

BMBCC WALK 6.

Dear all,

After watching all four seasons represented by Iolo Williams in Snowdonia and seeing delightful photography and footage of some of the areas in our vicinity ~ and having watched winter episode with wonderful cold misty mornings across Portmeirion - I've been drawn to further explore south of Caernarfon and the Porthmadog area.

‘AN EARLY MORNINGS VISIT TO THE PORTHMADOG ANCIENT WOODLANDS AREA’

Think its this detail:

Nursery Woods, Tremadog

Access can be gained from Tremadog village (SH 563 400), or from the lay-by on the A487T (SH 565 397). The majority of the footpath network is on even ground.

The woodland lies on land that used to be part of the Glaslyn estuary. William Alexander Maddocks acquired and drained this land between 1800 and 1806, as part of his ambitious project to reclaim more than 5,000 acres from the sea, and build the Cob embankment t over the treacherous sands at Traeth Mawr. Maddocks established a tree nursery to supply timber to local ship building yards, and it flourish until management ceased sometime in the 1920's. Today, the woodland which is approximately 10 hectares, still displays tell tail signs from it nursery past - rows of ditches and trees planted in lines.

We will meet at Car Parking area of the ‘Golden Fleece Inn’ or thereabouts in Tremadog.

TIME:

Time: 8:30am

DATE:

Saturday 24th March, 2018

MEETING POINT:

Outside Tremadog Golden Fleece Inn.

DURATION:

Total Duration Planned 8:30am to 11:30am (subject to needs of others).

DETAILS:

Take the old road into Porthmadog travelling into Tremadog, turn right at the square following into Porthmadog and immediately park up on right hand side at the car parking area of the Golden Fleece Inn. I have already 'reccied' the spot for photography and enquired at the pub - they serve breakfast from 8am, so if you were a little early you could sit and grab a tea or coffee and we will meet at the intended time of 8:30am outside the Inn. I might be in there grabbing a breakfast early or later not sure as yet. The area of interest is only a 'cock-stride away' and it should be a lovely conducive mornings landscape photography with some wildlife opportunity...

Am sure the trail somehow leads to the 'Cob area' on the other side of Porthmadog but the focus will be the Ancient Woodlands as I think it will be best to concentrate there. We could always go back another time...

I have had difficulty getting much information about it online - so its a bit of a mystery location... but there is a clear defined well signposted, manicured path :-)

FURTHER DETAILS:

We will enter the coastal circular walk from the Church area.

Websites of interest:

No 15 Porthmadog although we won't do the whole 6.3 Miles!

Here: <https://www.visitsnowdonia.info/Content/Resources/GCC%20Maps%20leaflet.pdf>

<https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/woodland-management/woodlands-and-the-environment/ancient-woodland-inventory/?lang=en>

Good breakfasts by the looks of things!

<https://www.goldenfleeceinn.com/>

More details online...

Nick's websites:

<https://www.marineexplorationphotography.com/>

<https://www.snowdoniascuba.co.uk/>

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