

NANT GWERNOL FOREST WALKS

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Three easy to follow forest walks. Nant Gwernol, situated in a natural ravine, is the eastern terminus of the Talyllyn Railway. Abergynolwyn Station is the starting point for walks which enable visitors to explore unspoilt woodland and mountain waterfalls and see something of the former slate mining activities in the area, returning to either Nant Gwernol or Abergynolwyn Stations. All walks are well signposted, as Yellow, Blue, Red.

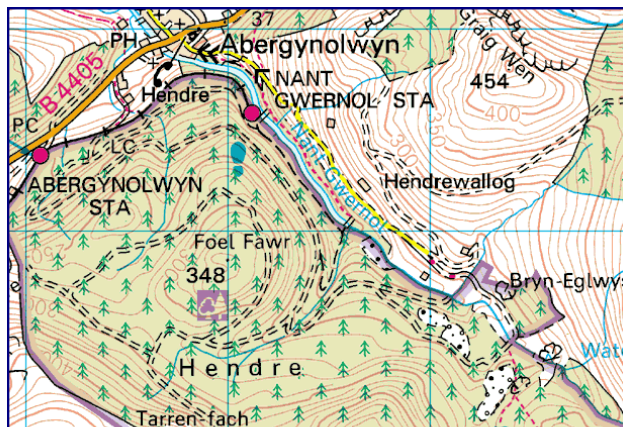
Yellow 1.0 Miles

The “Cascade Trail” crosses the footbridge on leaving the station and ascends the valley close to the rushing river. A further bridge is crossed to bring the route back down the valley on the other side of the river along the disused tramway, past the drum house and descending steeply down the Allwyllt incline back to the station.

Blue 3 Miles

The “Quarryman Trail” is a long walk exploring the old mine workings of Bryn Eglwys Quarry. The trail follows the river before climbing out of the woods and wandering through the old quarry, past mill workings and descending along the old tramway and steep Allwyllt incline back to the station.

Dyfi Forest conceals the remains of many old slate quarries that once provided work for hundreds of men. The best known is Bryn Eglwys at the head of Nant Gwernol where in 1877, around 8,000 tons of slate was produced. The slates were transported from the quarry along an extensive system of tramways and inclines that approached Abergynolwyn Station where the tramway joined the Talyllyn Railway. A series of walks run from Nant Gwernol Station into the quarry.



Red 1.0 Miles

From Nant Gwernol station the route climbs close to the Allwyllt incline by a zigzag path before descending to Abergynolwyn Station.