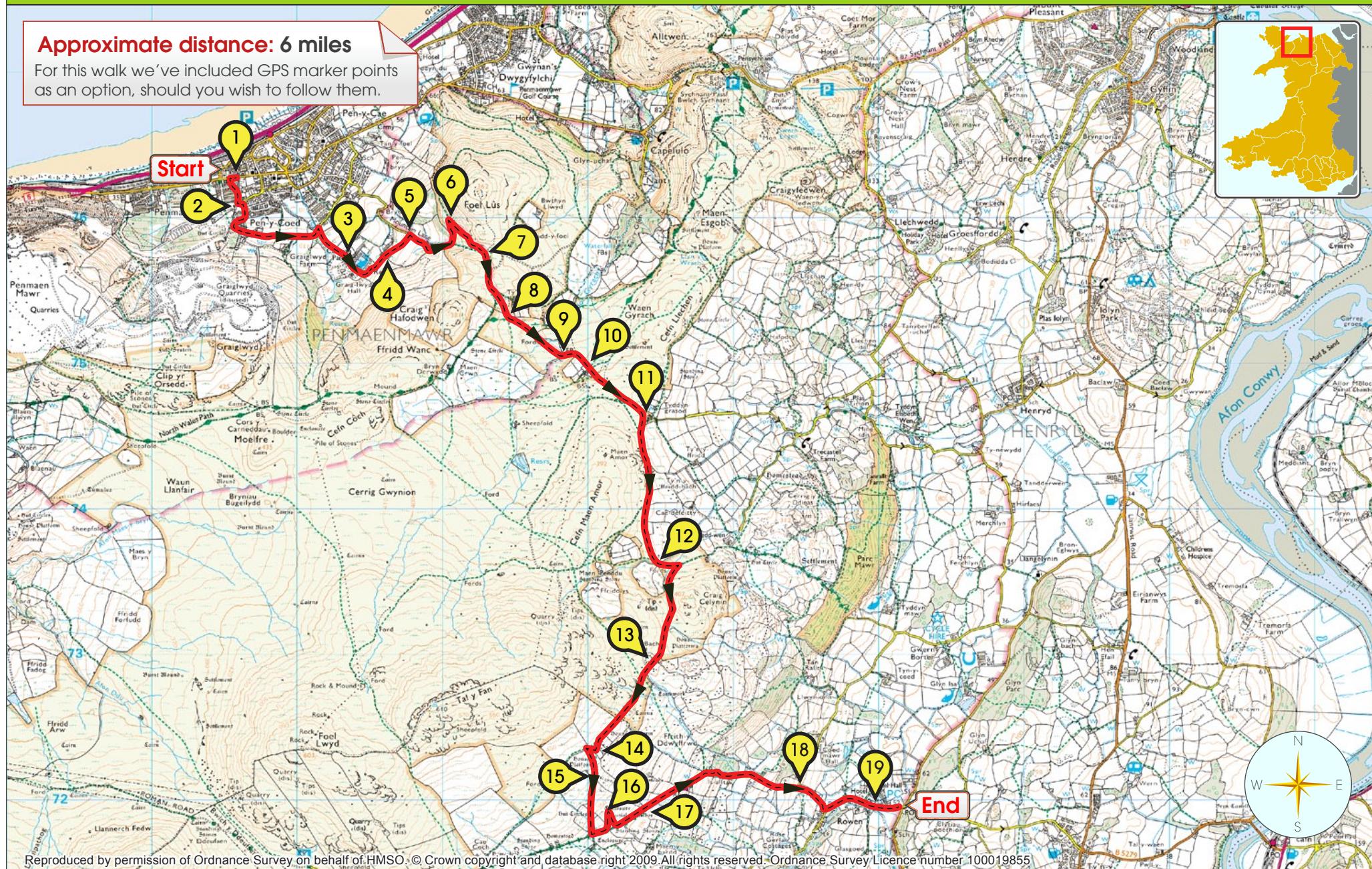


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Weatherman Walking - Penmaenmawr to Rowen

Approximate distance: 6 miles

For this walk we've included GPS marker points as an option, should you wish to follow them.



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A linear trek from Penmaenmawr following the Huw Tom upland walk over the hills to the pretty village of Rowen.

**1. New York cottages**

53.27048° N, -3.92340° W

A few hundred yards west of the town centre you'll find these terraced houses on the main Bangor Road. They were built in the 1840s to house local quarry workers from Graiglwyd Quarry.

**4. Plas-Uchaf farmhouse**

53.26336° N, -3.91173° W

Hop over the stile and turn left, walking along a mud track towards open fields with Plas-Uchaf farmhouse on your left.

**2. Quarrymen's houses & tunnel**

53.26628° N, -3.92623° W

Turn left into David's Lane, past the quarrymen's houses and enter the tunnel under the old quarry conveyor. Exit right, onto Gilfach Road and head up the hill to Graiglwyd Terrace.

**5. Kissing gate**

53.26520° N, -3.91102° W

In the far corner of this field is a kissing gate taking you right, onto Mountain Lane for a steep climb up to the Jubilee Pillars.

**3. Graiglwyd Springs Fishery**

53.26288° N, -3.91510° W

Head down the road between fields with views over the Great Orme and take a right at the fishery, following a path around the edge to a wooden stile.

**6. Jubilee Pillars**

53.26571° N, -3.90506° W

The pillars commemorate the 1887 Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Keep right and follow a track hugging the SW side of Foel Lus.



7. Marker stone

Pass a white marker stone and at the next sign post, veer left. Follow two tracks running parallel for 50m. Where they divide, follow the grass track in between.



10. Waen Gyrach abandoned settlement

53.25675° N, -3.890029° W

Make your way up the hill passing the abandoned settlement of Waen Gyrach and up to the stone sheep pens.



8. Stone wall and stile

53.25983° N, -3.89887° W

Follow the bend around, passing a rocky crag and hop over a stone wall with stile marked Llwybr Cyhoeddus (public footpath) and turn left.



11. Stone sheep pens

53.25412° N, -3.88424° W

Follow a grassy track above the pens to the right, and hug the stone wall for a kilometre until you reach a dip with two streams running through it.



9. Wooden footbridge

53.25738° N, -3.89305° W

Walk across a boggy field, passing large boulders towards a wooden footbridge taking you over Afon Gyrach.



12. Stream crossing

53.24458° N, -3.88240° W

Cross over the streams and into a dip between two small hills so the wall is now on your right. Keep right and continue for roughly 1.2 km.



13. Caer Bach hill fort

53.23874° N, -3.88217° W

On your right is a hill fort from the first millennium BC. Continue straight for a kilometre and pass through an old farm gate.



16. Maen y Bardd burial chamber

53.22899° N, -3.88699° W

Follow a grassy track down the hill in a southerly direction towards a stone cromlech and a group of trees in the distance.



14. Huw Tom's House

53.23317° N, -3.88828° W

Follow the wall to a stone gate post. Turn left into the field and walk towards a ruined cottage. Huw Tom, known as the unofficial Prime Minister of Wales walked from here every day to his job at the quarry when he was a boy.



17. The Roman road to Rowen

53.22941° N, -3.88333° W

It's downhill all the way now as you follow a lovely Roman track east, with amazing views, for around 2 km to Rowen.



15. Stone stile

53.23133° N, -3.88834° W

Head through a wooden gate and walk diagonally in a SW direction for 200m across the field towards an ivy bush and stile.



18. Rowen village

The picturesque village of Rowen stands on an old drovers' route which once carried cattle from Anglesey to markets in England.



19. Huw Tom memorial stone

53.2301° N, -3.8597° W

A slate memorial stands at the edge of the village near a footbridge and stream. Near by is a bus stop where you can catch a bus back to Conwy.