




Cwm Idwal, Ogwen

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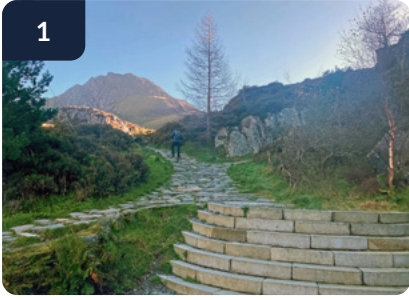
Route Overview

-  Distance: 5km (3.1 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.

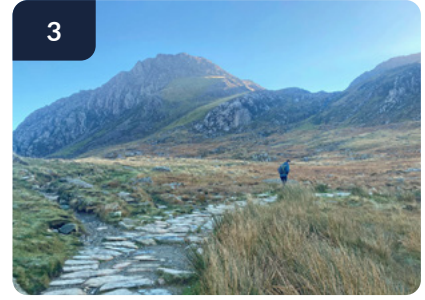
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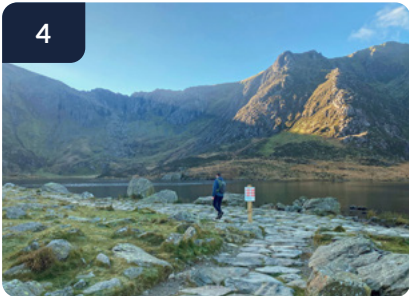
1 As you exit the car park, aim towards the far end of Canolfan Ogwen Centre, where you will find a small flight of stone steps. Go up the steps and follow the stone path ahead. Do not take the quarry trail on your right.



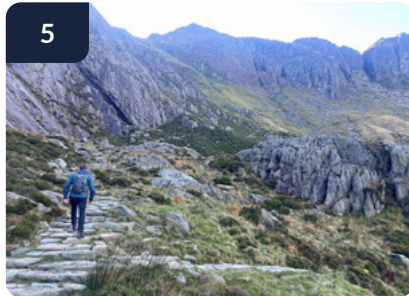
2 As you follow the path, you will pass a viewpoint with slate pillars standing in a circular formation. Peek through the holes in the pillars to discover the surrounding peaks. Continue along the path, passing through an iron gate and crossing a bridge.



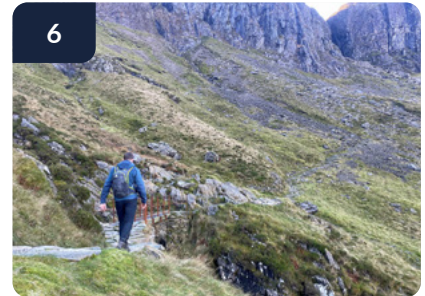
3 Follow the route as it gradually ascends until you reach a fork in the path. Bear right at the fork and continue until you reach the lake's shore.



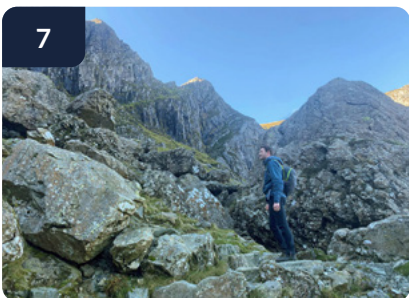
4 At the lake's shore, follow the path to the left. The route will take you around the lake in a clockwise direction. Continue to follow the trail along the lake's shore, passing through a kissing gate.



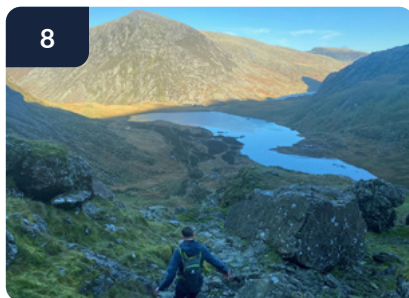
5 The route gets gradually steeper as you begin to approach the far end of the lake. You will come across a junction at this point. Follow the path to the left. Turning right will take you along the shorter route.



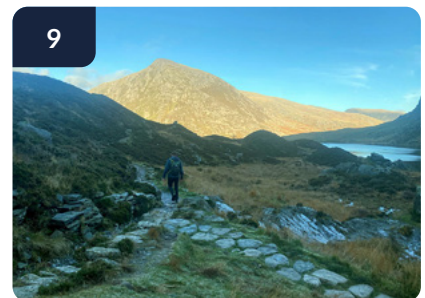
6 Continue along the path and make your way up the steep steps. Cross the scree, go over a bridge and continue towards Twll Du (Devil's Kitchen). Take care at this point, especially if it is icy. The ground underfoot can be very slippery.



7 As you continue to ascend, you will arrive at a large boulder where the path takes a sharp 90-degree turn upwards to the left. Continue to follow the path.



8 Take care as you descend back down towards the lake and keep following the path as it heads back to the lake's shore. Note that one part of the path scrambles over a few boulders.



9 Continue along the path towards the lake's eastern end. As you start to approach the end of the lake, you will reach a gate that will lead you onto a gravelly beach.



Walk over the slate bridge and turn left to follow your footsteps back to the Ogwen car park.