

24 ANGLESEY HOLYHEAD MOUNTAIN

▶ Distance: 5 miles/8km ▶ Time: 3 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate

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Stunning views down to South Stack lighthouse

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PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking South Stack car park facing sign for 'Ancient Monument/Hut Circles'. Grid ref SH210818.

Is it for me? Good tracks/paths - very steep/rough in places. Unfenced cliffs/exposed summit - care required with children/dogs. Avoid in mist.

Dogs on leads
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PLANNING

Nearest town Holyhead
Refreshments RSPB Centre/Holyhead
Public toilets None
Public transport Nothing to start
Maps OS Explorer 262; Landranger 114

Cut half L going L on surfaced track. Shortly go half R at marker post. Stay ahead at junction R/L. Rise going half L at marker. At next marker/junction go R (signposted)



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Holyhead Mountain
(Mynydd Twr in

Welsh) feels much higher than its 220 metres would suggest, largely due to its proximity to the sea. This route takes you over some rough terrain to the summit, and explores the hilltop's coastal surroundings. The walk crosses the South Stack sea cliffs - one of the best protected nature reserves in Britain - so bring binoculars for the spectacle of razorbills, guillemots and puffins. Look out for Holyhead Mountain's hut circles on your return.

1 Start

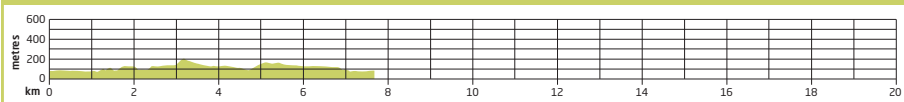
Exit car park half R towards sea at bottom R passing

'Unprotected Cliffs' sign/taking 'Wales Coast Path'. Go R at path junction overlooking cliffs. Follow path going L at junction staying L at next junction. Climb steps past Ellin's Tower curving R around it cutting half L up steps. Continue past benches climbing steps/follow path steeply through wall gap to lane. Go L to lane end.

2 2/3 mile/1km

Go R (Wales Coast Path) climbing path/curving R to old lookout building. Continue ahead rising along rocky rib. Follow main/high path descending to curve R and rise. At fork go R to go L on surfaced track. Curve R to building going L at track junction past another building.

GRADIENT PROFILE



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Coppa/summit). Climb path curving L as path joins. At junction/marker go R up steps shortly going R up more steps at junction. Follow steep path to summit Holyhead Mountain.

3¹/₄ miles/2.8km

Take the path westerly behind L shaped wall/ruins. Descend through rough/steep/rocky ground following main path ignoring any minor turnings L/R. Zigzag down to reach minor path junction (SH219826) above good path junction. Drops to better junction (path coming in R).

4² miles/3.2km

Go L rising through rough/broken ground. Join another path going ahead on it. Stay ahead (L) at fork higher up. Continue ahead as angle eases going L at track junction (sea ahead). Stay R at fork (wall above L). Rise going R at junction near head of shallow valley/wall L. Stay L at next fork (higher path). Soon descend going R at junction going L on good path. Leave this R as it heads towards marker above. Join path coming in L staying ahead to cut R up steps at fork as you start climbing. At top cross path. Follow wall passing R through it by marker. Rise to ruins on North Stack. Continue ahead on path (short distance) for best sea views.

5²/₄ miles/4.4km

Re-trace steps through wall



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going ahead down rocky gully to go ahead at fork. At next fork go R going R at marker/junction. Rise past marker/junction L. Descend to pass junction L from outbound route. Stay ahead at next two junctions to curve L under outcrops. At junction go ahead to almost immediately go R at junction. Stay ahead at next three junctions rising to marker/junction of paths. Stay ahead going L on surfaced track. Pass two buildings staying ahead at junction. Curve R staying on tarmac track. Descend past barrier

to lane. Go L going R through wall following outbound route back to carpark. Pass through carpark, cross lane and stile L of gate. Follow path through hut circles leaving it to explore them (a wall/gap is a good turn around point). Return to car park. **CW**

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