

Wilder Bangor walk

Discover nature and heritage in Bangor on this adaptable loop, designed to link local outdoor spaces with local communities.

Points of interest

- 1 **Porth Penrhyn** - Historic slate port.
- 2 **Birding spot** - Scenic wildlife and birdwatching.
- 3 **Old bridge** - Historic slate tramway.
- 4 **Maes G** - Third largest housing estate in Wales
- 5 **Bangor Mountain** - Scenic ridge with ancient roots.
- 6 **Clocktower** - Historic Victorian landmark meeting point
- 7 **Hirael History** - Old maritime neighbourhood.
- 8 **Hotel Arch** - University's historic home.

Directions

- 1 Start at Penrhyn Harbour car park (LL57 4HN, harbour behind you) and walk down Lôn Las Ogwen for 1.6km.
- 2 Turn right over the small footbridge by the carved bench, cross the river Cegin, and follow the left path uphill into Maesgeirchen.
- 3 Follow the road straight up, then go through the wooden gate and take the woodland path directly up.
- 4 At the right-hand turn, proceed straight up the rocky path (or turn right for the accessible short loop; proceed to pin 5 on the right).
- 5 Follow the rocky path uphill, pass the clearing by the golf course, and continue straight.
- 6 Pass the ruined building on your left. At the fork, take a right onto the grass path toward the trees.
- 7 Follow the paths to the summit of Bangor Mountain for the viewpoint.
- 8 Continue to the path junction, turn left down a steep incline, and follow it around a sharp right turn.
- 9 At the next fork, take a left behind the small houses and go down the stairs.
- 10 At the bottom, turn right, then immediately left down York Place to the High Street, and turn right.
- 11 Follow the High Street for 850m. At the patch of grass with pine trees, turn right onto Pen y Bryn.
- 12 Near the old stone portico, take a left down the stairs and cross Beach Road (A5) toward the park.
- 13 Turn right to follow the A5 uphill, turn left at the junction, and follow the road back to the car park.

Main circular path

Accessible alternative path

- 5 Follow this path through the woodlands and behind the houses for 660m, then bear left at the fork to stay in the woods.
- 6 After 300m, follow the sharp right turn until you reach Ffordd y Castell and turn left. Pass the playing field, turn left up Ffordd Tan y Bryn, then take the footpath on your left.
- 7 Follow this footpath to a right turn, then take the first left up to the next road.
- 8 At Pen y Bryn, turn right and follow it down to the stone portico. Turn left there and head all the way down to the High Street.
- 9 Turn right onto the High Street, then turn right onto Beach Road (A5). Follow the A5 uphill, turn left at the junction, and follow the road back to the car park.



Wildlife on route

Little egret

Egretta garzetta

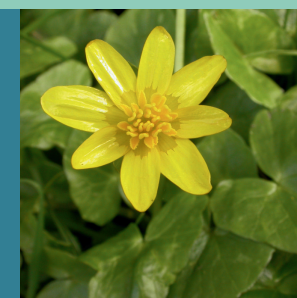
Cegin pool is a prime spot for little egrets, who have jet-black legs and bright yellow feet. You can spot them nesting high up in the trees.



Lesser celandine

Ficaria verna

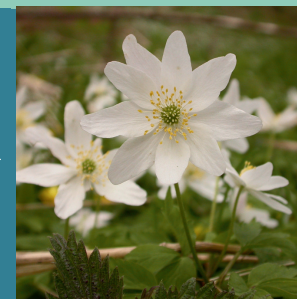
Look for golden-yellow lesser celandine lining the verges. This native buttercup relative has glossy, heart-shaped leaves and reflective petals.



Wood anemone

Anemone nemorosa

In spring, the woodland can be carpeted with white flowers. They spread incredibly slowly, just 1.8m per century; large groups are an indicator of ancient woodland.



Slow worm

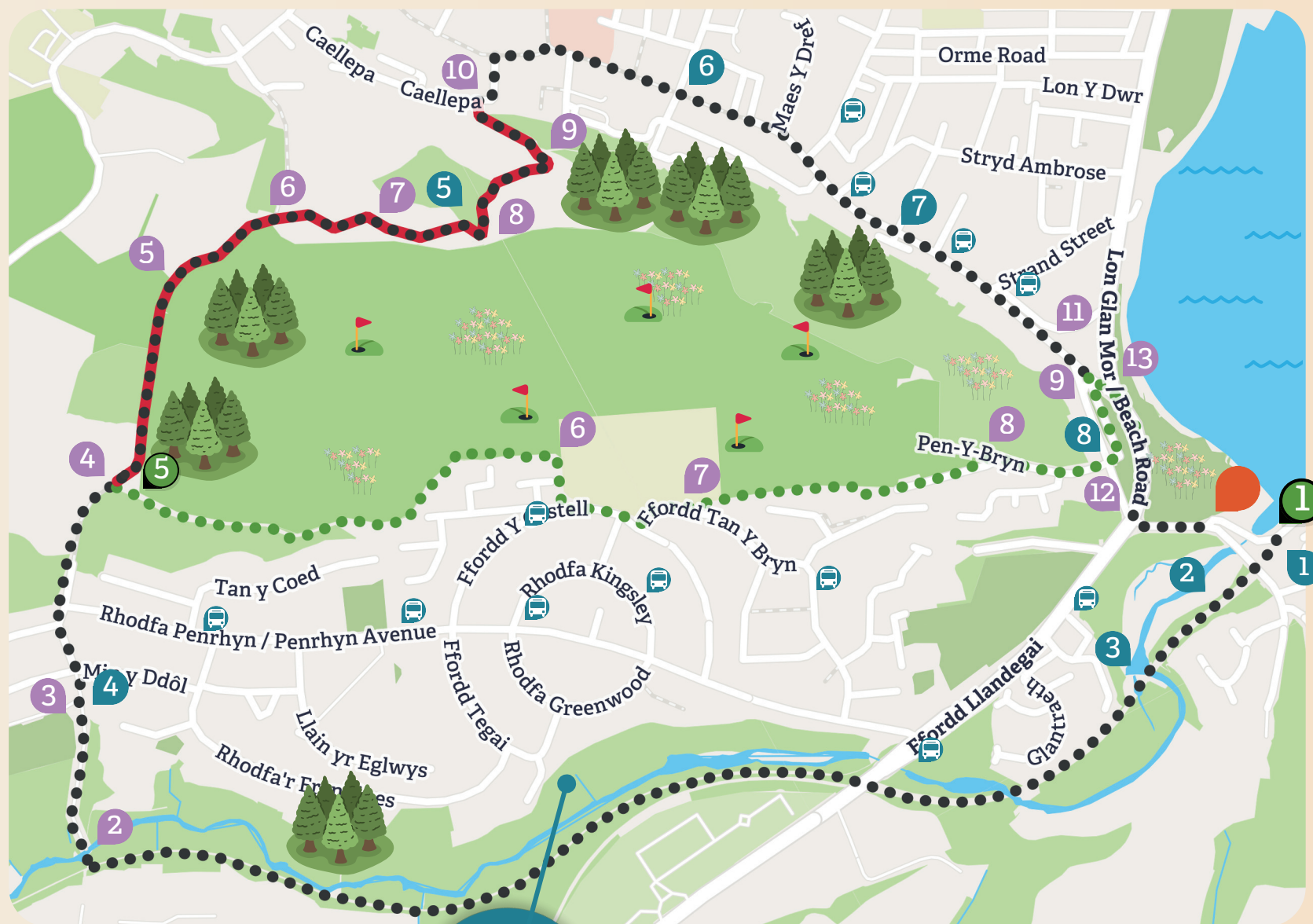
Anguis fragilis

Along sunny path edges, you might spot a slow worm basking. Though snake-like, they are actually harmless, legless lizards that can blink, unlike snakes.



Map Key

-  **Main circular path**
Length: 4.4km
-  **Accessible alternative path**
Length: 1.5km
-  **Difficult terrain:**
Length: 1.1km
-  **Woodland**
-  **Bus stops**
-  **Points of interest**
-  **Directions**
-  **Start of path**
-  **End of path**



The River Cegin has lots of invasive species, such as Himalayan balsam, on its waterways!



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