

Waun Mawn Preseli Hills

Short Walk



SCALE: 0 200 400 m

DISTANCE/DURATION: 0.6 miles (1.0 km) 30 minutes

CHARACTER: From the B4329 road walk along bridleway/farm lane for 50 metres, then walk up slope along track and across moorland to standing stones. Uneven and boggy ground, reasonably gentle gradients, paths with natural surfaces.

LOOK OUT FOR: Prehistoric standing stones constructed by ancient people. Some of these stones may have formed part of a large circle and may be associated with stones at Stonehenge.

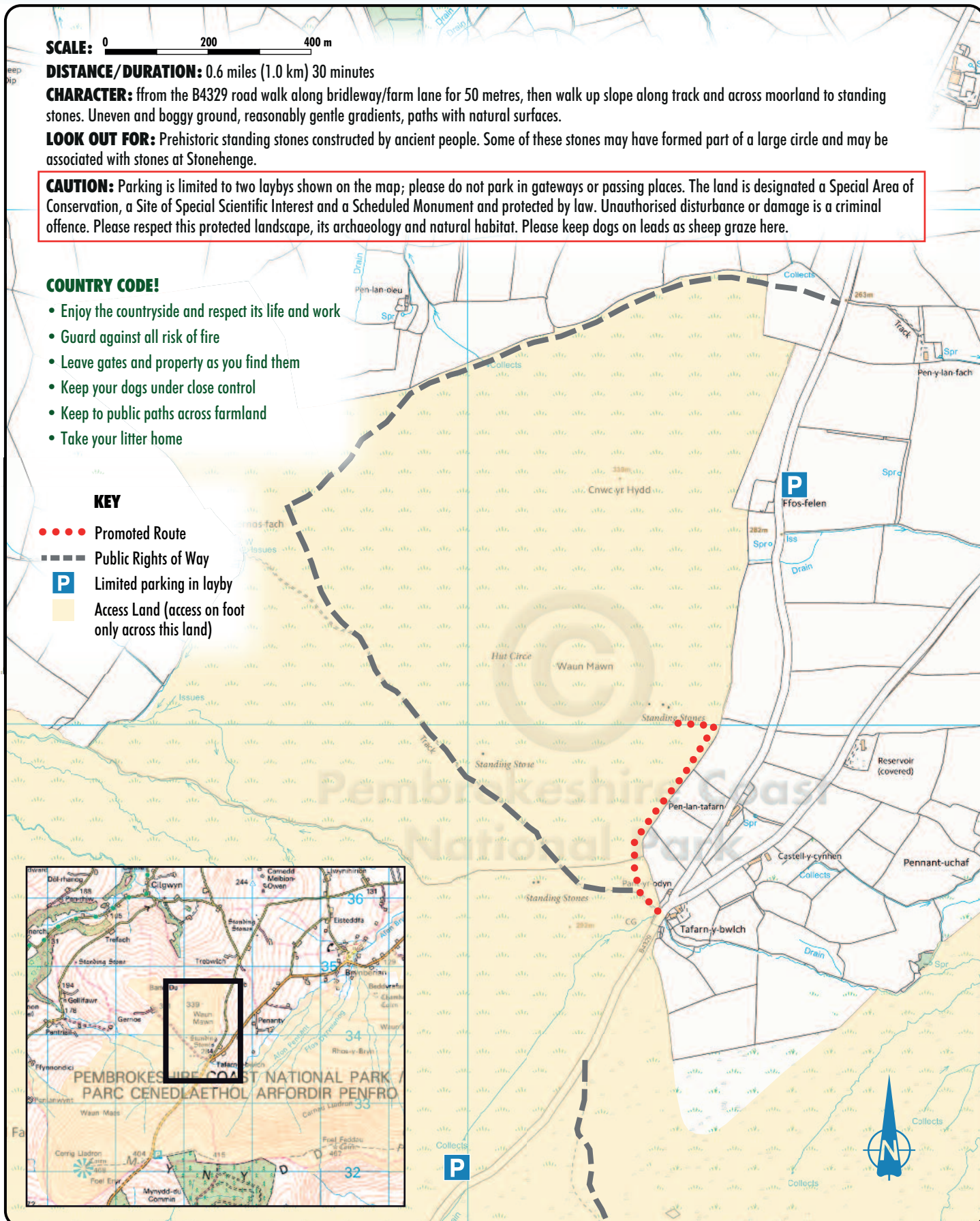
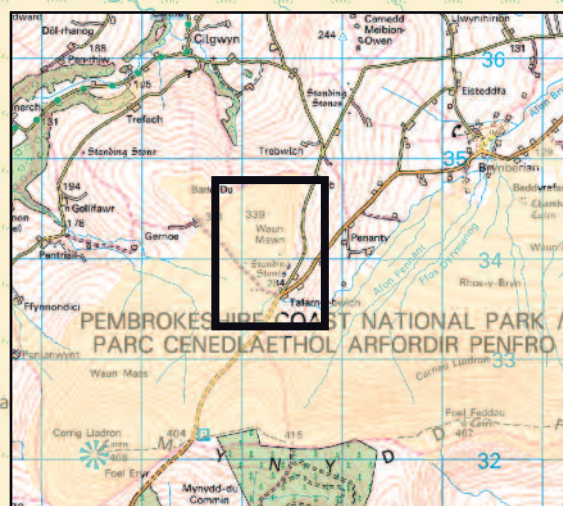
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COUNTRY CODE!

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Keep your dogs under close control
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Take your litter home

KEY

- ● ● ● Promoted Route
- — — Public Rights of Way
- P** Limited parking in layby
- Access Land (access on foot only across this land)



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Waun Mawn and the surrounding landscape contains a number of nationally important archaeological features, which includes a number of large standing stones scattered across the landscape. These are dated to prehistory and were constructed by ancient people.

The area known as Waun Mawn contains standing stones with the westernmost stone standing close to the track. Further east, the site contains a standing stone and also ones that now lay flat. This suggests that more stones used to stand in the past and may have formed part of a large stone circle.

Archaeologists researching the site more recently believe that some of the standing stones that composed the circle, now stand at Stonehenge. According to dating evidence from Waun Mawn, the stones that remain at the site pre-date Stonehenge. As such, some consider that the stones used in the circle at Waun Mawn were dismantled and then transported to Stonehenge where they were used in its construction.

While it is tempting to conclude that this accurately reflects the story at Waun Mawn, research at the site is ongoing.

As such, it is only through the collection of further data that it will be possible to provide a more definitive conclusion as to this interpretation.

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Standing stone at the eastern portion of Waun Mawn with one of the former standing stones laying flat in the background.



Standing stone at the westernmost portion of the site near the track.