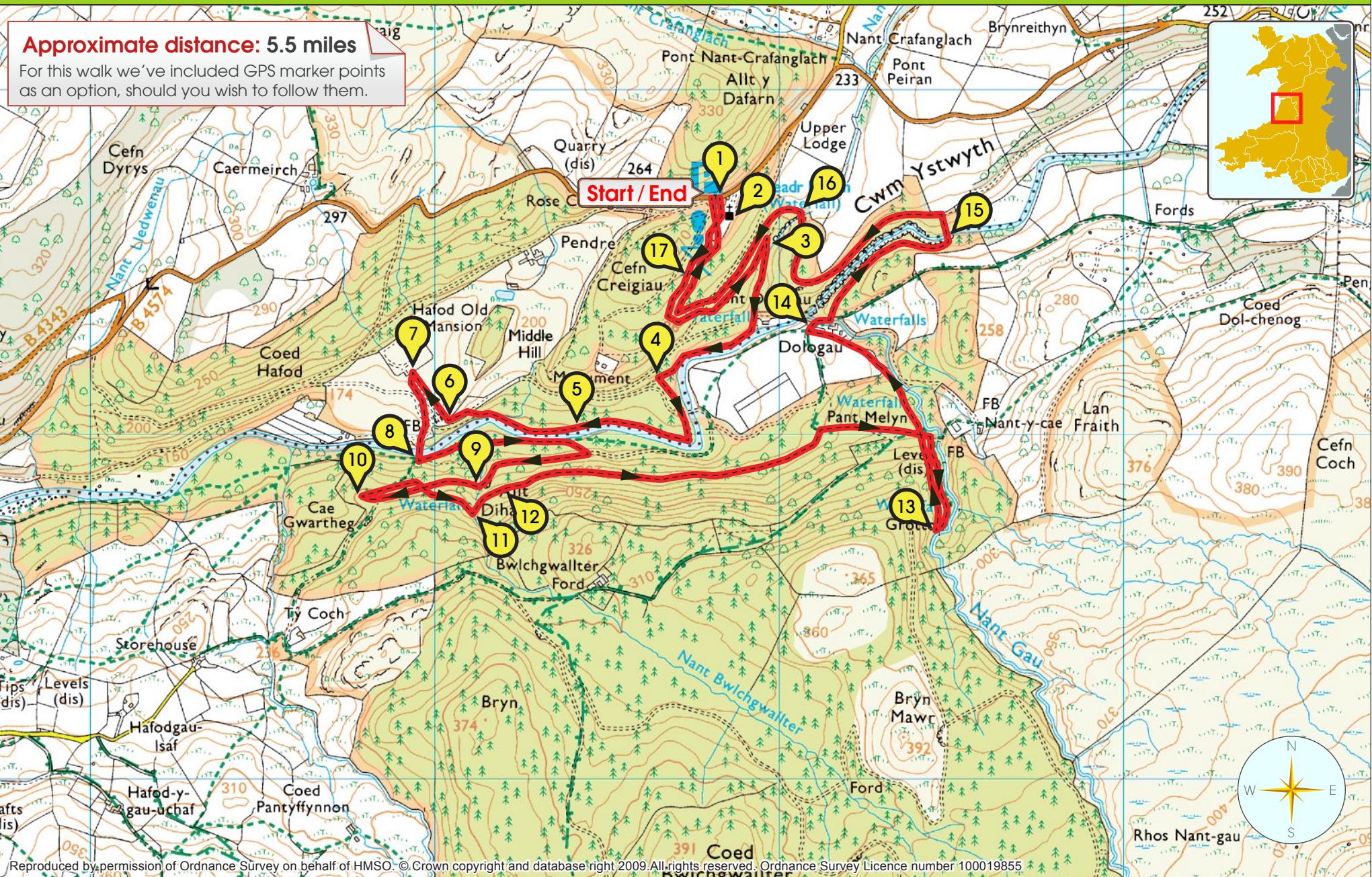


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Weatherman Walking - Hafod Estate



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Approximate distance: 5.5 miles

A circular walk around the 'Picturesque' Hafod Estate in the Ystwyth Valley passing woodland gorges, waterfalls and follies.

**1. Hafod car park**

52.34737° N, -3.8096° W

The first section of the walk followed the original Lady's Walk, marked as a blue route calling in at Hafod Church on the way.

**4. Mrs Johnes' Garden**

52.34235° N, -3.81164° W

The former flower garden which dates from 1786 is currently being restored after being in a state of disrepair for many years.

**2. Hafod Church**

52.34686° N, -3.80928° W

Fire destroyed the church in 1932, damaging a 16th century Flemish stained glass window and a commemorative marble statue by Sir Francis Chantrey.

**5. Following the river Ystwyth**

The landscape opens up nicely along this next section with wild flowers and heather lining the river banks and fields to your right.

**3. Peiran Falls**

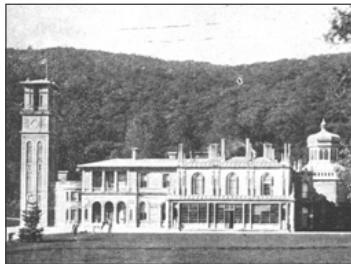
52.34642° N, -3.80731° W

These impressive falls drop down in two sections and can be fast flowing after a decent downpour. Further on are the remains of a stone viewing shelter.

**6. View point over the river**

52.34137° N, -3.820828° W

Stop at a view point and seating area overlooking the river to admire the views and valley you've just walked through.



7. The Hafod mansion

52.34309° N, -3.82284° W

During Johnes' time the mansion consisted of an impressive two-storey building. Later additions included stables, offices, an octagonal library and 160 ft long conservatory.



10. View point

52.33956° N, -3.82484° W

On top of this small hill you'll find sweeping views over the winding river valley below with the old mansion fields to your right.



8. Alpine Bridge

52.34061° N, -3.82213° W

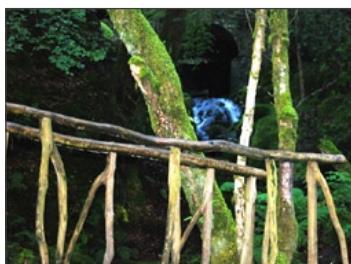
Before crossing the bridge, follow a small trail down to the right and you'll discover what used to be an old cylindrical ice house for the mansion.



11. Mossy Seat Falls

52.33952° N, -3.81969° W

Standing on the narrow wooden bridge, you'll be rewarded with a great view of the waterfalls where a seat covered in moss once stood.



9. Rustic Bridge

52.34017° N, -3.81934° W

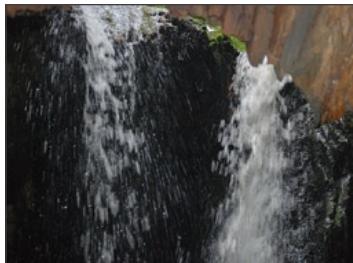
This ornate fairytale wooden bridge lies in the rock strewn Bwlchgwallter Valley, which is full of cascading waterfalls and green mosses.



12. Allt Dihanog tunnel

52.33980° N, -3.81757° W

The path has literally been cut into the rock to create a sizeable tunnel for you to walk through. Follow a long section of path through the woods until you reach ancient beech woods. At Pant Melyn turn right and follow signs for the Cavern Cascade.



13. Cavern Cascade

52.33883° N, -3.79982° W

This rock-cut tunnel runs straight then slightly left to reveal an amazing view of a waterfall cascading down in front of the tunnel. Take care when entering and exiting the tunnel.



16. Pont Newydd above Peiran Falls

A wide track takes you through the pines passing the ruined Pont Newydd above Peiran Falls. Cross over a stream via a narrow wooden footbridge.



14. Dologau Bridge

52.34399° N, -3.80557° W

Beneath the bridge, the Nant Gau and the Ystwyth merge. Follow the green route for the Ystwyth Gorge walk across a wooden footbridge on the right.



17. Back up to the car park

Follow the old carriage drive to the right and join the blue route. The path leads back up the hill to the car park passing Hafod Church.



15. Chain bridge

52.34172° N, -3.81074° W

Just after the 'Gothic Arcade' you'll arrive at a wonderfully wobbly, chain bridge spanning the gorge. Head up into the pine woods following the green route.