

# Drefach Felindre



National Wool Museum



## Why Walk?

The countryside surrounding Drefach Velindre is a very attractive mix of ancient woodland, flower rich hedgerows and open fields that provide wonderful views over the local landscape and out towards the beautiful Teifi Valley.

An extensive network of ancient paths, tracks and drovers' roads thread their way through valley woodlands, along streams and over agricultural land, linking the mills and farms with the villages. They lead the walker through countryside rich in archaeological, social and wildlife interest. The National Wool Museum is a must for family groups and anyone with a passion for history.

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## How Long?

It is 5km long (3.2 miles) with 126m of ascent (413 ft).



## How Hard?

Mostly along well-defined paths of a gentle gradient, but there are steeper sections which may prove strenuous to some walkers. Hiking boots or stout shoes are recommended. Allow 2 - 3 hours.



## Starting point:

National Wool museum.



## Car Park:

Museum car park or within the village centre

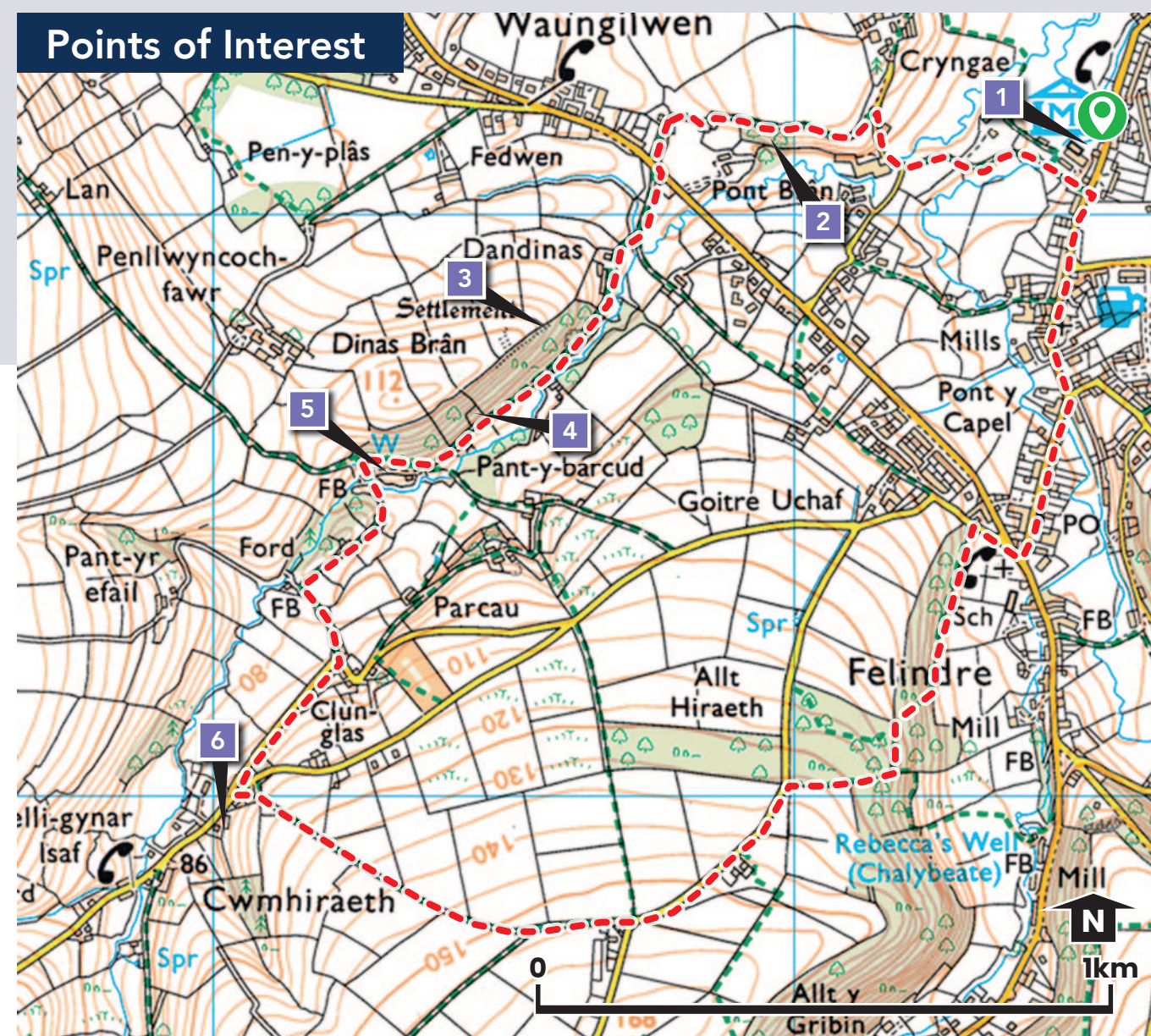


## Public Transport: ✓



## Refreshments: ✓

## Points of Interest



**1** The National Wool Museum is housed in the former Cambrian Mills. It tells the history and importance of the weaving industry to the area and the people who lived and worked here.

**2** In the spring and summer months this lane with its' mass of colourful hedgerow flowers is a delight to the eye.

**3** The earliest settlement in this area is the iron age hillfort of Dinas Bran, it commands the heights over the steep sided river valley of the river Bran. Unfortunately over the centuries the remains of the fort have been ploughed away.

**4** From May to September the pale-yellow flowers of Common Cow Wheat along with a carpet of Bluebells can be seen. These flowers

along with other native plants help indicate that this woodland is ancient, dating back to at least 1600. The steep sided valleys do not lend themselves easily to agriculture and therefore the woods have remained a constant feature in the landscape for hundreds of years. Many of the trees are multi-stemmed showing that they were once coppiced.

**5** In the Hey-day of the woollen industry Cwm Cottage, along with others in the area, was a hand-loom weavers' workshop.

**6** A Hundred years ago Cwmhiraeth was a busy industrial village with mills and weaving shops.

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