




Snowdon Ranger, Snowdon

HARD/STRENUOUS



Route Overview

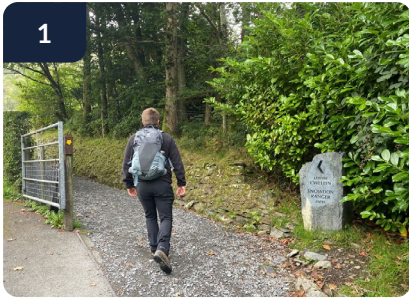
-  Distance: 13km (8 miles)
-  Duration: 6 hours
-  Route type: There and back again



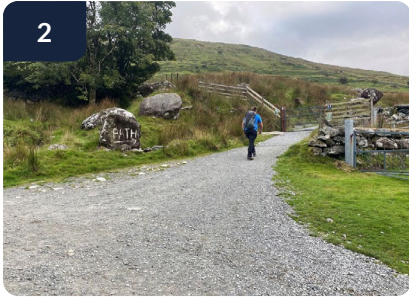
Before you start

Read the safety and route grading information on the Snowdonia National Park Authority website before you start your journey.

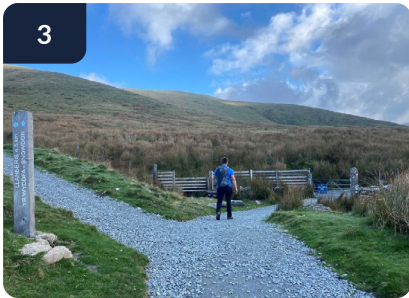
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Across the road and to the right of the car park entrance you will see a standing stone and a bridleway sign. Follow the sign that directs you along the path to the right of the entrance to Cae'r Orsaf. Follow the fenced path to the gate and turn right over the train tracks, through a gate beside the cattle grid and continue towards Llwyn Onn farmhouse.



Once you pass the farmhouse the path will fork. Go to the right and through the gate. You will shortly reach another gate, after which the path will zigzag up the mountain pasture. Please keep to the path and don't take shortcuts – the public right of way is along the path only.



At the top of the zig-zag section you will go through a gate. On your left are Moel Goch and Moel Cynghorion, with the pass of Bwlch Maesgwm in between. A public footpath runs from here to Bwlch Maesgwm, and on to Llanberis.



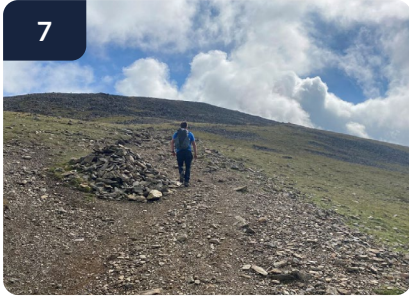
In a while you will go through another gate near a fast flowing stream. From the gate the path will veer to the left around the lower slopes of Moel Cynghorion. From this spot another public footpath leads to Bwlch Maesgwm and on to Llanberis.



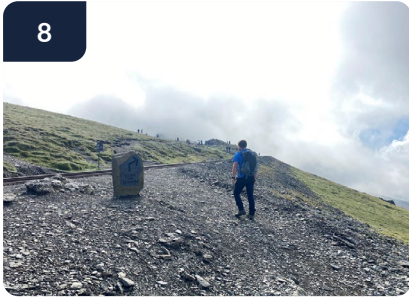
After walking around the northern end of Llyn Ffynnon y Gwas you will arrive at Bwlch Cwm Brwynog.



From Bwlch Cwm Brwynog the path climbs very steep and loose underfoot nearly all the way to the summit, so take care from now on. After walking parallel with Llyn Ffynnon y Gwas for a while the path will start to zigzag steeply up the shoulder above Clogwyn Du'r Arddu.



Above Clogwyn Du'r Arddu the climb levels out a little not very well defined so take care on this section, especially in misty or wintry weather. The path will begin to climb again shortly, but more solid underfoot. In a while you will reach a standing stone that marks the crossing of the Snowdon Railway line (remember about it on your way down – especially if it's misty as the start of the path can be very difficult to locate otherwise).



From the standing stone, cross the Snowdon Mountain Railway line and walk straight ahead until you reach another standing stone that marks the junction of the Snowdon Ranger path and the Llanberis path.



Follow the path to the right and after walking around 50 metres you will reach another, much larger, standing stone at Bwlch Glas. This stone marks the spot where the Pyg and Miners' tracks merge with the Llanberis and Snowdon Ranger paths. From the standing stone, walk straight ahead - by walking at a leisurely pace, you can expect to reach the summit in around a quarter of an hour.



From the summit on a clear day you will be rewarded with fantastic views - 18 lakes and 14 peaks over 914 metres (3000ft) can be seen. Sometimes, you can even see as far as Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Lake District.