

Snowdonia National Park Authority Promoted Routes

Fisherman's Path and Cwm Bychan, Beddgelert

HARD/STRENUOUS



Route Overview

- OP Distance: 10km (6.2 miles)
- Duration: 5 hours
- O Route type: Circular

A 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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Walk from the car park towards the main road, turning left past the Tourist Information Centre.



Head towards the bridge at the centre of the village. Walk along the narrow road between the large bridge and Tŷ Isaf (National Trust building) and follow the sign for Gelert's Grave.



Before the footbridge, turn right and follow the footpath along the bank of the River Glaslyn.



Within approximately 200m, turn right to visit 'Gelert's Grave'.



Continue past 'Gelert's Grave' on your right.



Carry on along the path to rejoin the riverside footpath and turn right to continue the walk.



Keep walking along the riverside footpath through a wooden gate with two fish carved into the woodwork. The gate denotes the beginning of the Fisherman's path.



Cross the footbridge beside the railway bridge and go through two kissing gates that cross the railway line. Take care when crossing.



Follow the footpath along the River Glaslyn but be careful, as it can get extremely slippery in places. Take special care as you round Craig y Fwtres, which is very narrow.



Cross a wooden footbridge.



When Aberglaslyn Bridge comes into view, follow the footpath as it climbs left up the stone steps.



This part of the footpath goes through a beautiful copse to a wooden gate.



Follow the sign for Cwm Bychan car park, keeping right. (Toilets are available here).



As you approach the car park, head towards the tunnel which runs underneath the railway line.



Follow the path through a wood, and after passing through a gate, continue the gradual climb up Cwm Bychan.



After around 600m, you will be rewarded with spectacular views of Cnicht and the Moelwynion on your right and Traeth Bychan behind you.



After a further 500m, you will pass the remains of pylons from a disused mine.



After you pass the last pylon, follow the footpath up the valley.



After around 100m, you will come to a fork in the path, take the right-hand path and continue up the valley.



At the head of the valley, climb over the stile and follow the footpath sign to your left. You will now be rewarded with spectacular views of Snowdon on your left and Moel Siabod and Nant Gwynant ahead of you.



When you reach a junction by the old copper mining site of Llwyndu, follow the path to the right towards Llyn Dinas.



As the path descends steeply, Llyn Dinas will come into view.



When you reach the lake, follow the footpath to the left.



Go through the kissing gate and carry on past the bridge keeping the river on your right-hand side.



After 500m, go through another kissing gate.



When you reach the tarmac road, turn left, walk past the entrance to Tŷ Hen on your right and follow the road towards the Sygun Copper Mine.



By the entrance to the mine, take a right and follow the public footpath along the tarmac road.



Follow the road for just over 1km until you reach a bridge crossing over the river to the main road. Go through the kissing gate on your left and follow the footpath for a further 300m.



Having gone through two kissing gates, follow the footpath straight ahead between a row of houses. You will pass another row of houses by the green at the river.



Go over the footbridge and follow the same route you took at the start of your journey towards the car park.