



Croesor Mountain Walks

DRIVE

**Approx. 20 mins
from Cae Du**

PARKING

**Croesor village
limited spaces**

CHOICES

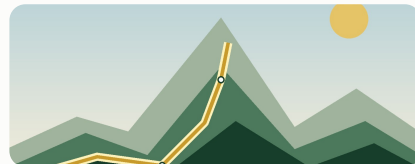
**Cnicht or
Moelwyn Mawr**

MAPPING

**OS Explorer
OL18**

ABOUT THIS WALK

Croesor offers a glimpse into the famous North Ffestiniog slate-quarry landscape. Climb the striking Cnicht - the Welsh Matterhorn - or choose a quieter mountain day over the broad slopes of Moelwyn Mawr.

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

MOUNTAIN WALKS FROM CROESOR

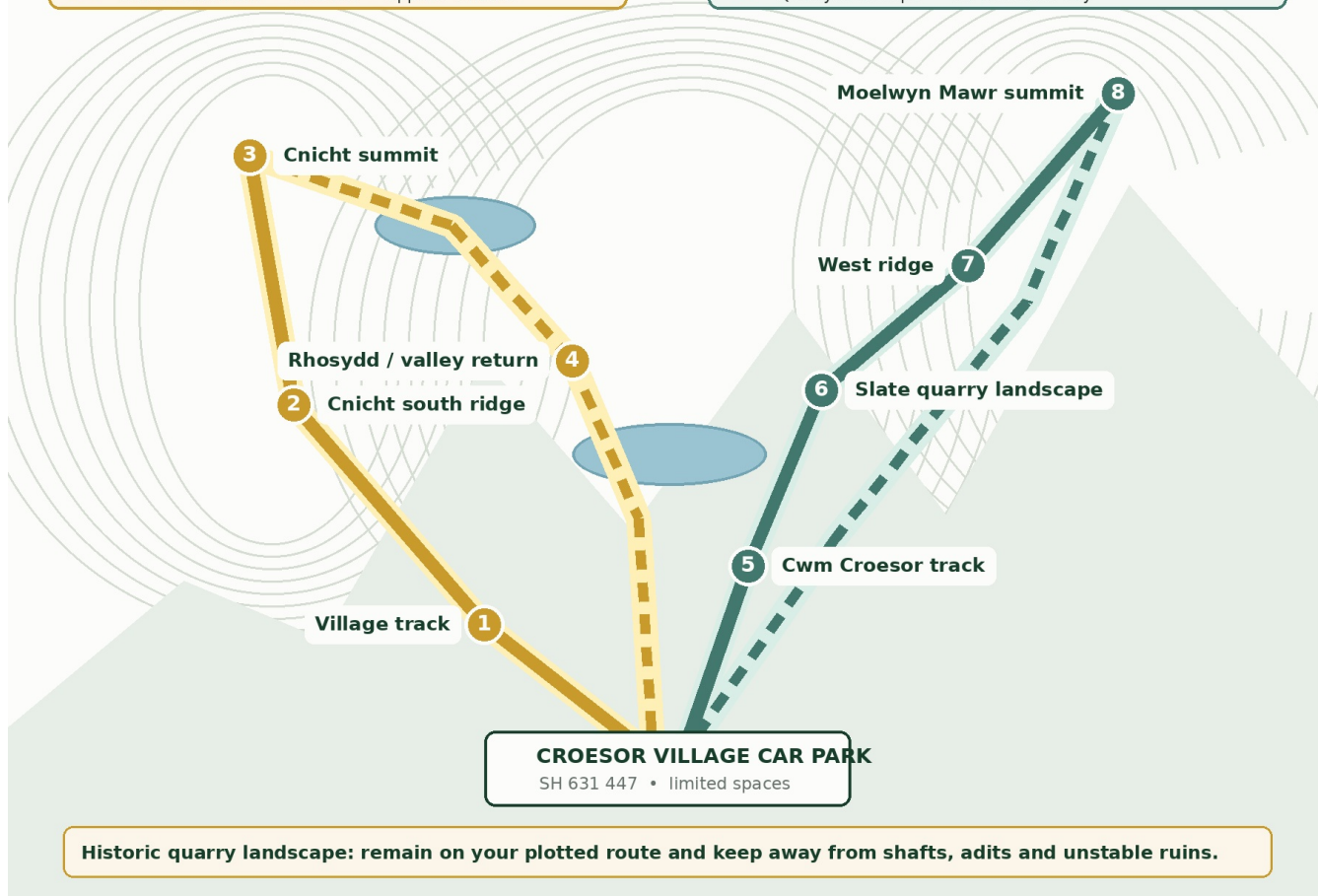
CNIGHT AND MOELWYN MAWR / SCHEMATIC ROUTES

**OPTION A • CNIGHT CIRCUIT**

Welsh Matterhorn • 10.5 km • approx. 4 hours

**OPTION B • MOELWYN MAWR**

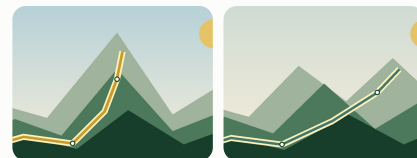
Quarry landscape • full mountain day





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 - CNICHT CIRCUIT.** Cross the footbridge from Croesor car park and follow the road uphill through the village. Pass the chapel, then take the signed track and gates towards Cnicht.
- 2** Climb the increasingly steep south ridge. The final section is rocky and may require the use of hands; a path around the right avoids the most direct scramble.
- 3** Reach Cnicht's 689 m summit, then continue along the summit ridge towards Llyn yr Adar. Navigation becomes harder where paths fade, particularly in cloud or across boggy ground.
- 4** Turn onto your plotted route towards Rhosydd Quarry. From the quarry area, join the good track beside Llyn Croesor and descend through Cwm Croesor to the village car park.
- 5** **OPTION B - MOELWYN MAWR.** From the car park, follow the historic quarry road up Cwm Croesor. Stay on your mapped route as the valley narrows and the old workings become more prominent.
- 6** Continue towards the Croesor and Rhosydd quarry landscape. Do not enter mine openings, cross barriers or approach shafts, steep tips and unstable buildings.
- 7** From the quarry area, follow your plotted route onto the broad western ridge of Moelwyn Mawr. The climb is steep and navigation can be difficult in cloud.
- 8** Reach the 770 m summit and enjoy wide views over the Vale of Ffestiniog. Descend west-southwest by the planned Braich-y-Parc line, then follow the lane back to Croesor.

PARKING AND ACCESS

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Croesor village car park - around 20 minutes from Cae Du

Approach Croesor by narrow rural roads and allow extra time. Use the designated village car park and arrive early on fine days. Never block field entrances, homes or access through the village. Grid reference SH 631 447.

BEFORE YOU SET OFF

Both choices are strenuous mountain walks. Check the forecast; carry waterproofs, warm layers, food, water, map, compass, headtorch and a charged phone. Paths can be wet, boggy and faint. Winter travel requires specialist skills and equipment.

ROUTE NOTE

Choose one route for the day. The page-one map is schematic and both routes need independent navigation. Treat every quarry shaft, adit, incline and ruin as hazardous and remain outside the workings.