Craig y Fron, Y Bala

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Route Overview

Distance: 4.5km (2.8 miles)

Duration: 2 hours

Route type: Circular

⚠ Before you start

Read the safety and route grading information on the Snowdonia National Park Authority website before you start your journey.

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Leave Llyn Tegid car park and follow the main road towards Y Bala for approximately 500m. Take the first left towards the golf course. The road gradually ascends, and you will pass a few houses along the way.



The road now becomes a narrow country road. Pass the entrances to Fronderw and Maes Awelon.



Continue to the top of the hill. Enjoy the view of the Berwyn mountains. Note the network of farms in the valley and the ancient grazing woodland on the hill to your right.



Start descending and pass the entrance to the golf club. Follow the track to Hendre-ddu. Pass a house and kennels keeping to the right of the fence. Cross two stiles and follow the path along tall hazel hedgerows. You will get to a derelict building.



Go straight through the gap to the following field and follow the upper boundary down to the disused Craig y Fron Stone Quarry, with its 400m long cave held up by thick stone pillars. Cross the stile and follow the fence back towards the town, Y Bala.



Cross another stile and follow the grassy lane. Turn left and stop to admire Pen-rhiw cottage, the home of Betsi Cadwaladr, a local nurse who worked with Florence Nightingale. Follow the footpath sign to the right, cross the stile and continue along the bottom of the field. Go through the gate leading to the main road and return to Y Bala.