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Hazards

This is a reasonably high-level route so proper preparation and equipment is necessary. 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 for navigation. In winter conditions the route will become slippery and dangerous, especially when covered in snow and ice – winter clothing and footwear will be required. Steep section on the way up the Pyg Track. Steep drops on both sides of the path across The Horns. Grass sections on The Horns path may be slippery after rain.

Accessibility

This route requires some physical fitness and includes steep and uneven paths. The Pyg Track is a well-made path, but is steep and rocky in places. The path across the Horns is mainly grass, it initially follows close to the fence line and is faint in places. The Miner's Track is a well-made path.

Facilities

Toilets in the car park (seasonal) and toilets and refreshments available in the café at YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass.

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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The Horns walk



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YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass

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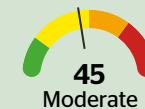
Hill walk

A brilliant short route in this popular location, away from the crowds. Stunning views throughout of Snowdon Horseshoe, Llyn Llydaw, the Glyders and Llanberis Pass. A fun alternative to longer routes in the area and great if you do not have much time.

Distance: 2.3 miles (3.7km)

Ascent: 280m (919ft)

Time: Allow 1h 30m to 2h 15m



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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 On the approach to Bwlch y Moch a dry stone wall runs alongside the path, shortly after there are signs for Snowdon and a pair of stiles. Do not cross the stiles – turn sharp left, almost back on yourself, onto the grassy path.
- 4 There is no laid path so follow the trodden way alongside the fence line as it winds its way down and around The Horns – take care to avoid the steep drops.
- 5 After passing The Horns the path crosses the fence line, follow the path down to the Miners' Track.
- 6 Turn left onto the Miners' Track and follow the good path to the car park and to the hostel.

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