



SNOWDON - PYG TRACK

OVERVIEW

The Pyg Track is one of the most direct and popular routes up Snowdon. It provides a steady, well-engineered ascent with significant stone pitching but becomes rocky and more complex in the upper section. Although often marketed as “moderate”, it is a serious mountain day with rapid weather change, navigation risk in mist, and heavy traffic in peak season.

KEY STATS



1,085m
SUMMIT HEIGHT



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OS MAP NUMBER



11km
DISTANCE



720m
HEIGHT GAIN



5-7 hours
DURATION



CHECKPOINTS (OS GRID REF)

CP	GRID REF	HEIGHT	LOCATION
CP1	SH 647 557	359m	Pen Y Pass
CP2	SH 633 552	600m	Bwlch Y Moch
CP3	SH 626 548	650m	Crib Goch Traverse
CP4	SH 614 548	750m	Glaslyn Junction
CP5	SH 607 548	998m	Ridge Junction

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

From Pen y Pass, take the clearly pitched stone path opposite the Youth Hostel. The route begins immediately climbing on well-engineered stone steps, trending south-west above Llanberis Pass.

After approximately 2 km (1.2 miles), the path reaches Bwlch y Moch, a broad col with expanding views across the Ogwen Valley. From here, the route continues ascending on a defined but increasingly rocky path as it contours beneath the slopes of Crib Goch.

The path narrows slightly in places with steep ground falling away to the left. Careful footing is required on loose stone, especially in wet conditions.

At approximately 5.5 km (3.4 miles), the Pyg Track merges with the Miners Track above Glaslyn. From this junction, the route steepens significantly, climbing a series of zigzags and stone-pitched sections toward the summit ridge.

The final approach levels slightly before reaching the summit plateau of Snowdon at 1,085m.

WEATHER RISKS



Wind Funneling on Pass



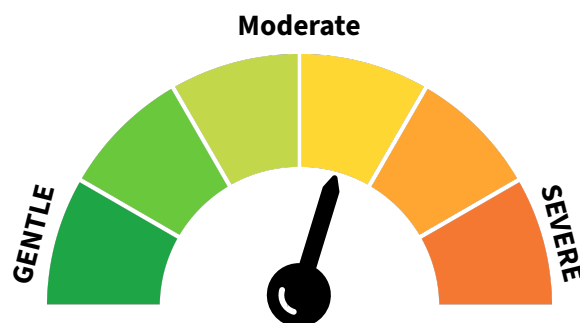
Summit Wind Doubles



Frequently Cloudy

HAZARDS + CONDITIONS

- Heavy foot traffic
- Rapid cloud cover
- Strong winds
- Slippery rocks when wet
- Ice in winter
- Loose rocks



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY