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From the Lakeside café, turn left along the road until you reach a gap in the wall on your left, signed as a footpath. Take this route and follow the street through the village of Tanygrisiau, bearing right down the hill at the junction. Pass the playing field and school which are on the right and continue straight ahead at the crossroads. After a footbridge over the railway high up on the left, and opposite number 1 Barlwyd Terrace, follow the footpath sign on the right, over the river and past the property, Afallon. Go through a kissing gate and follow a faint and boggy path through the field, passing a slate washing line pole. Follow this path, very indistinct in places, bearing right to another kissing gate. Cross the field, bearing left to a further kissing gate onto the road.

Cross the road and follow the lane ahead, which becomes a rough track. Ignore the drive to the house on your left. Pass between derelict buildings until you reach the ruined cottage on your left. Turn sharp left before the ruin and go through the gate almost immediately to the right. Follow the wall on your left. The path becomes enclosed by walls and passes between abandoned barns. Follow the path with a fence to the left and a wall to the right. Go through the kissing gate, bear right, eventually leading to steps and follow the markers to Dorvil Road then past the Square.

Continue straight ahead, crossing the narrow footbridge over the Ffestiniog and main line railways. Turn right along the High Street, to reach the station and the town centre.

Continue along the High Street and turn right into Glynllifon Street. Pass over the disused railway and turn right again along Wynne Road. Immediately before the school, Ysgol y Moelwyn, which is on the left of Wynne Road, take the tarmac drive with its footpath sign until you reach the open hillside. Just before the school gate, follow the signed path to the left, and almost immediately fork right down wooden steps and bear right to a kissing gate. At a fork, bear left, zigzagging steeply downhill, until you reach a small gate at a lane and turn left.

At the T-junction, turn right, and keep to the wide track for nearly 1.25km, bearing right at the footpath sign, then keep bearing left until you meet a wide track coming from the left. Turn right and, at the next fork, leave the track and walk alongside the wall to your left.

Bear right to go through a gap in the wall to descend through woodland to reach a house drive. Then turn left. Go through the kissing gate on your left next to a double footpath sign. Follow the right hand path, crossing a small stream and climbing the hillside with the field boundary to your right. Continue upwards, over a bridge of wooden sleepers. As a footpath joins from the left, keep to the right for a few metres, ignoring the gap in the wall and follow the path leftwards up hill, keeping the stone wall to your right. Cross the stone step stile and make for the post in the field ahead of you. Bear left across the field to a kissing gate in the far left corner.

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