



YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass

Snowdon, Pyg and Miners'

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Mountain walk

Distance: 7.5 miles (12km)

Ascent: 824m (2,703ft)

Time: Allow 5h to 7h 30m



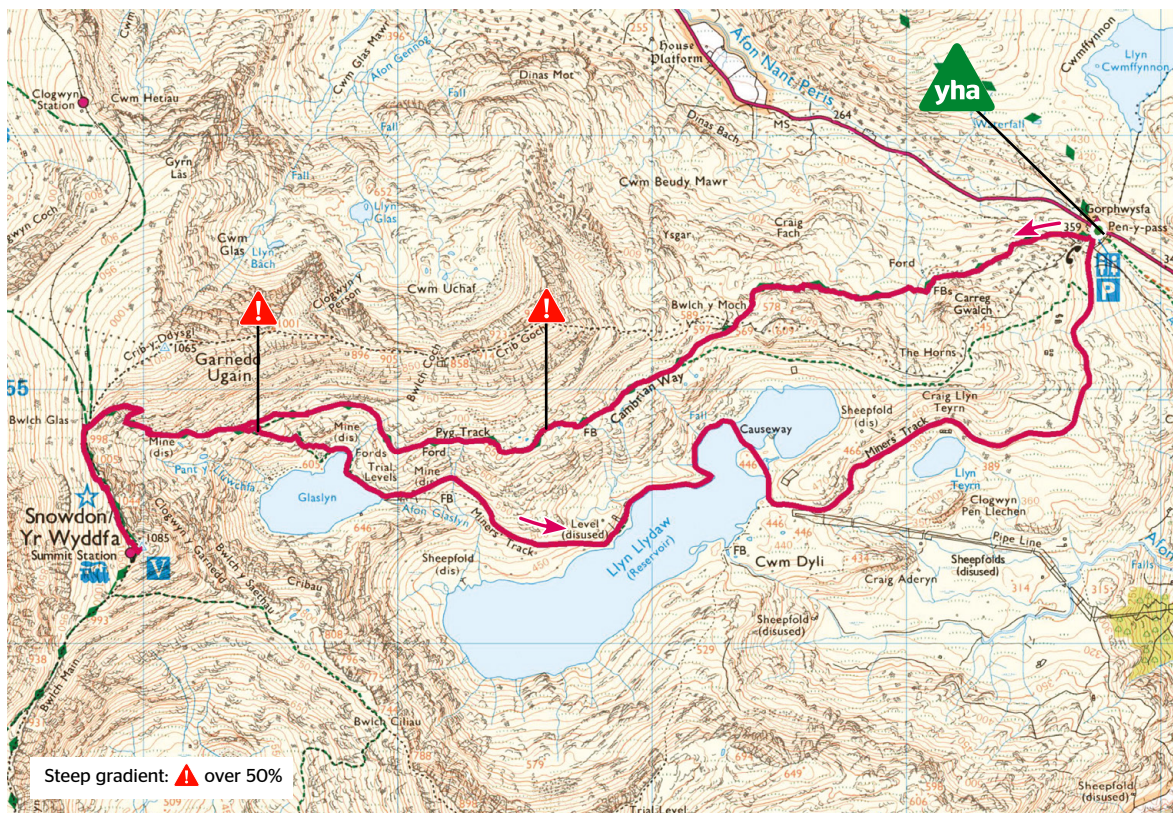
Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL17) Snowdon / Yr Wyddfa

Start/Finish: OS Locate SH 647 556 **what3words** ///wage.rebel.mason

A classic Snowdon route heading up on the Pyg Track and returning on the Miners' Track. From the hostel cross the road to the car park, turn right to pass the building and join the Pyg Track. The path is obvious and easy to follow and soon becomes steep and rocky. On the approach to Bwlch y Moch a dry stone wall runs alongside the path, shortly after follow signs for Snowdon and pass over a pair of stiles. Continue on the path, up the zig-zags 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. From the summit retrace your steps to the standing stone and head back down the path you came up. Shortly after the zig zags there is a smaller standing stone, which marks the start of the Miners' Track. Turn right onto this path, it is steep in places but has stepping stones and an obvious path to the small lake. Follow the path to Llyn Llydaw, pass old mine buildings and cross the causeway. Follow the good path back to the hostel.

Hazards

Always prepare for the weather at the top 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 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 is not accessible for wheelchairs or pushchairs. It requires physical fitness and has steep and uneven paths in places. 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.

Points of interest

Snowdon is the tallest mountain in England and Wales, when the visibility is good there are spectacular views from the summit of Snowdonia, Anglesey, the Llyn Peninsula and across the Irish Sea to the Isle of Man and Ireland. The route contains remnants of mining works, especially near Llyn Llydaw.

Facilities

Hafod Eryri, the summit café, toilets and visitor centre open seasonally (weather permitting), otherwise no facilities on route. Toilets in the car park (seasonal) and toilets and refreshments available in the café at YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass.

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.



Thank you for choosing to walk from our hostel.
We hope you have a great time.

Walking in the national landscapes of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. With hostels on National Trails, in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, YHA plays a unique role in the nation's walking community.

To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast (mwis.org.uk).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes (tidetimes.org.uk).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) (relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms).
- Plan your walk by completing the YHA route notification card it helps Emergency Services if you get into difficulties or fail to return from your walk when anticipated (yha.org.uk/route-card).
- Ensure your entire group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.uk

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

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



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What to wear

- Base layer and mid layer.
- Walking trousers.
- Warm jacket(s).
- Take extra layer(s).
- Hat, gloves and neck gaiter.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning walking socks.
- Walking shoes or boots.

Kit

- Map, compass and GPS device or OS Map app on your phone.
- Water, lunch and high energy snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Head torch, spare batteries.
- Watch.
- Whistle and survival bag.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

You might also want to take

- Spare socks, hat, gloves.
- Balaclava.
- Leg gaiters.
- Waterproof baseball cap (handy if you wear glasses).
- Walking poles.

- Bivi bag or group shelter.
- Spare food and hot drink.
- Duct tape (handy for fixing things).
- Penknife or multitool.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.
- Plastic bags to take away your rubbish or dog poo.

In case of emergency

- Call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and ask for the Police.
- Use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.
- If you need to attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash your torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location (grid reference), number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.
- Help could be some time coming so whilst waiting make the casualty comfortable.
- Keep the casualty warm and dry using spare clothing. Use coats or rucksacks to insulate them from the ground.
- Remember the rest of the group could be getting cold whilst waiting. Use an emergency shelter or find a sheltered location.