



FOLLOW THE STORY: Discover more about the Iron Age on the Llŷn Peninsula by visiting the even larger hillforts of Carn Fadryn or Garn Boduan, both wonderful walks with great views.

Living on the Granite

A walk up a mountain and down to the sea

Duration: 2-3 hours per section or 1 day for the whole walk - Difficult Walk

Begin at the car park (1) half a mile north of Llithfaen on the road to Nant Gwrtheyrn Welsh Language and Heritage Centre. There is a sculpture here commemorating the men who worked the quarries you see all around.

The first walk visits one of the best preserved Iron Age hillforts in the country. Leave the car park heading south east (keeping the wall on your right) uphill towards a flat area. The mountain you see on your left is not the one we are heading for. Pass through a black kissing gate and join the main path heading northeast. After another half mile go through another metal kissing gate and begin a steep ascent to the fort.

The name **Tre'r Ceiri (2)**, means 'Town of the Giants'. The fort is encircled by a formidable stone rampart, which still stands around 3 metres (10 feet) in height for most of its circuit. Within this rampart were found the remains of some 150 buildings of varying sizes.

Return the way you ascended to the car park below.

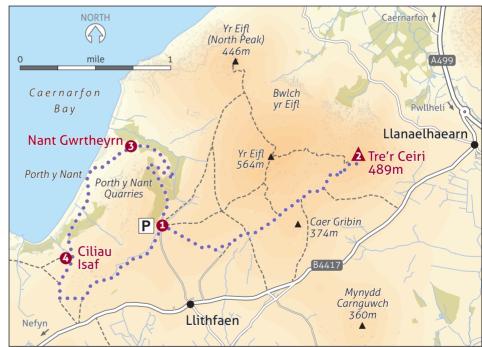
Our second stage of the walk takes us down into **Nant Gwrtheyrn (3)**. Once a thriving quarry village, Nant Gwrtheyrn was abandoned in the years following the Second World War as the quarrying came to an end and became deserted.

However, the village has been reborn again in the form of the Welsh Language and Heritage Centre. Visit the cafe where you can enquire about the curses and legends associated with Nant Gwrtheyrn!

From the café follow the road and Coast Path signs (a shell) and on to the beach. Turn left and follow the coast path signs up through woods to Ciliau Isaf (4), cross over the stile before the farm and follow the farm track. Just before reaching the main road turn left over a stile and follow path marked Pilgrim's Way back to the car park (1).



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