





## Weatherman Walking

## Carneddau

This is now the track you'll be following all the way to Bwlch y Ddeufaen and back.

There are a few smaller tracks and paths leading from it, but our walk stays on this one for just over two miles up and then back.



### Roman Road from Segontium to Chester

This ancient track connected the Roman Fort at Caernarfon (Segontium) with the Roman Legionary Base (Deva) at Chester.

The fort remains can be found on the outskirts of Caernarfon, and was founded around AD 77. It was the main Roman Fort in the north of Roman Wales and designed to hold about 1,000 auxiliary infantry. These were needed to control the local rebellious tribes, and to keep hold of the produce from Anglesey's breadbasket.

Segontium survived until the end of the Roman occupation of Britain, and was the most important military base and administrative centre in this part of Britain, so this Roman Road to Chester would have been alive with marching soldiers and a busy trade route across the mountains.



This ancient Roman Road stretches all the way from Caernarfon to Chester.

Sticking to the track, take time to look at the landscape around you, and notice the many remains of the medieval farmers who lived and worked up here. There are also many prehistoric remains up on the Carneddau such as standing stones and Cairns, you'll see these marked on your OS map.

After a while you'll arrive at a crossroads, signposted Llanfairfechan, Aber, Rowen and Drum, with great views out over the Irish Sea. It's also a lovely spot to watch the wild Carneddau Mountain Ponies that roam freely up here.



Taking the high road to Rowen. This crossroads is a great place to rest like the Romans and enjoy the views.

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**Carneddau Mountain Ponies** (SH 693 722)

This hardy breed has survived up here since the age of the Celts. They are one of the wildest animals in Britain and are completely untouched. They are also the only remaining wild mountain ponies left in Britain.

They play a vital role in the local ecology of the mountain and are a joy to see still grazing the hillside.



These truly wild Carneddau mountain ponies have survived up here for hundreds of years and are a great addition to the walk.

**There is also another hidden gem here – the remains of a Roman game etched into a nearby rock. But it takes some finding!**

**Facing the sea, stand next to the signpost and begin to turn a little to your right. Look for a granite marker bisecting the angle between the road to Rowen and the track coming from Llanfairfechan, an angle of about 36 degrees. Head for the marker and once there, walk another 30 metres in the same direction, and look for a flat bit of rock with a grid scratched into it.**

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### Nine Men's Morris (SH 6937 7229)

Nine Men's Morris is a strategy board game for two players that emerged from the Roman Empire.

It's unsure when this board was created here, possibly by the Roman soldiers but most probably a game to pass the time between drovers who would meet at these cross roads.

Each player starts the game with nine 'men' and needs to line up three men along the grid to create a mill. Once a mill is made, an opponent's man is taken. This continues until a player is down to two men and therefore unable to make any more mills.



It's tricky to find, but this ancient stone carved board game can still be played today! Just make sure you learn the rules first.

**Re-join the main track, gradually climbing higher and higher until you eventually arrive at a gate with the track leading off downhill.**

**You have now reached Bwlch Y Ddeufaen, so it's time to turn around and head back the way you came enjoying sea views over Anglesey.**



Derek, Terry and Malcom are completely unaware they are being followed by a low-flying object - as our new Weatherman drone films their every move.