



Beddgelert Forest Mountain Days

DRIVE

**Approx. 8 mins
from Cae Du**

PARKING

**Free daytime
no overnight**

DIFFICULTY

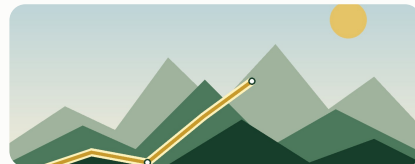
**Serious mountain
routes**

MAPPING

**OS Explorer
OL17**

ABOUT THIS WALK

Although you can walk to Beddgelert Forest from Cae Du, its car park is an excellent base for two quieter mountain days: the eastern Nantlle Ridge or the rugged Moel Hebog ridge. Both are Cae Du favourites for experienced walkers.

**ROUTE MAP / NUMBERED MARKERS MATCH THE DIRECTIONS**

MOUNTAIN DAYS FROM BEDDGELEERT FOREST

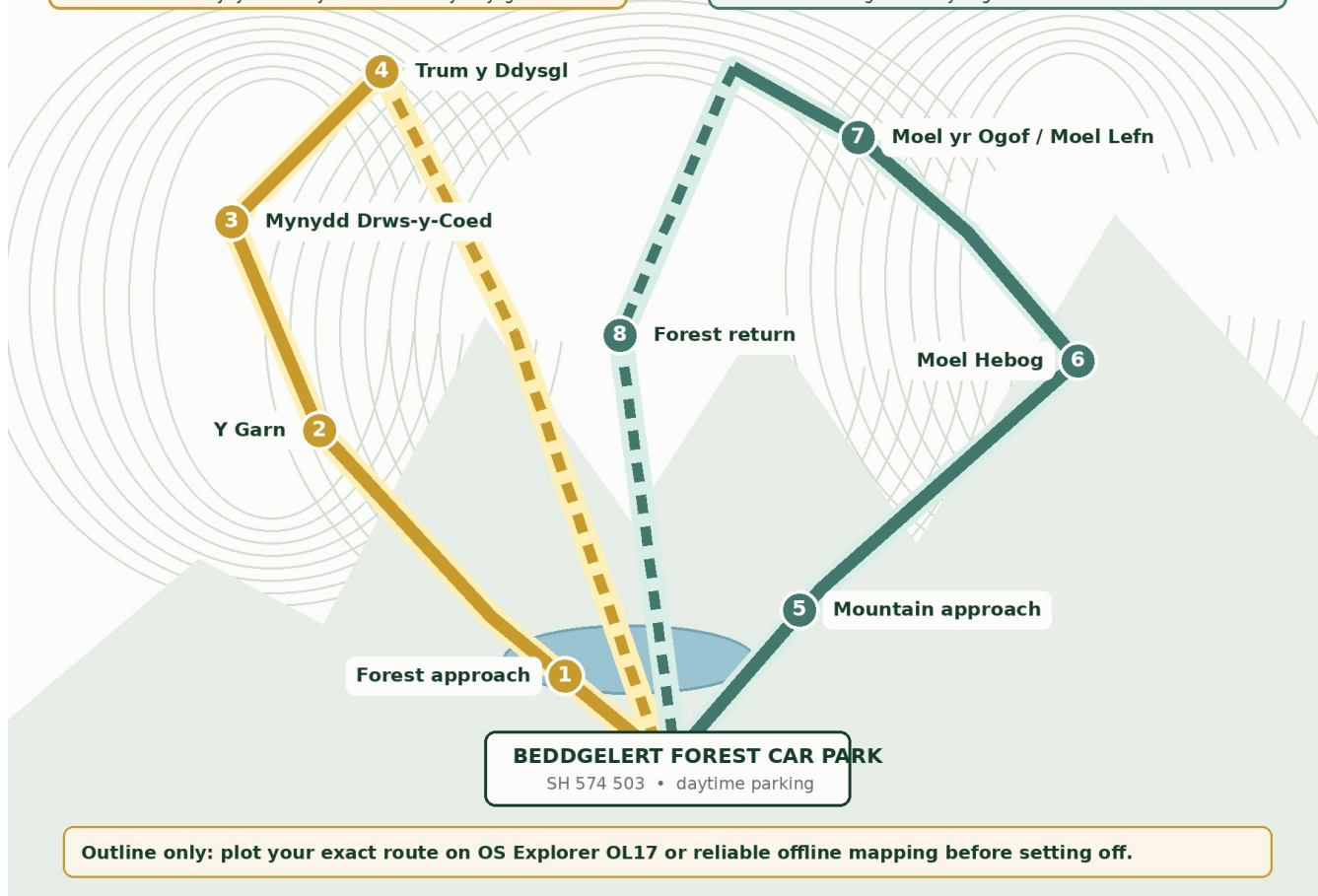
TWO CAE DU FAVOURITES / SCHEMATIC ROUTES

**OPTION A • NANTLLE RIDGE**

Y Garn • Mynydd Drws-y-Coed • Trum y Ddysgl

**OPTION B • MOEL HEBOG RIDGE**

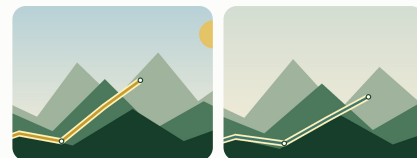
Moel Hebog • Moel yr Ogof • Moel Lefn





STEP-BY-STEP ROUTE

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Follow the route

Use the numbered directions alongside the route map on page one.

- 1** **OPTION A - NANTLLE RIDGE.** From the forest car park, use your plotted route through the forest towards the Rhyd Ddu approach. Forestry tracks are not a substitute for mountain navigation.
- 2** Climb the steep eastern slopes of Y Garn to its broad summit at 633 m. The terrain becomes progressively rockier as you approach the ridge.
- 3** Continue towards Mynydd Drws-y-Coed. The direct ridge includes exposed Grade 1 scrambling where hands are needed; avoid it in strong wind, rain, ice or poor visibility.
- 4** Continue along the ridge to Trum y Ddysgl at 709 m. Use the descent and forest-return line you planned in advance; do not continue along the full Nantlle Ridge unless this is part of your route plan.
- 5** **OPTION B - MOEL HEBOG RIDGE.** Follow your plotted forest and lower-level approach towards Moel Hebog. The mountain section is not waymarked and mobile reception may be unreliable.
- 6** Climb steeply to Moel Hebog at 783 m. The upper mountain is rocky and includes hands-on sections. From the summit, descend very carefully towards Bwlch Meillionen.
- 7** Pass through the rocky cleft and continue over Moel yr Ogof at 655 m, then follow the undulating ridge to Moel Lefn at 638 m.
- 8** Descend carefully towards Bwlch Cwm-trwsgl and rejoin the forest-road network for the return to the car park. Forestry work can alter paths, so check current access information before setting off.

PARKING AND ACCESS

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Beddgelert Forest car park - around 8 minutes from Cae Du

From Beddgelert, take the A4085 towards Caernarfon and follow the signed forest access track. Parking is free for daytime visitors; overnight parking is not permitted. Grid reference SH 574 503.

BEFORE YOU SET OFF

These are serious, navigation-dependent mountain days. Check the forecast; carry waterproofs, warm layers, food, water, map, compass, headtorch and a charged phone. Start early and turn back if wind, cloud or ground conditions make the ridges unsafe.

ROUTE NOTE

Choose one route for the day. These are not waymarked forest trails; the page-one map shows sequence only. Mynydd Drws-y-Coed includes an exposed scramble requiring experience and confidence with heights.