



How to get there !

Dolgellau is situated at the eastern end of the Mawddach estuary close to the junction of the A470, the A494 and the A487. The start point ⑤ is the main car park in Dolgellau, adjacent to the River. There is a disabled toilet at this site. Those wishing to do the whole length of the Mawddach Trail will finish at the car park at Morfa Mawddach Station, ④ and will need to arrange transport back to Dolgellau before starting off. There is a disabled toilet at Morfa Mawddach.

The ramble starts by taking the well-signed route for the Mawddach Trail from the Dolgellau car park, heading almost due west, with the river on your right. In about half a mile, you will cross over the river by means of a footbridge and continue along the trail

to Point 1 . Here, you cross the A493 road and continue along the trail to Penmaenpool at Point 2 . There is a disabled toilet at this site - as well as the George III Hotel where meals and drinks are available.

There is also an interesting wooden toll bridge across the Mawddach Estuary at this point that provides vehicle and pedestrian access to the other side.

Continue travelling down the estuary, heading almost due west along the disused railway track that continues all the way to Morfa Mawddach at Point 4 - with fine views of the Mawddach Estuary and the rugged hills of southern Snowdonia beyond. From Morfa Mawddach it is possible to cross the estuary to Barmouth by means of a footbridge built onto the side of the railway bridge - although this is not advisable on a windy day !

Lunch can be taken at any of the picnic sites along the trail. For those not wanting to complete the whole length of the trail, a suitable point at which you can reverse the journey back to the car park in Dolgellau would be at Point 3 . Otherwise, you will need to arrange transport to take drivers back to Dolgellau in order to recover their vehicles so that buggy and wheelchair users can be picked up from the finish point.

Scenery :

A very beautiful river estuary set amongst the mountains of the southern Snowdonia National Park.