



Rhyd Ddu Mountain Walks

DRIVE

**Approx. 9 mins
from Cae Du**

PARKING

**Rhyd Ddu Station
charges apply**

CHOICES

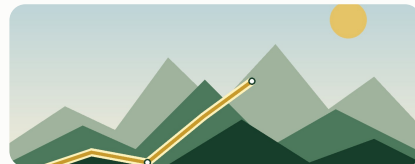
**Mynydd Mawr
or Yr Wyddfa**

MAPPING

**OS Explorer
OL17**

ABOUT THIS WALK

Rhyd Ddu is the starting point for two rewarding mountain days. Enjoy a quieter circular walk through forest and past Llyn y Dywarchen to Mynydd Mawr, or climb Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) by the scenic Rhyd Ddu Path.

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

MOUNTAIN WALKS FROM RHYD DDU

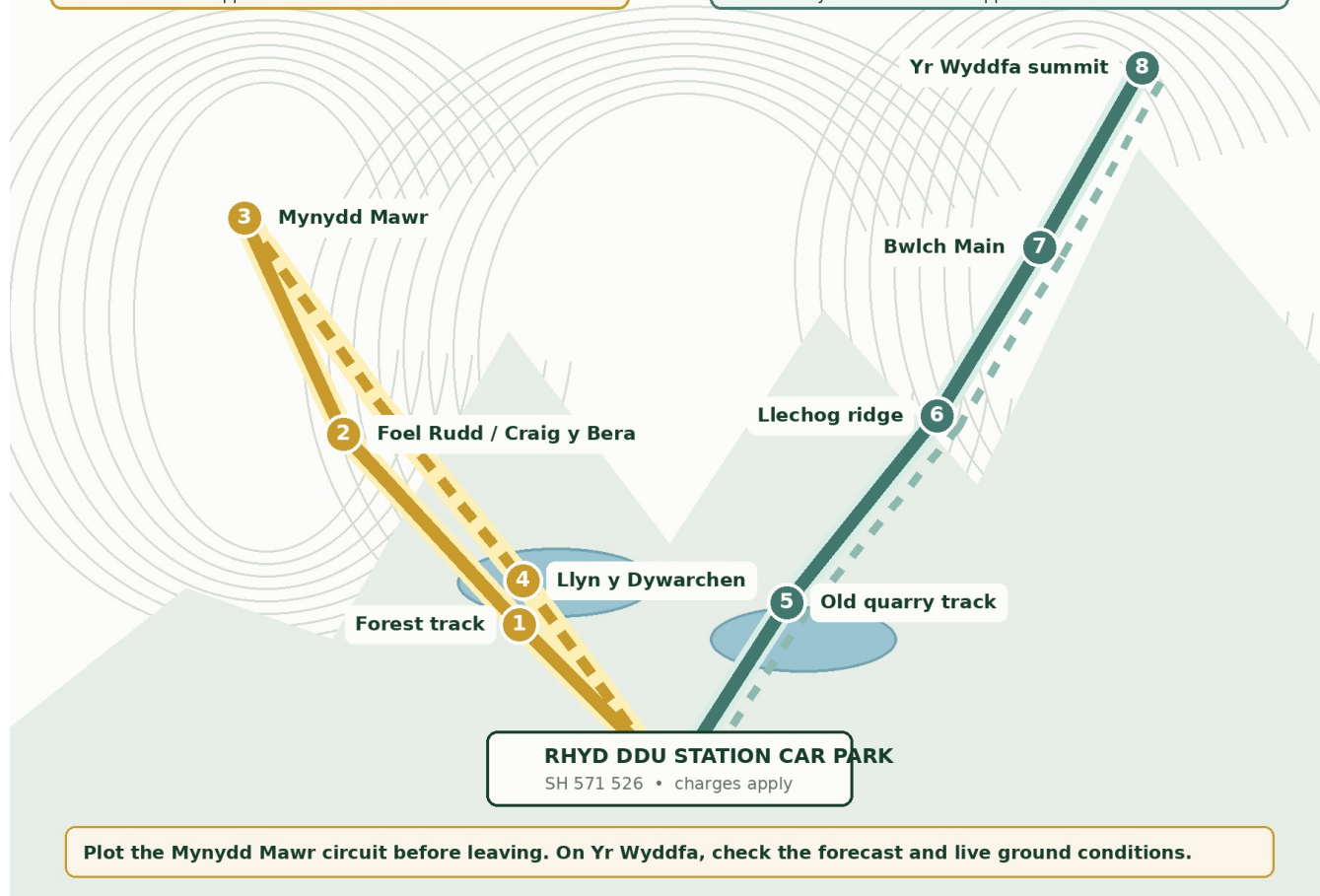
TWO ROUTE CHOICES / SCHEMATIC MAP

**OPTION A • MYNYDD MAWR**

Circular • approx. 10.5 km • 3-4 hours

**OPTION B • RHYD DDU PATH**

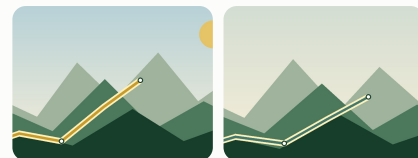
Yr Wyddfa • 12 km • approx. 6 hours





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 - MYNYDD MAWR.** From Rhyd Ddu Station car park, head into the village and turn onto the B4418. Shortly afterwards, take the track on the right into the forest and follow it for around 1.5 km.
- 2** Leave the main forest track on your plotted uphill route and climb onto the open hillside. Continue towards Foel Rudd and along the Craig y Bera shoulder, keeping well back from the crag edges.
- 3** Continue to the summit of Mynydd Mawr at 698 m. Begin the descent by retracing the initial summit approach until the planned path branches across the open moor.
- 4** Descend past old stone buildings to Llyn y Dywarchen. The path can be wet and indistinct. Follow the lakeshore to the road, turn left and continue downhill to Rhyd Ddu.
- 5** **OPTION B - RHYD DDU PATH.** From Rhyd Ddu Station car park, follow the official Rhyd Ddu Path signs. The route begins gradually along the old track serving the former Ffridd slate quarry.
- 6** As the track narrows, climb steeply over rough, rocky ground towards Llechog ridge. Keep checking the official waymarkers and your map, especially if cloud lowers.
- 7** Follow the ridge towards Bwlch Main. The final ridge section is narrow and rocky with steep slopes below; take extreme care and turn back if wind, ice or visibility make it unsafe.
- 8** Complete the final climb to the summit of Yr Wyddfa. Return to Rhyd Ddu by the same path, checking every junction so you do not descend by the Watkin or Snowdon Ranger routes.

PARKING AND ACCESS

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Rhyd Ddu Station car park - around 9 minutes from Cae Du

The car park is beside Rhyd Ddu railway station, off the A4085. Charges apply and it can fill quickly on fine days, so arrive early. Grid reference SH 571 526.

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. Start early and turn back if conditions deteriorate. Winter travel requires specialist skills and equipment.

ROUTE NOTE

Choose one route for the day. The Mynydd Mawr circuit needs independent navigation. The Rhyd Ddu Path is 12 km there-and-back and includes a narrow, exposed ridge near Bwlch Main.