



TRYFAN - NORTH RIDGE

OVERVIEW

Tryfan's North Ridge is one of the UK's finest Grade 1 scrambles. Unlike engineered paths, this route involves continuous hands-on scrambling with multiple route variations. There is no single defined line — navigation is about choosing the safest and most appropriate scrambling line for you.

KEY STATS



918m
SUMMIT HEIGHT



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OS MAP NUMBER



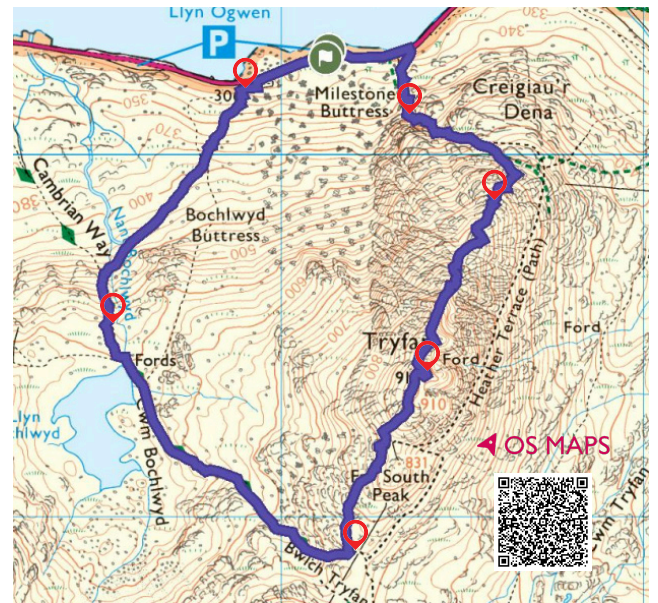
5km
DISTANCE



640m
HEIGHT GAIN



3-4 hours
DURATION






CHECKPOINTS (OS GRID REF)

CP	GRID REF	HEIGHT	LOCATION
CP1	SH 661 602	300m	A5 Layby
CP2	SH 662 601	380m	Base of North Ridge
CP3	SH 665 598	750m	Cannon Stone
CP4	SH 664 593	918m	Summit (Adam + Eve)
CP5	SH 661 589	700m	Bwlch Tryfan Wall
CP6	SH 657 597	500m	Bochlwyd Buttress

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

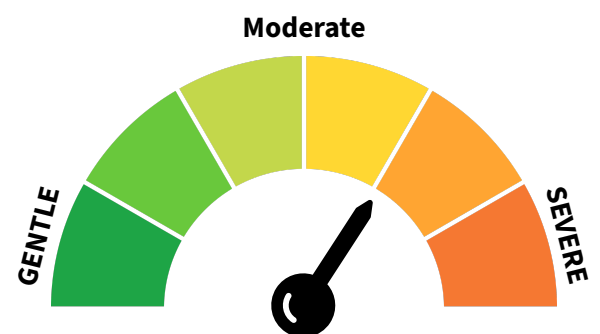
From the A5 layby, cross carefully and locate the path heading south toward the base of Tryfan. The initial section climbs steeply over grass and rock before quickly becoming hands-on scrambling. Route choice is key — the crest provides the most direct and exposed line; slightly left (east) often provides safer alternatives. Midway up, you reach the distinctive Cannon Stone, a famous balancing rock and useful landmark. Above this, scrambling continues over broken rock and blocks. Near the summit, the terrain eases slightly before reaching the twin monoliths Adam and Eve at the summit. Descend via the South side to Bwlch Tryfan wall and follow path down west side of Tryfan via Bochlwyd Buttress to A5.

WEATHER RISKS

-  High Winds
-  Lose Route in Fog
-  Slippery in Rain

HAZARDS + CONDITIONS

- Continuous Exposure
- Route-finding Errors
- Loose Rock
- Congestion
- Wind Gust Instability



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY