



# Snowdonia 2025

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Plas Coch,  
Llanberis





Dolbadarn castle on Llyn Padarn, Llanberis







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# Snowdonia National Park/ Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri

## Yr Wyddfa (National Nature Reserve)

0.5 km





The ascent of Wyddfa (Snowdon) begins





# Llwybr Rhyd Ddu Path

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**7.5 milltir / 12 cilometr (yna ac yn ôl)**

**6 awr (yna ac yn ôl)**

**Esgyniad o 2936 troedfedd / 895 metr**

Mae milltir gyntaf y Llwybr hwn yn dringo'n raddol ar hyd hen drac chwarel lechi Bwlch Cwm Llan, ond yna'n gadael y trac gan ddringo'n eithaf serth dros dir creigiog at Grib Llechog. Mae'r llwybr yn dilyn y grib dros dir agored noethlwm ac yna'n rhwain ar hyd Bwlch Main cyn y ddringfa olaf i'r copa.

Mae darnau o'r rhan olaf yn arwain ar hyd llwybr cul a chreigiog gyda llethrau serth yn oddi tano, felly dylid cymryd pwyll ar y rhannau hyn. Pan fydd eira a rhew ar y gear, dim ond cerddwyr profiadol gyda'r cyfarpar cywir ddylai fentro ar hyd y rhan

o'r tawelaf o'r chwe phrif llwybr i gopa'r Wyddfa, a'r un sydd â'r golygfeydd ddig mwyaf godidog, yn enwedig i gyfeiriad Moel Hebog a brynau Nantlle.

## Llwybr Rhyd Ddu Path



**5 miles / 12 kilometres (there and back)**

**6 hours (there and back)**

**6 feet / 895 metres ascent**

This path climbs gradually along the old track that served the Bwlch Cwm Llan quarry, but it then leaves the track and climbs quite steeply over the Llechog ridge. The path follows the ridge over bare and exposed moorland along Bwlch Main before the final climb to the summit.

The final section leads along a narrow and rocky path with steep slopes where caution must be taken on these parts. When there is snow and ice, the path should be left to experienced walkers with the appropriate equipment.

The six main routes to the summit of Yr Wyddfa, and the one offering the best mountain scenery, especially towards Moel Hebog and

**TUNDEB BEICIO  
YR WYDDFA**

YR WYDDFA



## Sut i fwrdd

- Sicrhewch
- Cariwch
- Rhowch
- Gwiriwch
- Peidiwch
- Trowch



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- Ma
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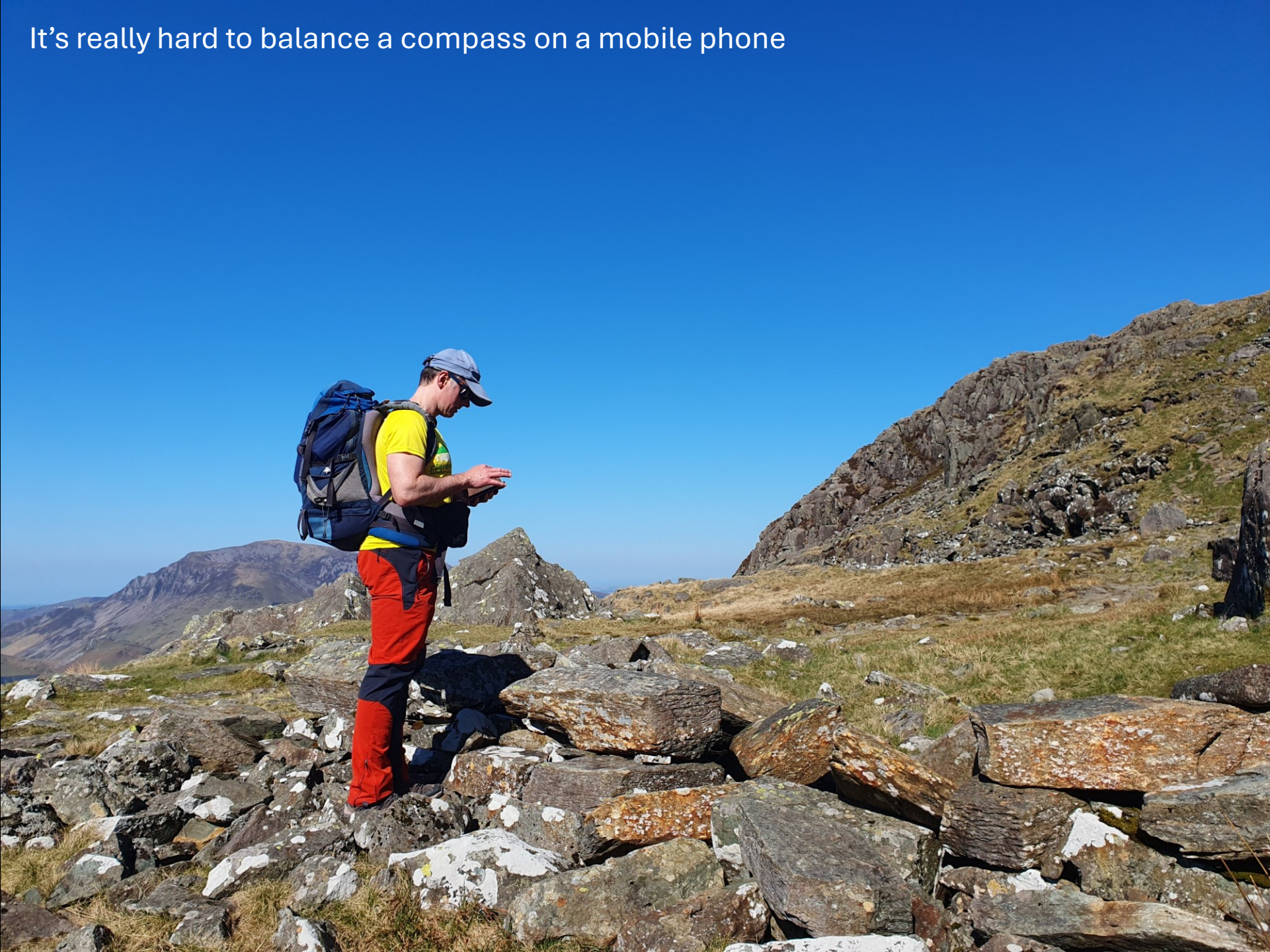


Ascending Wyddfa (Snowdon)  
via the Rhyd Ddu path)





It's really hard to balance a compass on a mobile phone





Looking west towards Moel Hebog



Y Garn and the Nantlle ridge



Lechog ridge







Lechog ridge from Bwlch main



Snowdon

Lliwedd

Bwlch main

Lechog



Porthmadog



Bwlch Main



Snowdon summit café (currently closed!)



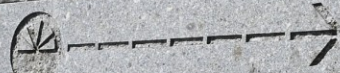


Hafod Eryri

Copa'r Wyddfa

Snowdon Summit

1085m



Copa'r Wyddfa

Yr ydych chi, yma,

Yn nes at y nefoedd.

Summit of Snowdon

Here, you are nearer

To heaven.







Who needs to bother with the Instagramqueue?





High above Llyn Llydaw and the Miner's track





Only birds get down this way







Wyddfa summit panorama



Snowdon railway to Llanberis





Crib Goch





Glaslyn





Pyg and Miner's tracks



## Descending Snowdon via the Ranger path





The only way is down











Moel Cynghorion



Fftnnon y gwas reservoir







Old slate quarry tips







Welsh Highland Railway in Caernarfon







*The Snowdonia Star*











Cnicht, the Matterhorn of Snowdonia!





# Porthmadog





Porthmadog harbour





Borth y gest





My sister's boat namesake is still here





Caernarfon castle











Y Garn on the Nantlle Ridge





Mynydd Mawr

Moel Elio





Snowdon





## Mynydd Drws y Coed





# Mynydd Drws y Coed









# Mynydd Tal y mignedd obelisk and Craig yr Ogof





Mynydd Tal y mignedd obelisk





Craig yr Ogof





## Ascending Craig yr Ogof





Nantlle ridge towards Snowdon



Porthmadog





## Llynau Cwm Silyn







Llynau  
Cwm Silyn



A landscape photograph taken from a high vantage point, looking out from a rocky mountain pass. The foreground is dominated by steep, grey rock faces on either side, with some sparse green and brown vegetation. A low, dry-stone wall runs across the middle ground, separating the rocky path from a grassy slope. In the background, a wide valley stretches out, leading to a distant, rounded mountain peak under a clear blue sky. The text "Yr Arran" is centered in the upper part of the image, identifying the distant peak.

Yr Arran



## Descending Craig yr Ogof













Gelert's grave



PRINCE OF NORTH WALES HAD A PALACE  
AT BRIDGELERT. ONE DAY HE WENT  
HUNTING WITHOUT CELERT THE FAITHFUL  
HOUND WHO WAS UNACCOUNTABLY  
ABSENT ON LLYWELYN'S RETURN THE  
TRUANT STAINED AND SHEARED WITH  
BLOOD JOYFULLY SPRANG TO MEET HIS  
MASTER THE PRINCE ALARMED HASTENED  
TO FIND HIS DOG AND SAW THE INFANT'S  
COT EMPTY THE BEDCLOTHES AND FLOORS  
COVERED WITH BLOOD THE FRANTIC  
FATHER PLUNGED HIS SWORD INTO THE  
HOUND'S SIDE THINKING IT HAD KILLED  
HIS HEIR THE DOG'S DYING YELL WAS  
ANSWERED BY A CHILD'S CRY LLYWELYN  
SEARCHED AND DISCOVERED HIS BOY  
UNHARMED BUT NEARLY LAIN FULL

BEDD CELERT  
YMA DYNIEDD GANRIU AR OLEU ROEDD CAM  
LLYWELYN A THWIROR COGIEDD CYMRU BLAS YMA  
MDOG CELERT LUNGWANOD ALTH Y TYWYBOC  
THELA HEB CELERT YN GYFFYSDIOLN FAN  
DDYCHWELODD LLYWELYN HEIDODD Y  
CI YMA WAED I CYD I GROESAWU EI FFLSTR  
LYGHEYNODD Y TYWYBOC A BRYSIODEL  
SHWIG I M ELLA'R CHAFODD GRUD Y BARAN  
YMA WAC DILLAD Y GWELY AR LLAWR YMA WAED  
I CYD YMA EI DDYCHRYNTHY WANGOD YN DY  
CI AT GLEDDYF CAM FEDDWL FOD Y CI WEDD  
LLADD EI AER ATEBWYD GWAEDD FAWGOL  
Y CI CAN GRIE GWAN PLENTYMA CHWIL IODD  
LLYWELYN A CHAFODD EI SAB YMA DDIANAF  
OND YMA PLYMYL CORWEDDAL COFFE EI MARI  
UR TYWYBOC RI GALON YMA LLAWN TRISTYCH  
EDIELIRIOL BEIDIO OWENU BYTH WEDYN  
CLADDODD CELERT YMA  
AC AM HYNNY CELWIR Y FAN YMA  
BEDDCELERT





Afon Glaslyn













SMOKE ROOM







Tenzing and Hillary on the first ascent of Everest in 1953



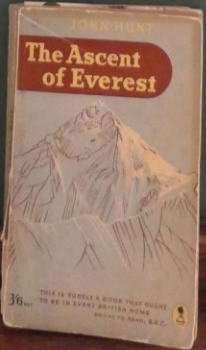
TO CELEBRATE THE 45th ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE CLIMBING OF EVEREST

1953 - 1998

JOHN HUNT

CHARLES EVANS  
ALFRED GREGORY  
EDMUND HILLARY  
WILFRED NOYCE  
GRIFFITH PUGH  
MICHAEL WESTMACOTT  
CHARLES WYLIE

GEORGE BAND  
TOM BOURDILLON  
GEORGE LOWE  
JAMES MORRIS  
TOM STOBART  
TENZING NORGAY  
MICHAEL WARD

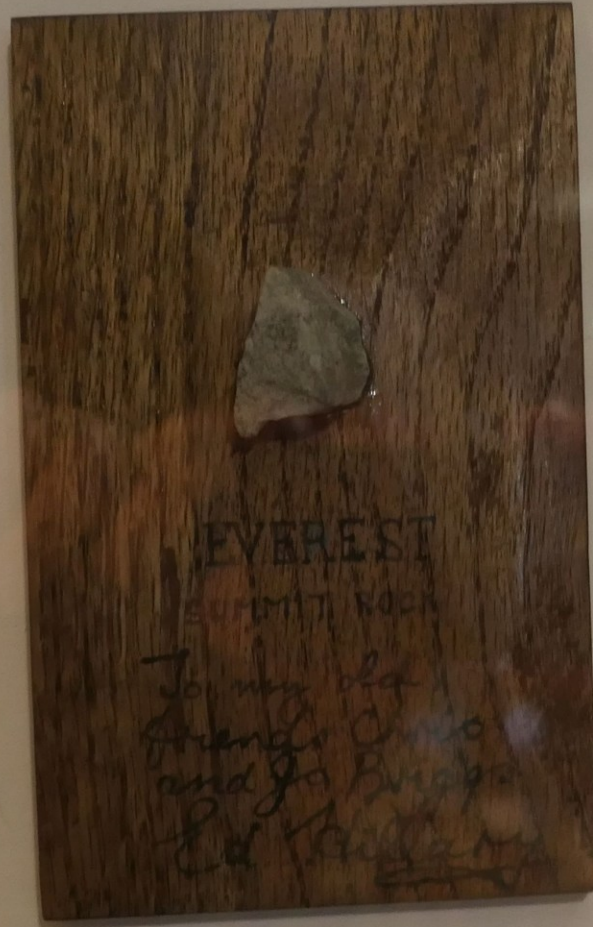








# Rocks from the summit of Everest









Pen y Gwryd dining room





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Silver service indeed







*The Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel*

**DINNER**

Goats cheese & red onion tart with spiced chutney & rocket

Or

Vegetable soup with golden croutons

....

Roast pork collar with baby roast potato, glazed vegetable medley  
and apple compote served with red wine jus

Or

Welsh beef and vegetable stew with horseradish dumpling and  
roast butternut squash

Both served with Today's vegetables

....

Kit Kat cheesecake

Or

Sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce & Salted Caramel  
Ice cream

Or

Apple & cinnamon crumble with homemade Custard

Or

Iced Parfait

Or

A selection of Welsh cheese & biscuits

....

Coffee



















PYG swimming pool



















PEN Y PASS

PEN Y GWRYD





Pen y pass



Llyn Teyrn







Breakfast awaits in the PYG







Reconnaissance of Llyn Dinas









Mirror boathouses in Llyn Dinas





Which way is up?



The tranquillity of Llyn Dinas. Moel Hebog in the background.







Wetsuit most definitely required!









Criccieth



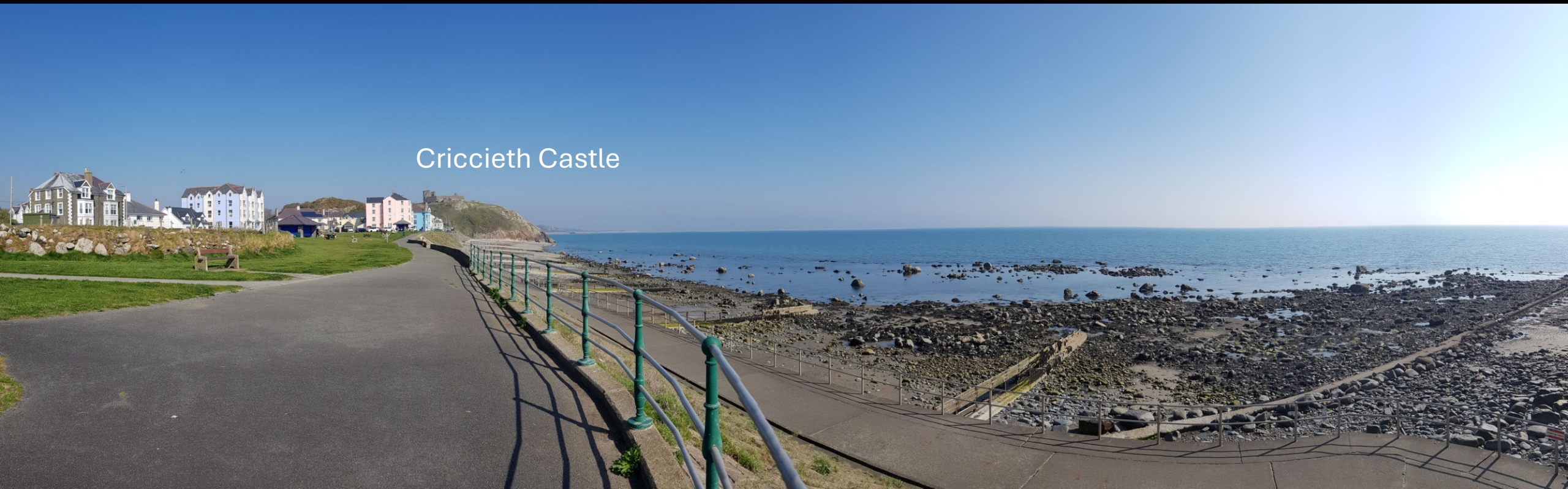


Towards Black Rock sands and Porthmadog





Criccieth Castle





Lleyn peninsula





A nautical yarnbomb







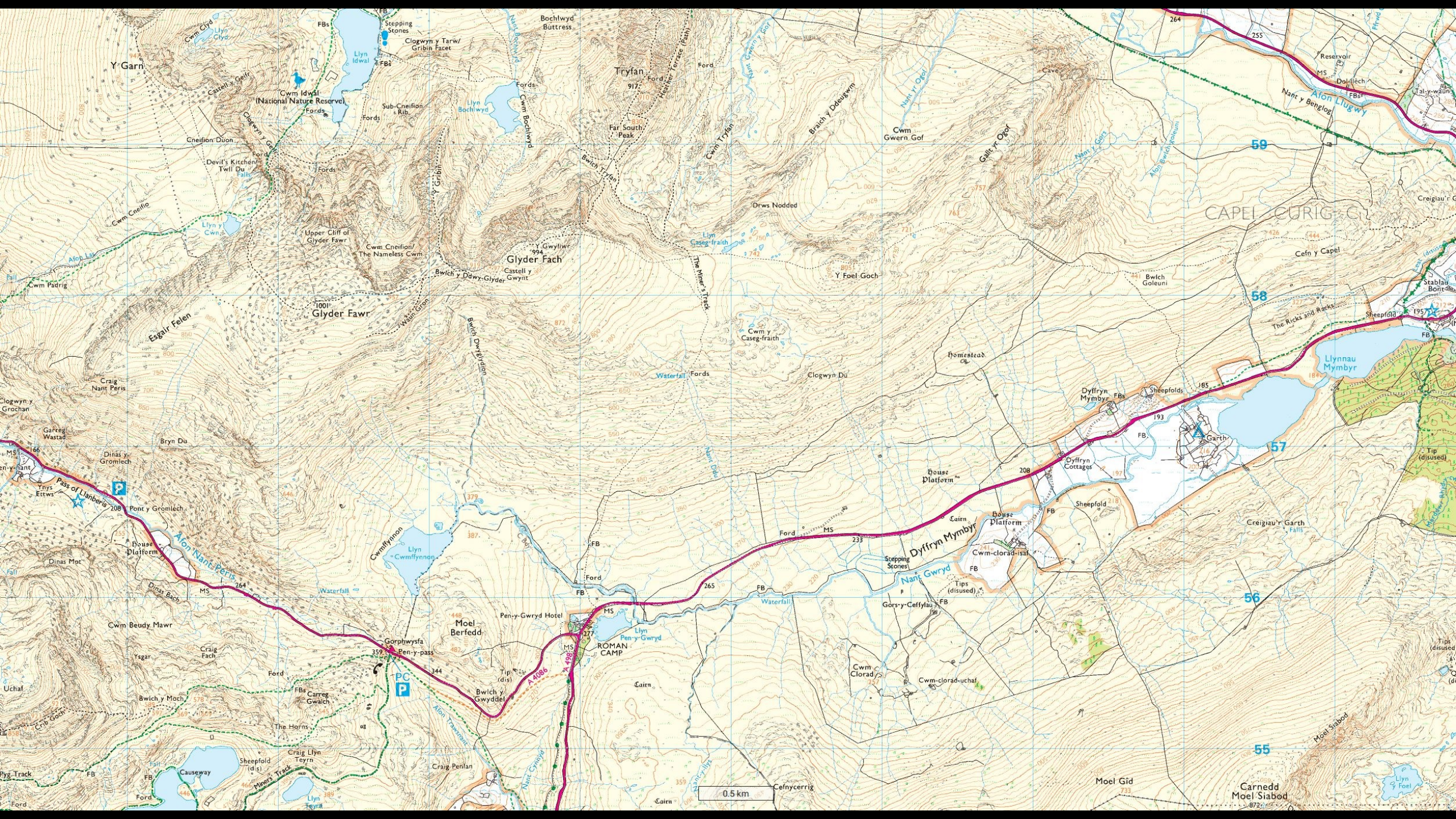




Watkin path waterfalls











Glyderau path from the Pen y Gwryd



Wild camping



Lliwedd

Snowdon and Crib Goch





Pen Y Gwryd hotel







## Farewell to Eryri (Snowdonia)







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