

WALK 6

MARSH'S POOL (LLYN GLYNBROCHAN)

DESCRIPTION A particularly scenic walk of about 6.5 miles offering superb views over Llanidloes itself and a pause at the beautiful Marsh's Pool.

START Old Market Hall, Llanidloes.

1 From the Old Market Hall walk along Short Bridge Street and, after crossing the Severn Bridge, turn LEFT along Penygreen Road. After about half a mile, turn LEFT down the single track road signposted to Llangurig and drop down over Felindre Bridge. Ignore the two right turns and continue to where the road itself bears sharply right.

At this point you will see a finger post indicating a bridleway through a field gate AHEAD of you, next to a bungalow. Go through the gate and walk down the field, keeping the hedge to your left until you reach the river, where you bear RIGHT until you reach the river bridge on your LEFT.

2 Cross the bridge and walk up the narrow lane and through the gate at the end. On leaving the lane, head diagonally RIGHT to the top of the field, keeping just to the left of the lone telegraph pole in the middle. *Looking back from this point will provide excellent views over Llanidloes and its surrounds.* Go through the gate at the top corner and follow the track AHEAD, up through the wood then alongside open fields to Cefn y Bwlch farm. At this point you will have to follow the way marks around to the left of the buildings before rejoining the track as it climbs the hill.

After climbing up the track and emerging onto open fields, follow the bridleway down the hill and, keeping the hedge to your right, note a gateway marked with a 'footpath' sign on your right. *(You will return to this point later)*

3 Continue down and through a short wooded area that can be quite wet and muddy after rain, and emerge through a gate into a more open, but scrubby, area. Keeping the fence line to your right, skirt around a patch of gorse and then walk AHEAD through a gate into a conifer plantation. After about 250 yards, the path joins a more distinct track coming in from your left. Continue AHEAD but note this point for your return journey as it is possible to miss the junction coming the other way. On emerging from the woods, continue AHEAD down the hill, keeping the fence to your right, where you will soon see Marsh's Pool through the trees. The pool and surrounding area are private, but a glance at the map will show

the footpaths and bridleways around the pool, some of which offer excellent photographic opportunities.

4 After enjoying the pool and it's surrounds, return through the conifer plantation and up the hill to point 3 and turn LEFT through the gate along the footpath through the fields and down to The Farm where, on entering the farmyard, you turn LEFT across the front of the house and go through the gate AHEAD of you and out into the field.

Follow the footpath down the hill, past the ruined cottage (Ty'n y Coed) in the trees, and along to the small bridge crossing the Afon Brochan. After crossing, continue AHEAD, up the slope and through the gates to the tarmac road where you turn RIGHT and return to Llanidloes and your start point.