



Snowdonia National Park Authority Promoted Routes

Waen-orer Ridge, Dinas Mawddwy

HARD/STRENUOUS



Route Overview

- Distance: 14km (8.6 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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Walk out of the car park, turn right and walk uphill along the road. When you reach the A470 main road, cross the road carefully and turn right walking along the grass verge of the A470.



Soon you will reach a lay-by. At the end of the lay-by, follow the signposted footpath on your left that leads uphill through the woods of Coed Foeldinas until you reach a forestry track. Upon reaching the track, turn right and walk for approximately 130m before turning off the track to the left along the signposted footpath.



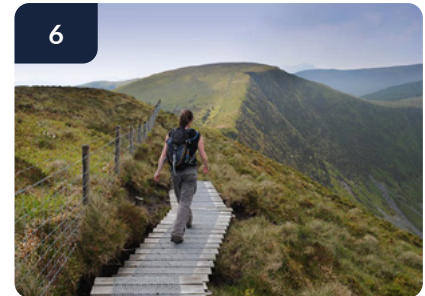
Ascend the steep zigzag stepped footpath up through the woods until you reach a step-over stile. Cross the stile and make your way across the boardwalk. Follow the footpath along the fence and under the overhanging trees. Keep following the waymarkers as the path steadily climbs round the slopes of Foel Dinas.



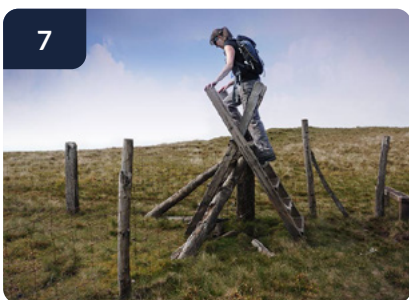
Follow the footpath to the far end of the valley, crossing a stile before reaching Bwlch Siglen. Continue along the fence line, following the footpath as it ascends steeply uphill, keeping the forest on your left. Do not cross the step-over stile into the forest. As you reach the fence at the upper end of the forest, turn right following the fence line uphill towards Cae Afon.



After walking uphill for around 1 mile, cross a step-over stile on your left and head in the direction of Cader Idris.



Descend along the footpath, keeping the fence line on your left before walking uphill to the summit of a hill which stands at 587 feet. Keep ascending to the summit of Craig Portas.



Descend Craig Portas to the pass and then climb the slopes of Cribin Fawr in front of you, keeping the fence and the forestry on your left. Keep following the fence line until you reach two stiles. Cross the ladder stile on your left.



Now follow the path downhill keeping the fence on your right and the forest on your left. Descend until you reach another stile. Cross the stile and climb through the trees towards the summit of Waun-oer. You will see the summit cairn on your right.



Carry on along the footpath keeping the fence on your right and walk along the long ridge towards Mynydd Ceiswyn.



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In approximately 2.5 km, you will reach a ladder stile on the right. Cross the stile and follow the public footpath down the hill. Aim towards the stone wall at the bottom-right corner of the field and look out for a gap in the fence to cross the tarmac road.



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Cross the road and head through a gate. Turn left and walk along the tarmac road. Then turn right to follow the footpath downhill alongside the stone wall towards Bwlch Llyn Bach pass.



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As you reach the A487 main road, rather than crossing the stile, follow the permissive footpath that goes alongside the main road keeping the fence on your right. You will be passing Llam y Lladron on your left. Cross the stile at the end of the permissive path and carefully cross the road into the Bwlch Llyn Bach pass car park.