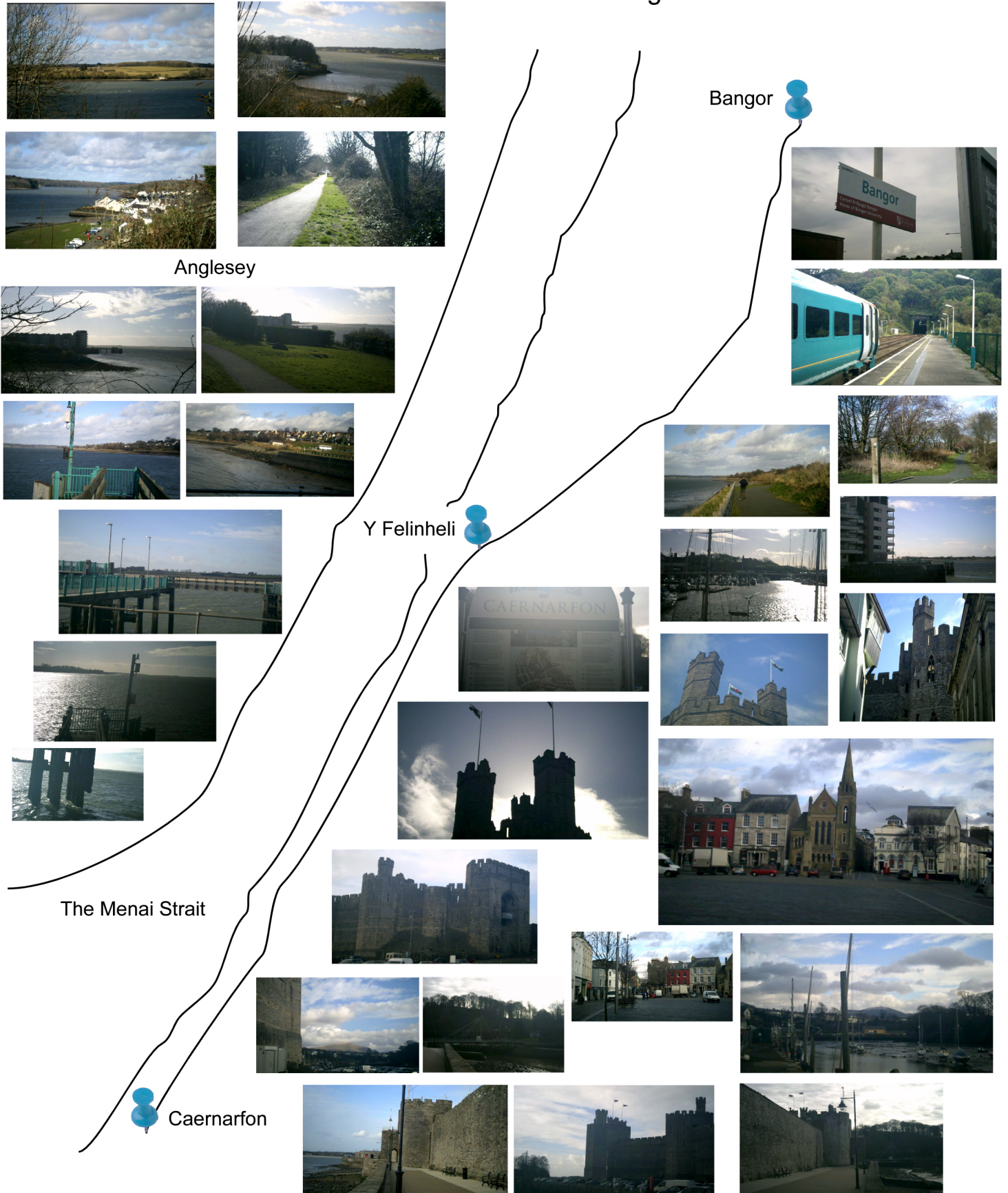


Bangor to Caernarvon and back



For a while I had wanted to visit Caernarvon, but since the train did not go all the way down to the town I knew it would have to be by bus. I wasn't sure whether the steam train traveled all the way to pwlheli, and getting to pwlheli takes a day by train since you have to go down to shrewsbury, then along the centre of Wales to Machynlleth and then up the Cambrian coast up to Barmouth, Harlech and Porthmadog. Don't get me wrong it is a very scenic route and I especially like traveling along Barmouth bridge, but it takes too long and I wanted to try to get to Caernarvon in a day. I then started to wonder about walking it, I knew it was about 8 or 9 miles from Bangor and now I am glad I did. The walk is perhaps still one of my favourites since about half of it is along a good cycle path as you walk alongside the Menai Strait. The first part is by road from Bangor, but there is a pavement (Which is always a good sign). There is a section of the road where you have to come off, but you quickly rejoin the road further on until you reach the proper cycle path which leads you into Caernarvon. There was quite a strong wind but it was quite sunny as you can see from the pictures, however, it did rain a bit as I arrived back at Bangor. The walk took me about 6 hours and I arrived in good time for the last train back. By Philip Catherall