

MOORLAND RAMBLER GROUP WEEKEND AWAY IN DOLGELLAU, WALES
FRIDAY 5TH JUNE – TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2026

Steve and Julie would like to welcome you to Dolgellau, Wales for a series of walks in and around this beautiful area. With luck we will have the weather to enable us to appreciate the scenery and views!! Note – charges apply at most car parks.

Itinerary

Friday 5th June 2026 – Beyond Barmouth

Meet: 10.00

At: Morfa Mawddach Station Car Park

Grid Ref: SH 629 140

Grade: 9 miles, moderate

Route Description: We start by crossing the Mawddach Estuary via the railway bridge leading to Barmouth. The views up the estuary are just stunning. At the edge of Barmouth we take some steep steps up to a lovely viewpoint over Barmouth and out to Fairbourne. Our walk takes us through paths and lanes to the Panorama Walk with more wonderful views over the estuary. From here we head up to our high point of the day – Bwlch Y Llan, before meandering back along hillsides and farmland to Gellfechan, an abandoned mining village above Barmouth. We take a stroll across to visit the Welsh Flag flying above Barmouth before heading down steeply through woodland for a walk back to Barmouth along its' glorious sandy beach. Finally, we walk back across the railway bridge to the car park... or stay in Barmouth for a swift half!!



Saturday 6th June 2026 – Striding across Idris's Chair

Meet: 10.00

At: Minffordd National Park Car Park

Grid ref: SH 732 116

Grade: 6 miles, strenuous with a total ascent of 3200 feet.

Route description: Do not let the low mileage fool you. This is a true mountain walk with steep ascents and descents... and many uneven steps; but it is so worth it. Cadair Idris is Wales's second most popular mountain, and it is beautiful. This is a classic circular route that Steve and Julie walk at least once a year. We start steeply, walking up through ancient woodland beside waterfalls. The route comes out of the wood and continues to climb more gently to reach Llyn Cau. A steep path of steps brings us to the ridge before a bit of a rollercoaster of rocky paths to reach Penygadair (our highest point – with a handy summit shelter if needed). We then head off across the ridge to Mynydd Moel with its' steep drop down to Dolgellau below. It is then time to head back down via a path that is much improved over the years but it is still steep. Uneven steps have been added but it remains hard on the knees!! We rejoin the path at the woods where we started and make our way back down to the car park.



Saturday 6th June – evening

The plan for Saturday evening is to have a meal in the Dolgellau area. More details will be circulated but it is likely to be 7pm for 7.30pm at The George 3rd Pub near the Toll Bridge on the Mawddach Estuary.

Sunday 7th June 2026 – A Hidden Gem, Ascent of Rhobell Fawr

Meet: 10.00

At: Llanfachreth Car Park

Grid Ref: SH 756 225

Grade: 9 miles, strenuous

Route Description: Today we head off to a quieter part of the area. Our route to the flanks of Rhobell Fawr takes us to a forest track, via some boggy and rough terrain. We follow the track until a path takes us steeply up, with the odd 'hands on' moments, to the summit of Rhobell Fawr. The views, particularly of the Rhinogs, are wonderful... and, hopefully, we will have the mountain to ourselves.. well, apart from the sheep. The descent down is pretty gentle, via mountain paths. Once at the bottom, we carry on along a drover's road and paths back to the village and our cars.



Monday 8th June 2026 – A tough decision to be had!!

Today there is a choice of walks. Steve will be leading a circular route up Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon). This is a quieter route but there is a small section where a head for heights is needed! It is a fantastic but strenuous day. The 2nd route will be led by Julie and is shorter and more relaxing!!

Route 1 – A Classic Circular Route of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon).

Meet: 10.00

At: Rhyd-Ddu National Park Car Park

Grid Ref: SH 571 526

Grade: 8.5 miles, strenuous with a short, exposed section on the South Ridge of Snowdon.

Route Description: This is a strenuous mountain day but a wonderful route. We take the Rhud-Ddu path up to the South Ridge – rising gently at first through slate workings before steepening as we climb up to the ridge. The views are tremendous. As we head up to the South Ridge, there is a small narrow path traversing above the col – a head for heights is needed here. Once on the South Ridge, there are a couple of narrower sections but it is never a true arete and, basically, Julie has done it and got across several times and she hates heights!!! We take in what is usually a very busy summit but there is a café and toilets!! The route then heads down on the well marked Snowdon Ranger Path. The route back to the car park is across boggy ground and through slate workings. It is a fabulous route.



Photo – looking across to the South Ridge from the Snowdon Ranger Path.

Route 2 – A gentle circular route from Nantmor to Beddgelert and back

Meet: 10.00

At: Nantmor National Trust Car Park

Grid Ref: SH 597 462

Grade: 5 miles, moderate – sometimes a bit boggy!

Route Description: The route starts by walking under the steam railway bridge out into Cwm Bychan. There are disused mine workings along the way as we climb up to the col at Bwlch-y-Sygyn, with views across Snowdonia. The descent is via a good, if uneven, rocky path to Llyn Dinas. From there, a level path takes us to Beddgelert, past the Sygun Copper Mine. We should be able to have some time in Beddgelert before walking back to the cars via the Aberglaslyn Gorge where we walk just above the river on a, sometimes, rocky and narrow path.



Tuesday 9th June 2026 – Mawddach and More

Meet: 10.00

At: Penmaenpool Bridge Car Park

Grid Ref: SH 696 185

Grade: 8.5 miles, moderate

Route Description: This is a cracker of a walk. We love it! Start by walking across the Toll Bridge (small charge). Crossing the main Dolgellau to Barmouth road, we head up through deciduous woodland to the New Precipice Walk, taking in one of the lower 'tops' along the way. The views here are, once again, just great! It says 'Precipice' but it really isn't! We visit a lake on the way back down towards Dolgellau

– this time walking through coniferous woodland. Minor roads take us to Cymer Abbey and then on to Dolgellau. The final few miles are via the Mawddach Estuary trail back to our cars and the end of our weekend away,.



Note: we hope for good conditions in June. This is mountainous terrain and some of the high level routes may need to be changed if the weather is inclement!!