

23 GWYNEDD DYFFRYN MYMBYR

▶ Distance: 4¾ miles/7.6km ▶ Time: 3 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



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Stunning Snowdonia views early in the walk.

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Follow in the footsteps of sheep farmer-cum-author Thomas Firbank and the valley that inspired his classic *I Bought A Mountain*. Using tracks created by Esme Kirby, one of North Wales' greatest conservationists, you'll get to explore a beautiful yet overlooked part of Snowdonia. With stunning views of Moel Siabod, the Glyderau and – on a clear day – Snowdon, you'll probably have the valley to yourself.

1 Start

Turn R out of carpark and onto lane. Cross cattle grid to reach stile. Immediately turn L,

keeping fence to left, along grassy path. Bear left behind house and continue to gate. Pass through second gate and head towards A4086.

2 ¾ mile/1km

Just before you reach A4086, turn R on path that passes an old hut. Ignore path on right and continue on the path that runs roughly parallel to the road. Ford two streams, pass through thick bracken and cross two stiles.

3 1¼ miles/2.8km

Pass through hole in wall to reach National Trust waymarker. Turn R and continue to follow NT waymarkers. The path skirts round trees and curves uphill

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Free parking behind Joe Brown's shop, Capel Curig, LL24 0EN, grid ref SH720582

Is it for me? Paths & tracks. Some steep ascents and descents on rocky, unmarked paths over exposed mountainside
Stiles 7

PLANNING

Nearest town

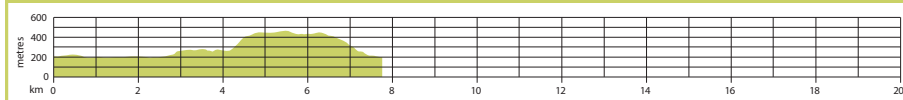
Betws-y-Coed
Refreshments Bryn Tyrch Inn (01690 720338) or Moel Siabod Café (01690 720429), Capel Curig

Public toilets Pay toilets next to carpark

Public transport Arriva Trains Wales serves Betws-y-Coed; Snowdon Sherpa buses S2, Betws-y-Coed-Capel Curig

Maps OS Explorer 17; Landranger 115; Harvey Superwalker XT25 Snowdonia North

GRADIENT PROFILE



► OS Explorer map 17 ► Buy maps at: ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop

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Take in the
glory of
Dyffryn

Mymbyr from Esme Kirby's memorial seat commissioned by the Snowdonia Society next to the reservoir built to provide the farm with hydroelectric power.

to stile. Cross and continue to climb uphill to reach a faint cross-roads.

4 2 miles/3.3km

Turn L and an NT waymarker appears after a few yards. Continue to

bridge. Cross this and then two more to arrive behind farm. Continue past Dyffryn Mymbyr farm, keeping R of white boulder to seat overlooking reservoir.

5 2½ miles/3.6km

Turn back towards farm. To the right, you'll see juniper bushes by large boulders. These mark Esme's grave. To reach it, yomp across rough ground for there's no path. Return to the path, turn R, re-cross bridges and continue to faint cross roads.

6 2½ miles/4km

Go straight on until you see a stile on the right. Turn L up hill on a faint path. Upon reaching a ledge, just before

a 'cave' in rocks, circle right around the trees. Continue to zigzag up the hill up to a wire fence.

7 2¼ miles/4.5km

Cross at stile and aim towards top of ridge. At junction, turn R on faint ridge path. Continue as path drops down to stile in fence. Scramble down rocks to reach path at bottom of valley. Turn R and return to car park. **CW**

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