

# DO IT YOURSELF TRIPS

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICE



PRIFYSGOL  
**BANGOR**  
UNIVERSITY

## SNOWDON



### DESCRIPTION:

Snowdon is the highest mountain in Wales. With a peak of 1085 metres, it is the highest point in Wales and England. It is popular with walkers, climbers and geologists. There are several walking routes up Snowdon, plus the Snowdon Mountain Railway line (see below), along which you can see breath-taking scenery and the unique geology of the area which has been formed and sculpted by ice age glaciers.

For more information about the village of Llanberis, see the separate D.I.Y. Trip sheet.

### WALKING UP SNOWDON:

**EQUIPMENT:** There are six paths up Snowdon. All are classed as hard mountain walks. **Make sure that you wear appropriate clothes and footwear, and check the [weather forecast](#) before you set off.** Even if it is warm and mild in Bangor or Llanberis, it can be cold and very windy at the top of the mountain – so always take extra layers of clothes. The [Snowdonia National Park website](#) has some very important and useful [Mountain Safety Advice](#), including what equipment to take with you.

**ROUTES:** The Snowdonia National Park website has details of the [different routes](#) up Snowdon, the starting points are marked on the map (bottom right). The booklet '[Snowdon Walking Routes](#)' also has details of the individual routes. The least-demanding is the [Llanberis Path](#) which takes around 6 hours in total. The [Miners Track](#) is also very popular, it also takes around 6 hours. The Miners Track is ideal if you wish to take a walk on Snowdon without going all the way to the summit – the walk from Pen-Y-Pass to Llyn Llydaw (the larger lake on the route) is along a not-too-steep path and takes around 1 hour each way.

**MAP:** [Snowdon OS Explorer Active Map OL17](#)

**GUIDED WALKS:** Some companies offer Guided Walks in Snowdonia. Here is a selection (others are available):

[Nature's Work](#)

[Glyn Peris](#)

[Snowdonia Adventures](#)

[Snowdonia Outdoor](#)

**MORE INFO:** The [Snowdon Sherpa](#) bus service travels around the base of Snowdon and connects all 6 main footpaths and the surrounding villages. The Snowdon Sherpa also links Llanberis and Pen-Y-Pass.

Remember that you could go up one route and down another!



## SNOWDON MOUNTAIN RAILWAY:

If you would prefer to travel up Snowdon by train, the Snowdon Mountain Railway runs trains up and down the mountain. Weather permitting, trains run every day from late March to the end of October. For tickets, 'Times & Prices' and 'Essential Information', see the [Snowdon Mountain Railway](http://www.snowdonmountainrailway.co.uk) website.



## OTHER WEBSITES:

High Trek Snowdonia: <http://www.hightrek.co.uk/snowdonia/routes.htm>

Ordnance Survey Magazine: <http://www.magazine.ordnancesurveyleisure.co.uk/magazine/tscontent/editorials/walking/2011/snowdon.html>

Snowdon.com: <http://www.snowdon.com/html/routes/routes.htm>

Snowdonia Mountains and Coast: <http://www.visitsnowdonia.info/>

Snowdonia National Park: <http://www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/home>

Trekking Britain: <http://www.trekkingbritain.com/snowdonfrompenyppass.htm>

Visit Wales (Snowdonia): <http://www.visitwales.co.uk/regions-of-wales/national-parks-in-wales/snowdonia-national-park/>



## HOW TO GET TO LLANBERIS:

Public Transport: Time: 50-60 minutes  
Cost: £3-£4 Single; £4-£5 Return; £5.40 Red Rover Day Ticket (Adult fares)  
Details: Bus from Bangor to Llanberis : 85/86 [Bus timetable](#)  
Bus from Bangor – Caernarfon – Llanberis : 88 [Bus timetable](#)

Minibus/Taxi: If you are a group, it will be quicker (and cheaper?) to book a [taxi/minibus](#) .

Car: 20 minutes from Bangor.  
There is some free street parking, plus public 'pay-and-display' car parks.  
[Directions](#) (AA Routeplanner )

**MORE INFO:** Tourist Information: 41b High Street, Llanberis  
(01286) 870765 / [llanberis.tic@gwynedd.gov.uk](mailto:llanberis.tic@gwynedd.gov.uk)

