10B | Manod Quarry to Penmachno

At the Manod Quarry entrance, turn sharp right along a broad track which passes three poles, the remains of a radio station before dropping down to the Rhiwbach Tramway. Turn right along this tramway to reach the head of a steep incline - a steep tramway which was operated with wires and winches in order to carry slate wagons up and down the hillside.

Go down the incline, bearing slightly left towards a pond as the path leaves the incline cutting. Cross the ladder stile or go through the gate. Follow the track to the right of the fence. The track veers right and passes between two derelict buildings before going steeply down between slate waste tips.

Continue along this broad track, through the woods, past the breached dam on the right until you reach a small level area with a small derelict hut. Bear right along the main track and follow it into Cwm Penmachno.

From the quarry gate and kissing gate, follow the road straight ahead for about 770m until you come to a converted church with a wide garden which is now a house called Trevallen. Just before it, turn left up the track and into the field. Follow the fence and stream to a footbridge down the slope on your right. Cross the bridge and follow a faint path going up to a step stile at the corner of the forest which has recently been replanted.

Follow the forest path, past the ruins of Hafod Fraith Uchaf. When you reach a forest road, turn right and follow it until you reach a crossing of forest roads. Go straight ahead, ignoring the way to the right and left, and continue, always bearing right, to reach the road at the beginning of the Penmachno Mountain Bike Trail.

Turn left along the road for a short while and then take the grassy lane down to the right, to pass stepping stones over the river. Continue along the grassy track. This becomes a tarmacked street, White Street. At the fork, take the left fork until you reach Gethin Square outside the Eagles pub (Tŷ Uchaf).

Above: Rhiwbach Quarry
Right: Cwm Heritage Room

Above: Rhiw Fachno Quarry

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