

Snowdon - PyG and Miners Tracks

Note: This map is intended as a rough guide **only**. You should use the most recent version of the Ordnance Survey map — OL17, along with a compass, when walking the route.

PyG Track



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SAFETY NOTE

Crib Goch and Crib y Ddysgl

Crib Goch is a 500 metre knife edge ridge, with no escape route. Even in ideal weather conditions, Crib Goch is a difficult undertaking. In wet weather, wind, snow, mist or ice, Crib Goch is a serious mountaineering route.

Distance: 7 miles (11Km) (there & back).

Ascent: 2,372ft (723 metres).

Time: About 6 hours (there & back).

Start/Finish: Pen-y-Pass Car Park, off the A4086.

Grid Reference: SH 647 557.

Relevant Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL17 (Snowdon & Conwy)

1. The path starts in the far end corner of Pen y Pass car park, to the right of the car park entrance. Pass the helicopter landing site on your right, and go through a narrow gap in a stone wall. (The prominent path that starts opposite the car park entrance is the Miners' Track).

The summit you can see from Pen y Pass car park is Crib Goch, not Snowdon as it is often mistaken. Crib Goch is a knife edge ridge with a steep drop on either side. It is very open to the weather and many walkers have got into difficulties on it, and sadly, many have lost their lives. By all means, this route should be left to experienced mountaineers.

2. The first section of the Pyg Track climbs quite steeply over rough and rocky terrain. Tread carefully to avoid an ankle injury, especially on your way down.

3. After about 45 mins walking you will reach Bwlch y Moch.

4. As you reach Bwlch y Moch, Llyn Llydaw will come into sight below, and the slopes of Lliwedd rising above the far side of the lake. The path forks here, with the path on the right leading up Crib Goch. For Snowdon, bear left and over the two adjacent stiles.

5. From Bwlch y Moch the path climbs gradually to the intersection of the Pyg Track and the Miners' Track above Llyn Glaslyn, which is marked by a standing stone.

When you have reached just above Llyn Glaslyn, look at the fantastic view of Snowdon in front of you, towering almost 500m above the glacial lake.

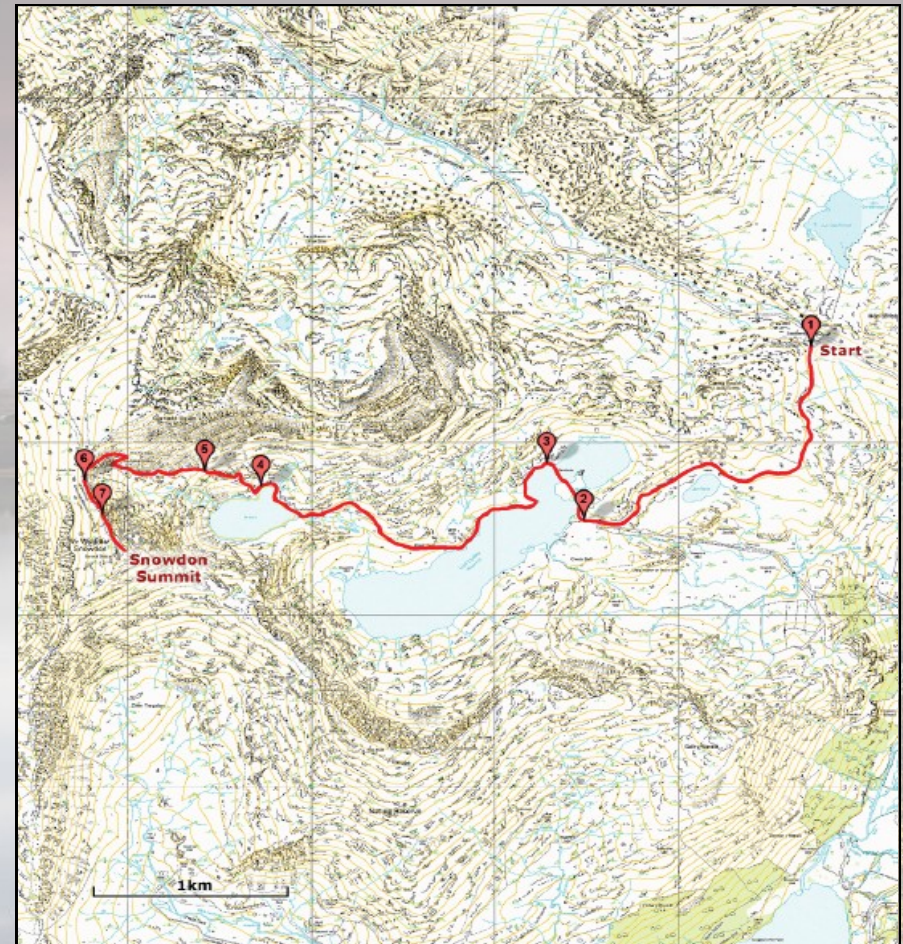
6. There is a standing stone to mark the spot where the Pyg Track and the Miners' Track meet – remember about it on your way down. From this point the path climbs steeply until you reach Bwlch Glas.

7. In a little while, the path will zigzag up to Bwlch Glas. As you approach the Zig-Zags, keep well away from the open mine shafts on your left.

8. At Bwlch Glas, you will be joining the Llanberis Path and the Snowdon Ranger Path. This junction is marked with a standing stone (remember about it on your way down).

9. Follow the path to the left from the standing stone. You are now on the final leg of your walk up Snowdon. Walking at a leisurely pace, you can expect to be on the summit in around a quarter of an hour.

Miners Track



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Distance: 8 miles (13Km) (there & back).

Ascent: 2,372ft (723 metre).

Time: About 6 hours (there & back).

Start/Finish: Pen-y-Pass Car Park, off the A4086.

Grid Reference: SH 647 557.

Relevant Map: OS Explorer OL17 (Snowdon & Conwy Valley).

1. The path starts at the far left hand corner of the Pen y Pass car park, opposite the entrance.
2. The path forks near Llyn Llydaw. Bear right and you will reach a causeway across the lake.
3. Cross the causeway and follow the path passed the ruins of the Britannia Copper Mine crushing mill on your right, before a steep climb to Llyn Glaslyn lake.
4. From Llyn Glaslyn, go to the right just after the barracks, and follow the path that climbs steeply over scree. This part of the route is a hard climb and can be very slippery. When the path is covered with ice and snow, the rest of the route is best left to experienced walkers with the proper equipment.
5. Shortly, you will reach a standing stone that marks the junction with the Pyg Track (remember about it on your way down). From this point the path continues to climb steeply and loose underfoot until you reach Bwlch Glas.
6. At Bwlch Glas, you will be joining the Llanberis Path and the Snowdon Ranger Path. This junction is marked with a standing stone (remember about it on your way down).
7. Follow the path to the left from the standing stone. You are now on the final leg of your walk up Snowdon. Walking at a leisurely pace, you can expect to be on the summit in around a quarter of an hour.

Remember!

Though you are in the Snowdonia National Park, please remember that the path crosses the privately owned farm and grazing lands of Hafodty Newydd, Clogwyn y Gwin and Ffridd Uchaf, where dogs are not welcomed unless under close control or on a lead.

On your way to the summit you will see evidence of essential footpath restoration work carried out by the National Park Authority. Please keep to the footpath to prevent further erosion.

