

## Your Adventure Your Way

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## Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk ([metoffice.gov.uk](https://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](https://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](https://relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms) or text 'register' to 999.
- For more information on staying safe in the outdoors visit [adventuresmart.uk](https://adventuresmart.uk).

## In case of emergency:

- Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to [yha.org.uk/map-guidance](https://yha.org.uk/map-guidance)

If you encounter problems with this route contact [walking@yha.org.uk](mailto:walking@yha.org.uk)

Walking has been at the heart of YHA since 1930, helping people access the great outdoors. Today, YHA continues to make adventures possible with mapped routes and affordable hostel stays across England and Wales. Our hostels are ideal for walkers, with drying rooms, self-catering kitchens, and great trails from the doorstep. We're committed to making adventure accessible to everyone, with walks for all abilities and guided walking events that connect people to nature, heritage, and each other.

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# Cwm Idwal walk



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## YHA Idwal Cottage

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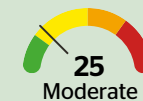
## Hill and lakeside walk

A great walk to Llyn Idwal which is surrounded by steep, high crags and scree slopes. With lots for geologists and botanists to enjoy this stunning route provides great views across the Ogwen valley and surrounding peaks.

**Distance:** 2.6 miles (4.2km)

**Ascent:** 117m (384ft)

**Time:** Allow 1h 15m to 2h



**Facilities** (see map)

Toilets and shop near the hostel.



**No seats** on the route



**Not** wheelchair accessible



**Not** a touch free route



**Not** pushchair accessible



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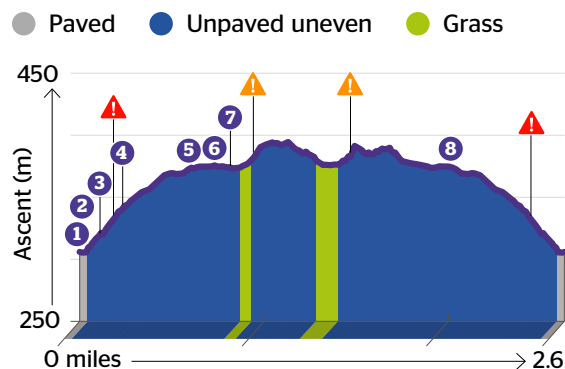
## Route directions

**Map:** OS Explorer 1:25k (OL17) Snowdon / Yr Wyddfa

**Start/Finish:** Grid ref SH 648 603

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- 1 From the hostel turn right and pass the Visitor Centre.
- 2 At the information board turn right onto the stone path, then bear left.
- 3 Cross the wooden footbridge over Afon Idwal.
- 4 Bear right to stay on the main path.
- 5 At the lake turn right, cross the bridge, then turn left to pass through the gate and onto the path beside the lake.
- 6 Bear left down to waterside and walk over the shingle beach.
- 7 Pass through an opening in the wall and follow the path around the lake.
- 8 Just before the bridge turn right and retrace the route to the hostel.



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