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Hazards

Always prepare for the weather at the top as it may be very different to that at the hostel. The higher parts of the route regularly have low visibility, make sure you know where you are at all times and have a map and compass or app for navigation. In winter conditions the route will become dangerous, especially if low visibility or covered in snow and ice, and will require mountaineering skills and equipment. Steep drops alongside the ridge from the Ranger Path to the summit.

Accessibility

This is a physical route with steep and rocky paths. Snowdon can be very busy, especially at the weekends and in the holidays! Consider walking it at quieter times, or perhaps another peak if you have the navigational skills to do so.

Facilities

Hafod Eryri, the summit building (toilets & café) is open when trains are running to the summit. Usually, daily from mid-May to the end of October, 10.00 until late afternoon. Closes early if windy. Cafe at the Halfway House (seasonal, no toilets).

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Ensure you are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for the route and weather, and that you take the right kit – learn more at yha.org.uk/walk-skills.
- Download the OS Maps and what3words apps to your phone.
- To be able to contact emergency services by text visit relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms or text 'register' to 999.
- For more information on staying safe in the outdoors visit adventuresmart.uk.
- Complete a route notification card (yha.org.uk/route-card) to provide essential information for the Emergency Services if you do not return when expected.
- Check all members of the group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.

In case of emergency:

- Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.
- To attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash a torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location, number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to yha.org.uk/map-guidance

If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk

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Snowdon / Yr Wyddfa walk



YHA Snowdon Llanberis

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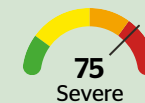
Mountain walk

A scenic route to popular Snowdon / Yr Wyddfa, the tallest mountain in England and Wales. Spectacular views across Snowdonia / Eryri and to Ireland and Scotland on a good day.

Distance: 11 miles (17.7km)

Ascent: 1,063m (3,488ft)

Time: Allow 7h to 10h 30m



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Route directions

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL17)

Snowdon / Yr Wyddfa

Start/Finish: Grid ref SH 574 597

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- 1 From the hostel head along the driveway and turn left onto the road.
- 2 Pass through a gate, turn left onto a well prepared path and continue to Bwlch Maesgwm.
- 3 Pass through the boundary gate and head downhill.
- 4 Turn left to join the Ranger Path and continue along Clogwyn Du'r Arddu.

- 5 Pass the standing stone and cross the Snowdon Mountain Railway track.
- 6 At the next standing stone turn right to join the Llanberis Path and follow it to the summit of Snowdon / Yr Wyddfa.
- 7 From the summit retrace the route to the top of the Ranger Path.
- 8 Follow the Llanberis Path downhill, to the right of the railway track.
- 9 Bear left to pass under the railway track and stay on the main path.
- 10 Pass the building at Halfway House.
- 11 Follow the path under the railway track.
- 12 To head into Llanberis before returning to the hostel continue ahead and turn right at the road. To go straight back to the hostel turn left at the stile and cross a field towards the station.
- 13 Cross the railway tracks near the station and head towards a derelict building.
- 14 At the ruin turn right onto a grass path which becomes a gravel track.
- 15 Follow the track over the river.
- 16 Turn right and retrace the route to the hostel.

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1km / 3/4 mile

Steep gradient

over 20% over 30%

Café/Takeaway/Shop

Toilets

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.