

WALES

The legendary trail of Dinas Emrys

Enjoy a pleasant walk past waterfalls and through beautiful oak woodland to reach this summit of this legendary hill, where Merlin once trod and where a dragon still sleeps. At the top you'll find remains of a square tower and defensive ramparts belonging to the ancient princes of Gwynedd.



Information

Address: Craflwyn, Beddgelert, Gwynedd, LL55 4NG.

OS map: Landranger OL17

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Mainly gentle uphill walk with steep and rocky section towards the end. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome on leads.

Full trail: Miles: 2.2 (km: 3.52)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins - 2 hours 30 mins

Terrain

Woodland and mountain paths; can be muddy at sections. One tricky section of rock near the top, take care when wet.

Total steps: 6

Start point: Craflwyn National Trust car park, grid ref: SH600489

1. Begin your journey at the Princess of Gwynedd centre at Craflwyn.
2. From the car park take the footpath leading up through the woodland. When the path levels and you reach a fork, take the right and continue until you find a dragon bench. Pause here before continuing along the path and up some steps to the right of a small waterfall.
3. Continue on your journey until you get to a three way junction in an open area. Take the path leading straight ahead, up towards the woodland, and after 100m bear right at the fork. Continue on the path over a small wooden bridge until you get to a beautiful waterfall.
4. Continue until you reach another fork in the path and bear right. You'll soon reach a stile in the wall on the right. Continue over the stile up into the woods.
5. Continue up through the woods. Follow the zig-zag path up the rocky outcrop towards Dinas Emrys.
6. You're nearly there. A few more steps and you'll reach the top of Dinas Emrys. The final ascent is steep and rocky. When you are ready to return, retrace your steps to the car park.

End point: Craflwyn National Trust car park, grid ref: SH600489