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Hazards

Always prepare for the weather at Snowdon summit as it may be very different to that at the hostel. There are steep drops in places alongside the path from the large standing stone to the summit, take extra care in windy conditions. There are steep sections on the Miners track descent. 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.

Accessibility

This route requires physical fitness as it includes steep and uneven paths in places. Snowdon can be very busy, especially at the weekends and in the holidays! Consider walking this route 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. Toilets in Pen-y-Pass car park (seasonal) and toilets and refreshments available in the café at YHA.

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 via Pyg and Miners' Tracks walk



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YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass

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Mountain walk

A classic route to the summit of the tallest mountain in England and Wales – Snowdon/Yr Wyddfa. Heading up on the Pyg Track and down on the Miners' Track, there are spectacular views across Snowdonia/Eryri and to Ireland and Scotland on a good day.

Distance: 7.6 miles (12.2km)

Ascent: 823m (2,700ft)

Time: Allow 5h to 7h 30m



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Route directions

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

Start/Finish: Grid ref SH 647 556

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- 1 From the hostel cross the road to the car park.
- 2 Pass the entrance to the Warden building, head up the steps to the upper car park and turn right to join the Pyg Track. The path is obvious and easy to follow, and soon becomes steep and rocky.
- 3 Follow signs for Snowdon, pass over a pair of stiles and continue on the path.
- 4 Head up the zig-zag path to a standing stone and turn left to the summit. At times this final stretch of path can be very busy and queues can form to touch the summit.
- 5 From the summit retrace your steps to the standing stone at the top of the Pyg Track.
- 6 Turn right at the standing stone to head back down the path you came up.
- 7 Shortly after the zig-zag section of path there is a smaller standing stone, which marks the start of the Miners' Track. Turn right and follow the obvious path, which is steep in places and includes stepping stones.
- 8 Follow the good path around to the left of the small lake (Glaslyn) and continue to the larger lake (Llyn Llydaw).
- 9 Follow the path beside the Llyn Llydaw, pass old mine buildings, cross the causeway, the follow the path back to the car park and to the hostel.

