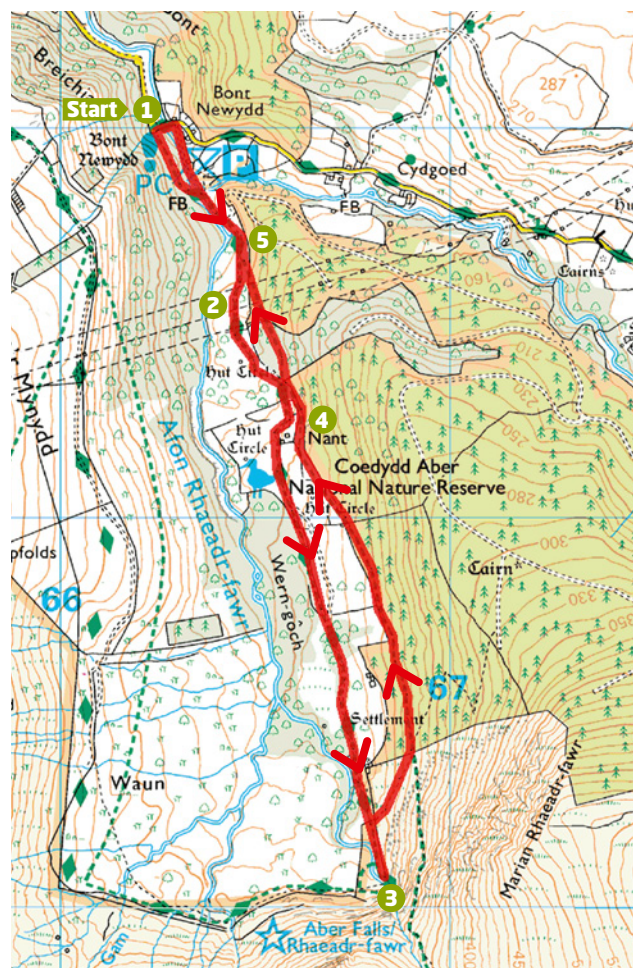
5 3.9km/2½ miles

Pass through gates going ahead to go L before gate and kissing-gate passing through gate/big gate and cross bridge. Cut R along river descending steps to reach river. Stay R at wood carvings to follow river curving to rejoin outbound route. Go R through kissing-gate to road near parking area. **CW**

Don't miss...



Look out for wood warblers, small birds with yellow throats, and dippers, small brown birds which skim the surface of the water at dizzying speeds.



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