



Snowdonia National Park Authority Promoted Routes

Rhyd Ddu Path, Yr Wyddfa

HARD/STRENUOUS



Route Overview

- Distance: 12km (7.5 miles)
- Duration: 6 hours
- Route type: There and back again

Before you start

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

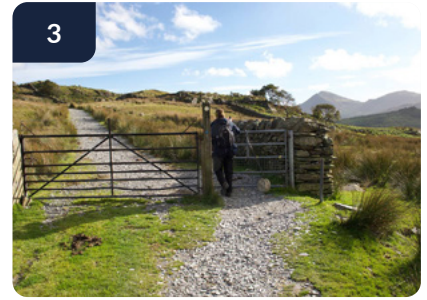
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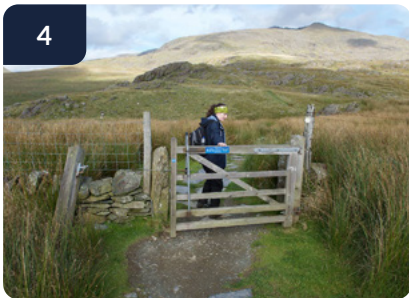
With your back to the main road, go to the left past the public toilets and continue to the far end of the car park. Go through the gate on the right and cross over the railway – remember to shut the gates. Follow the track ahead.



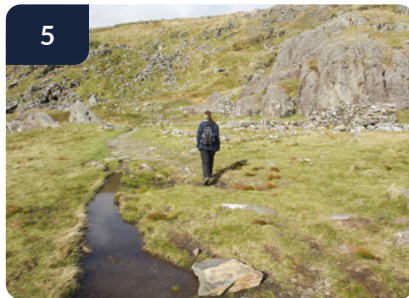
Go to the right when the track forks, and around the vehicle barrier. The private track to the left goes to Ffridd Isaf farm.



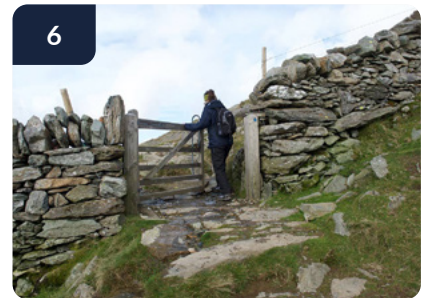
After going through the gate near a shed you will reach another gate. From here the path veers to the left and climbs gradually towards Pen ar Lôn. In a while, you will reach two adjacent gates.



After the two adjacent gates, keep an eye out for a standing stone and a gate on your left hand side. Go through the gate and follow the path that leads over rushy and marshy terrain. You will shortly reach another gate with sheep pens on the left on the other side.



The path will shortly begin to climb steeper and rougher underfoot and eventually you will arrive at the ruins of an old stone hut.



From the ruins the path climbs steeply over rocky terrain. After the next gate you will come out on the shoulder of Llechog ridge. Follow the path that leads up to the right towards the ridge.



Follow the path that leads over open and rocky ground.



The visitor centre and summit cairn will soon come into sight in the distance.



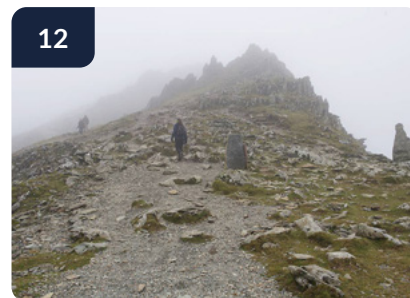
Go through another gate in a stone wall.



From the last gate the path continues to follow the Llechog ridge around Cwm Clogwyn, before zigzagging up towards Bwlch Main. At the top of the zigzag section the path becomes very narrow with a steep slope below. Take care on this section, especially in bad weather, and keep to the path. When there is snow and ice on the ground this final section becomes a serious undertaking and should only be attempted by experienced walkers carrying the appropriate equipment.



After traversing the slope you will see the South Ridge path join in from the right. The spot where the two paths meet marks the start of Bwlch Main, also known as the "Saddle" (on your way back down to Rhyd Ddu, remember to bear right here).



Shortly, the Watkin Path will join the Rhyd Ddu Path from the right – at a spot marked with a standing stone. From here the path climbs steeply and rocky all the way to the summit.