



Waterfall Country Visitor Guide

Created by The Angel Inn, Pontneddfechan

Nearby walks

- Sgwd Gwladus out-and-back
 - Start: Pontneddfechan village, through the gate to the right of The Angel
 - Distance and time: approx 3 miles, 1.5–2 hours
 - Summary: Riverside path to the elegant Sgwd Gwladus, with options to continue to Sgwd y Pannwr. Some rocky sections, can be muddy.
 - Notes: Take care near the water. Paths can be slippery after rain.
- Sgwd yr Eira trail
 - Start: Signed car parks near Afon Mellte, north of the village
 - Distance and time: approx 2.5–3.5 miles, 1.5–2.5 hours depending on route
 - Summary: Woodland walk to the famous waterfall where you can walk behind the curtain. Steep, stepped sections.
 - Notes: Rocks are very slippery. Keep back from edges. Expect spray.
- Sychryd Gorge Stroll
 - Start: Dinas Rock car park
 - Distance and time: approx 1–1.5 miles, 45–75 minutes
 - Summary: Short, dramatic path into a narrow gorge with roaring falls. Some uneven stone steps and narrow sections.
 - Notes: Hold hands with little ones. Keep dogs close.

Parking tips

- Arrive early or later in the day at weekends and school holidays as on road parking is limited
- Use signed car parks in Pontneddfechan, Dinas Rock and Sgwd yr Eira trailheads. Avoid blocking lanes or gateways and remember The Angel carpark is for customers only WHILST they are customers and ANPR system is in operation
- If a car park is full, please try another rather than parking on verges.



Safety and trail advice

- Footwear: Wear sturdy shoes or boots with good grip. Trails can be wet, muddy and rocky.
- Water: Stay well back from river edges and fast water. Do not climb barriers or fences.
- Weather: Conditions change fast in the gorges. Pack waterproofs and warm layers.
- Phones: Signal can be patchy. Download a map or take a photo of the info board at the start.
- Children: Keep close supervision near water, drops and steps.
- Dogs: Dogs are welcome on the paths but keep them close and bring a lead as there are livestock around and some high drops.
- Leave no trace: Take litter home, stick to waymarked paths, and protect plants and wildlife.

Facilities

- Toilets: Public toilets available in Pontneddfechan.
- Food and drink: The Angel Inn serves hot & cold drinks, cask ales, homecooked food and has a bar dedicated to those with dogs or with muddy boots alongside the large outdoor area and main bar and restaurant
- Equipment: No special gear needed for the popular paths, just good footwear, layers and water.

Busy periods

- Peak times are late mornings to mid-afternoons on fine weekends and school holidays. Plan early starts or evening strolls for a quieter visit.

Getting help

- In an emergency, call 999 and ask for Mountain Rescue. Give your location as clearly as possible.

After your walk

- Warm up with a hot chocolate, a pint or a hearty meal at The Angel Inn. If you are a group, feel free to let us know your ETA so we can help you find a table.



Route Maps are available from The Angel for £2