



Guidance for Organised Competitive, Recreational and Charitable events in the Eryri National Park



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1. Introduction

Eryri is the fourth largest National Park within the UK family and it is legally required to fulfil two statutory purposes:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
- To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.

We also have a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the Park.



2.1 Purpose of the Events Guidance

Interest in and the variety of charitable, recreational and organised challenge event activities has grown in recent years and there are a great number of organisations and charities making full use of the great outdoors in Eryri – particularly on Yr Wyddfa itself. This document will offer event organisers practical advice on how to undertake these activities in a safe, responsible, sustainable and efficient manner and which are not detrimental to National Park purposes and to ensure that those special qualities are maintained.

The Eryri National Park Authority has an event friendly stance and recognises that events offer many opportunities for enjoyment in the form of outdoor recreation that are beneficial to health and wellbeing, that have the capacity to raise considerable sums of money for charity and contribute substantially to the local economy each year.

Whilst most events are well organised there have been instances of poor practice and management resulting in unnecessary disruption to local residents, other visitors, other planned events, local businesses, farming practices and damage to protected landscapes and habitats.

A well-planned event can help reduce any negative impacts whilst providing great opportunities for adventure and enjoyment in the outdoors that is of benefit to all.

Therefore, the Eryri National Park Authority needs to know what medium and larger events (those involving 50 or more participants) are being organised in the area. These include events that are organised for commercial benefit, those organised to raise money on behalf of registered charitable organisations or other good causes.

Knowing how they are planned and organised enables us to offer practical guidance and advice so that they can take place with minimal difficulty or disruption to the environment, local communities and to other recreational users.



2.2 Type of events covered by these guidelines are:

Activities on foot, cycling, horse riding that attract more than 50 participants. Activities for fewer than 50 are also encouraged to adhere to these guidelines.

General rule of thumb for events and recommended timetables for communication where necessary.

Event size	Small	Medium	Large
Foot based events	25-50	50-250	250+
Mountain bike events	30	30- 50	50+
Equestrian events	10	11-30	30+

	Small	Medium	Large
Recommended lead in time and research	2 months	6 -12 months	12 – 16 months
Event details	1 month	2 - 4 months	4-8 months
Final detail	2 weeks	4 weeks	2 months

The National Park Authority does not need to be consulted over any smaller events of less than 50 persons however; we are always willing to offer advice to those groups or individuals if required. Planning out of the ordinary activities (regardless of the group size) should always discuss these with National Park Authority officers to avoid any difficulties.

Whilst most formal events take place on existing Public Rights of Way (i.e. footpaths and bridleways) a significant amount of the land within the National Park is denoted as access land and privately owned and we strongly recommend that medium and larger event organisers liaise with landowners along the proposed route in good time (see guideline grid above).

Landowners appreciate early dialogue and given their local knowledge and expertise, they are uniquely placed to be able to assist and advise organisers. Allow sufficient time and include them in your pre event planning to avoid any unnecessary conflicts with their respective agricultural activities such as sheep gathering, lambing, hefting practices, calving, stock management, hay/silage cutting/storage, drainage works, crop drilling, walling, crop spraying or fencing. Special care should be applied at any boundary locations - these have the capacity to create problems particularly for stock management.

This is crucial if you plan, any routes on access land which are not on Public Rights of Way but are on `access land` (as described by the CROW Act 2000 and outlined on any OS Explorer 1.25.000 map in a cream colour). In this instance, you should always liaise with and obtain permission from the relevant landowners well in advance. Those areas may also include commons where joint grazing occurs therefore you will need to liaise with the relevant Graziers Association Secretary.

For access into public woodland other than using Public Right of Way (usually coniferous forests in the ownership of the Welsh Government), you will need to seek consent for any organised activities from **Natural Resources Wales** (NRW). Please note that other woodlands may be privately owned and permission will be required from landowners.

www.naturalresources.wales/about-us/contact-us

- **It is the responsibility of the organisers to liaise with landowners** when and where required **so please plan early**. Kindly note that under the Data protection Act (Gdpr) the National Park is not allowed to give landowner details to others.



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3.1 Pre Planning & What the National Park needs from you!

Eryri National Park Authority requires that event organisers provide the following information in advance (see recommended event size and time - frames on page 2) wherever possible. Pre planning is vital to ensure that events are successful and enjoyable for all!

Event Registration:

Please use the link below to provide the relevant information. You will not receive a response following completion of the form.

This populates a shared data base between the ENPA and Cyngor Gwynedd to enable us to determine what events are planned in advance.

2026: Register for events in Llanberis and Yr Wyddfa: <https://forms.office.com/e/pi1w9wdrqC>

3.2 Your tick list:

- Your expected participant numbers.
- A simple outline event plan of your arrangements i.e. exactly what you are planning to do.
- The full contact details of event co-ordinators and/or organisers including those for the day of the event.
- The date(s) of your event and details of the routes you plan to use. Supply a marked digital map/s to us by e-mail for consideration if possible.
- Inform us of your event marshalling, monitoring or supervisory cover, planned checkpoints (and feeding/fluid stations).
- Details of your parking arrangements - a simple description of where parking will be available. The National Park would encourage organisers and participants to be mindful of the notion of sustainable transport i.e. to encourage the use of public transport to arrive and depart, rail, buses, mini buses, and to share cars to reduce the number of vehicles within the NP. We would be grateful if this could be a part of any pre event briefings or inductions you have in place for your participants and support staff.

**Note - Please do not arrange drop offs and pick ups in the residential areas of Llanberis to avoid any disturbances.*

- Your First Aid cover arrangements. See Section 4 for more detail
- Your plan B and C arrangements if possible, i.e. your reserve dates.
- Your post event arrangements – i.e. removal of litter, flags/signs or other paraphernalia and procedures and actions for attending to any difficulties that arose during the event.

3.3 Before your event: check!

1. Event planners should **avoid routes in areas where there are important wildlife, sensitive biological or archaeological sites.**

Note. * All main routes on Yr Wyddfa are Public Rights of Way and have hard and well-defined surfaces so this aspect is unnecessary. However, events in designated conservation areas – such tracks or National Nature Reserves (NNR's) will require consent from Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

Away from well established tracks organisers should avoid areas such as Natural Nature Reserves and areas of access land during the periods 1st March - to 31st July due to ground nesting birds and agricultural young stock, including lambing and cattle with calves.

For those organisers considering holding events within forestry areas then consent will be required either from the NRW or in some instances private woodland owners. The use of Public Rights of Way are unaffected.

Advice on any archaeological sites of high importance may be obtained from CADW - the Welsh Government's historic environment service.

Eryri National Park Authority staff can offer advice and guidance on any routes you may be considering to avoid potential difficulties in terms of biodiversity or archaeological features wherever they may be present.

www.naturalresources.wales/about-us/contact-us

www.cadw.gov.wales

2. We strongly recommend that all large or medium event organisers should research their dates online to avoid clashes with other planned events and contact the National Park Authority well in advance to determine that their dates are suitable. National Park officers will be able to advise organisers to avoid any difficulties, but only where information is known. This is particularly relevant for Yr Wyddfa throughout the season. It may be possible to hold your event on another day that does not clash with other planned events.

Weekends are particularly busy in the summer season so please consider midweek or alternative dates later on in the summer. Try not to plan early events such as in March or April as these months will be more subject to the vagaries of the mountain weather at that time of the year.

3. For large events considering using public roads (i.e. for walking, running or cycling) then they must consult with either Cyngor Gwynedd or Conwy County Borough Council Events Teams and their respective Highways Departments who will advise as to what consents/licencing may be required. See links below:

Cyngor Gwynedd website - www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Leisure-parks-and-events/Events/Information-for-event-organisers.aspx>

Conwy County Borough Council website

4. Any small charitable event groups acting or fundraising on behalf of any larger charitable bodies are advised to seek the advice (and consent) of their main charitable body beforehand rather than after the event has taken place.

5. For any events planned using National Trust or Woodland Trust land consent will be required. Your rights for using Public Rights of Way are unaffected but would still recommend contacting these bodies.



4. General Information and Advice

This information and advice is relevant wherever you plan to hold your Organised or Charity Event:

4.1 Mountain safety:

Even in high summer please refer to the **Mountain Safety Information** links on the National Park's website and make sure this is widely circulated to all your participants weeks before your event to ensure that they are well prepared. **This aspect is crucial to you as organisers in that you have a duty of care and are ultimately responsible for your participants' safety.**

Note.

Event organisers should not rely on the use of the Mountain Rescue Teams in the area (Llanberis, Aberglaslyn, Ogwen and south Snowdonia Mountain Rescue) for any first aid cover except for serious or life-threatening emergencies.



Kindly note the following

The Mountain Rescue Teams within the Eryri National Park are all manned by volunteers who are increasingly busy dealing with incidents involving members of the public throughout the year and especially so during the height of the season from May to September. This period coincides with the time that many events are held. Therefore, the following guidelines should be followed when organisers are planning events within the Eryri National Park.

1. All events should have adequate First Aid capability to deal with injuries and medical conditions that occur to competitors and their close associates both on the course and at the start and finish locations of their events, that might reasonably be expected to occur.
2. This First Aid capability should include the ability to find, treat and evacuate event casualties from locations on the course who have suffered minor injuries or non-life-threatening medical events.
3. This capability should include the ability to recover casualties who are not able to walk, (non-ambulant). This will involve evacuation of this type of casualty by means of a suitable stretcher and staff to a 'road-head' where an event designated ambulance can meet them and convey the casualty to either an event medical facility or hospital.
4. Large events should be able to replicate this capability for two con-current incidents at different locations on their course.
5. Event organisers should not plan for, nor expect Mountain Rescue Teams to routinely deal with casualties that occur during events. However, Mountain Rescue Teams can be called upon to deal with medical threat to life incidents such as 'cardiac' events and significant trauma injuries where their expertise is required. This would also include difficult to access casualties, involving technical rope access or helicopter input and evacuation.
6. Details of the above should be included when completing the event registration form.

Note

* Any events that may include children under the age of 18 then organisers have a legal duty for ensuring their safety.

Please refer to the link below:

www.eryri.llyw.cymru/visiting/safety-advice

AdventureSmart <https://www.adventuresmart.uk/>

Ensure that all relevant route and mountain weather information is made available to all participants for at least 5 days leading up to your event. Use the Met Office website for Eryri, this weather forecast is specifically designed for the uplands. **Do not rely any general weather forecasts available on the TV, radio or other media.** If your event is being held between November and April, the Eryri National Park Authority provide a basic Winter Ground Conditions report on the website (link below) This will enable you to make suitable judgements about holding your event a few days in advance or whether you may have to postpone and apply your Plan B or C.

Mountain Weather Forecast Met Office link

www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/mountain-forecasts/Eryri

Winter Ground Condition

www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/visiting/walking/ground-conditions

4.2 Have a Plan B and even a Plan C:

Always plan alternative dates for your event in case you need to postpone. This is highly recommended if the weather forecast for your planned date/s is not suitable. Do not hesitate to postpone your event in advance if this is the case and build this flexibility into your pre event planning.

Check with your participants that some do not have serious health issues or require additional support – especially any that may be compounded by participating in your event. Organisers should make it clear to participants during any planning phase that they should declare or make you aware of any health issues or related concerns to you beforehand so you may plan accordingly.

4.3 Risk Assessment:

- This is something that **all** organisers will need to carry out and can vary depending on the scale, type and circumstances of the event but any organiser, regardless of the group's size, will need to give this aspect serious consideration.

The general advice is to keep it simple (one page), workable and understandable. Hazards on the hills should include slips, trips and falls, inclement weather (i.e. heat/sunstroke/cold/wind/rain/snow/ice), falls from height, tiredness/exhaustion, lifting or manual handling if required or any other hazards that may be pertinent to your particular activity. It is good practice to run through this with your participants before you set off to reinforce any safety messages.

- Further information on Risk Assessments can be found on the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) website. See links below

https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/index.htm?utm_source=hse.gov.uk&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=guidance-push&utm_term=risk&utm_content=home-page-popular

- Whilst some organisations like to carry or display banners and flags and often attempt to carry larger items on organised events. Organisers should give serious thought to the consequences of carrying any such items in difficult terrain, especially those that may prove to be difficult to physically manage or that could potentially fly off in high winds and cause injury to other participants and walkers. Aim to keep such items simple and trouble free and ensure that they are under control at all times. In the event of prevailing windy or cloudy conditions, consider leaving these behind.

4.4 Litter:

Unfortunately this remains a big problem and it is essential that no litter, clothing or redundant equipment are left behind anywhere in the countryside or mountains. Carry all litter or food/drink wrappings and containers away including bio- degradables such as food waste, banana skins, orange peel, apple cores and tea bags. These can take years to degrade and can be unsightly on the mountains and can have detrimental effects on our soils and ecology.

Ensure that the litter/waste problem is part of your pre event discussions briefings with participants prior to setting off and ensure that everything is brought down. Preferably, take it all away with you and recycle as much as possible and please do not deposit waste in local bins. Appoint someone to take charge of this issue as a part of your pre event planning. Be responsible!

4.5 Temporary way marking:

- **Temporary way marking** of routes for events, whilst not encouraged, needs to be done with care and they should **all** be removed promptly following your event (as part of your post event clear up). Any temporary way markers should have the event contact details clearly on the back to enable us to contact organisers for any reason or return those that are left behind by accident. Even on Public Rights of Way, permission will be required from landowners for the erection of any temporary signage or structures such as tents or marquees. Do not attempt to nail signage to trees.

Spray marking of any routes is not allowed under any circumstances. If you are uncertain about this aspect, please contact the relevant officers at Eryri National Park Authority.

- Any **temporary checkpoint** furniture or banners/flags/paperwork must be removed from the hill once the event is completed as part of your post event clear up. Kindly note that National Park Car parks are not allowed to be used as checkpoints/refreshments or start/finish points at any time. Remember that these are public places.
- It is recommended that all events should have adequate Public Liability insurance cover – even small events should consider this aspect - larger events should also have Employers Liability to cover their temporary staff (i.e. marshals, First Aiders or other volunteers). Most insurance companies will give quotations for short events at reasonable costs. Organisers have a legal responsibility for their participants, volunteers or paid staff.
- The collection of charitable donations on the hill from buckets is discouraged as this can annoy and spoil the enjoyment of other walkers and visitors – especially if this happens frequently during any given day. Therefore, fundraisers should try to ensure that funds are raised in advance of your event rather than be collected on the day.



4.6 Supporters Plan & Supply stations

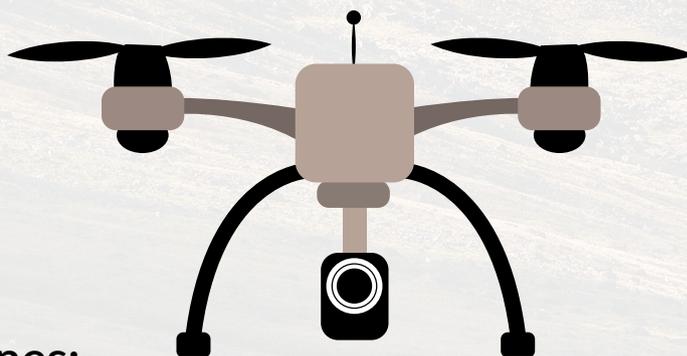
Many event participants are accompanied by spectators, supporters and helpers.

It is crucial that those supporters and helpers do not contribute to any additional traffic congestion whilst following an event or by inadvertently causing additional parking or congestion issues on public roads, private entrances, public or private car parks and lay-bys.

One of the principle messages of the National Park's event management guidance is that organisers should include this issue as part of any documentation that is supplied to participants once they are registered for any given event to ensure that those messages are clear to all well before the event takes place.

Checking in, food and refreshment stations should also be placed where no disruption will occur. Support vehicle/s parking should be minimal and all paraphernalia removed as quickly as possible after the event, Please note that *use of local bins is not permitted, all litter accumulated as part of the event should be removed by the events team and disposed of correctly.*

Kindly note that the National Park will charge a fee for the use of any of its car parks and organisers must consult with NP Officers well in advance of any planned event to obtain that consent.



4.7 Use of Drones:

The CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) has set out legal responsibilities that must be adhered to by all users.

There are two type of IDs you may need before flying a drones or model aircraft outdoors in the UK: A flyer ID shows you have passed the basic flying test. An operator ID, which must be labelled on your drone or model aircraft (this is the person responsible for managing a drone or model aircraft).

The following table states the categories at which a Flyer ID and/or Operator ID is required.

	Flyer ID	Operator ID
Below 100g	X	X
100g-249g no camera	✓	X
100g or above with camera	✓	✓
250g or above	✓	✓

Basic rules for using drones in Eryri National Park:

- The drone or model aircraft should not endanger anyone or anything. Even small drones and model aircraft could injure people if you don't fly them safely.
- Your drone or model aircraft must never be more than 120m from the closest point of the Earth's surface.
- Do not fly closer to people than 50m. This includes people in buildings and transport, including cars, lorries, trains, and boats.
 - *The rule on minimum distances is different for people involved in what you're doing: You can fly closer than 50m to people who are with you and who are involved in what you're doing, such as friends, family or colleagues out flying with you.*
 - *The rules on minimum distances to people are different for drones and model aircraft below 250g. If you are flying a drone or model aircraft that's below 250g, you can fly closer to people than 50m and you can fly over them.*
- Never fly over people who are crowded together, no matter what size of drone or model aircraft you have. A crowd is any group of people who cannot move away quickly because of the number of other people around them.
- Owners and operators should have, where necessary, the relevant licensing requirements
- Operators should heed any requirements under the Data Protection Act for the collection, use, distribution and storage of any images/film
- Avoid taking close-up footage of sheep, lambs, cattle (especially with calves), or feral goats. They may panic and fall off cliffs, and you could be held liable.
- Do not fly and film anywhere near protected species such as any birds, their nests (all nest sites are also protected by law) or other wild animals. Such activities fall under other legislation and may result in prosecution.
- Keep your flying time to a minimum to avoid disturbing other visitors' peace and tranquility. Do not to `buzz` the summit area.
- Be aware of low-flying aircraft in the area, such as Search and Rescue helicopters or Ministry of Defence aircraft. If you see them, ground your drone immediately to prevent serious injury and potential liability.
- For some areas such as SSSI's (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) and NNR's (National Nature Reserves), flying may have byelaws in place with restrictions for flying where flight may disturb animals or wildlife. For further advice please contact NRW (Natural Resources Wales) via the following link [Natural Resources Wales / Apply to use land we manage](#) and follow any restrictions that apply.

For further information please see [Drones advice - Park Authority](#)

4.8 Lanterns and balloons:

The National Park does not allow these activities on any mountains within the Eryri National Park. Lanterns have open flames and can be dangerous and cause fires if they land near housing barns or dry fields or forested areas. nearby.

Balloons even if biodegradable can be hazardous to stock and wildlife and are classed as litter when they land on the ground and they should not be released.

Balloons and lanterns can also be dangerous to low flying aircraft such as rescue helicopters and other low flying aircraft, which are common in Eryri.



4.9 Open fires:

Open fires (including barbecues) are not allowed.

For further information please see the link below:

<https://eryri.gov.wales/visit/plan-your-visit/barbecues-and-fires/>



4.10 Dogs and people in the countryside

Organisers should pay particular attention to livestock issues. These areas across the National Park should be identified during pre-activity recces by organisers particularly for the larger events when dogs accompany participants.

Kindly note that all dogs within access land - frequently described as open country (under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (CRoW) 2003 - must be on a 2 meter lead between 1st March and 31st July. This is to protect ground nesting birds and livestock during the breeding season. Dogs on Public Rights of Way must be under close control at all times.



Some fields may contain cattle with young calves and these can be very protective and become aggressive if they feel threatened by large groups of people especially those with dogs. Try to avoid them or use an alternative line and keep your dog on a lead. If threatened release the dog together with the lead immediately and make your way to safety – the dog will return to you.

Most uplands are also grazed by sheep with lambs especially in the summer months therefore do not allow your dog to worry (chase) and harass sheep – **this is a criminal offence**. So bring this to the attention of any participants with dogs well before you set off. Our advice is that **all dogs should on a lead in the vicinity of livestock**.

Clean up after your dog: Dog waste must always be bagged and disposed of in a public bin or taken home. Biodegradable bags are recommended. Do not leave waste bags behind under any circumstances

Therefore, if you can **see any stock** then always put your dog on a lead. See link below:
www.eryri.llyw.cymru/visiting/local-information/dog-owners

5. Wild Camping Advice

Wild camping is not allowed within the National Park under current legislation and permission is required from relevant landowners.

<https://eryri.gov.wales/visit/plan-your-visit/camping/>

There is also a limited number of mountain bothys within the National Park and further information can be obtained from the Bothys Association website link below:

<https://www.mountainbothies.org.uk/>



6. Yr Wyddfa specific information and advice

6.1 Organised Events on Yr Wyddfa:

In addition to the advice given above, the following relates specifically to Organised Events on Yr Wyddfa.

All routes to Yr Wyddfa's summit are challenging mountain hikes.

Even the paths sometimes described as "easier" are still tough and should not be underestimated. You should be confident in your fitness and mountain skills before setting out. Eryri National Park grades all routes to the summit as "Hard / Strenuous." Your participants should be suitably equipped and provisioned for a full mountain day and no less. Kindly visit the recommended links below for further information.

- Any large events on Yr Wyddfa should consider ascending and descending the mountain using the **Llanberis Path**. For other routes see full details on the links below:

Eryri National Park website walking/visiting section

www.eryri.llyw.cymru/visiting/walking

Information on all Yr Wyddfa routes

<https://eryri.gov.wales/visit/snowdon/climbing-snowdon/>

Information about using the Llanberis path:

[Llanberis Path Guide for Walkers and Small Events](#)

Out of season (late Oct to May), there are no facilities available on the summit of Yr Wyddfa but please note that even in the summer months the café and railway service may be closed due to poor weather so never assume that this facility will be available at all times. So plan and make allowances for this and encourage people to use toilet facilities before you set off and carry adequate provisions for food and drink and additional clothing.

In the event of some participants being tired do not assume that train is available to descend from the summit. All trains are usually booked as returns and no seats will be available.

For those activities planned for the night-time such as, walking or cycling there are no facilities available between 6pm and 9am even in the summer months. The small café half way up the Llanberis Path offers limited food and drink during the day only. This means no indoor shelter, no cafe and importantly no toilets.

For those events using the Llanberis path for nighttime activities then this means you will need to walk through residential areas. Please respect local communities and keep noise and lights to a minimum at night and also when returning early morning. Do not attempt to use those residential areas as parking or drop off points - this is highly disruptive to local residents. Please arrange drop-offs on the main road (A4096) at a suitable and safe location.

*Do not allow or encourage any participants to walk up or down any part of the Yr Wyddfa Mountain Railway line or beneath it especially near the summit at any time of the year. This is illegal and dangerous.

6.2 Parking & Sustainable Transport

The National Park Authority encourages event organisers to consider sustainable transport and to use the **Sherpa Bus service** mini buses, buses and consider car sharing for groups rather than participants arriving in individual vehicles.

The **Sherpa Bus** service runs from Llanberis to Pen y Pass via Nant Peris and is highly recommended for smaller groups as an alternative to parking in Pen Y Pass. The Sherpa picks up passengers from Llanberis and Nant Peris on its way to Pen y Pass.

Please note that Pen y Pass operates as a pre-book only between April and November (exact dates change annually so check before hand).

Pre-booking is not possible at any of the other car parks including, Cwellyn/Snowdon Ranger, Rhyd Ddu, Nant Peris and Pont Bethania.

Drop-offs are permitted at Pen y Pass, offering a convenient option during busier times.

However, space is very limited, especially during the day in areas where Sherpa buses, large coaches, minibuses, and taxis need to turn around. To help prevent congestion, be ready to exit the vehicle promptly upon arrival. Have your bags packed, your hiking boots on and laced, and be fully prepared to start your walk before reaching Pen y Pass. Please note that National Park staff may ask your driver to move on, if necessary, to avoid blocking the road and to keep traffic flowing.

Parking on the road leading to Pen y Pass from both directions is strictly prohibited and actively monitored by police. Cars have been towed from this area in the past for obstructing traffic and creating a hazard to other road users, so please avoid parking here.

Please note: the maximum vehicle length permitted in the car park is 5 metres.

Link below:

<https://www.sherparwyddfa.wales/>

Cyngor Gwynedd Bus Timetables

www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Parking-roads-and-travel/Bus-timetables/Bus-timetables.aspx



6.3 Yr Wyddfa Voluntary Cycling Agreement

Event organisers and participants should be aware that the Llanberis track is a bridleway and therefore is available to cyclists, walkers and horse riders. However, this route is subject to a seasonal voluntary cycle access agreement restrictions and is not available to cyclists between 10 am and 5pm between 1st May and the 30th September. More information can be found on the National Park website link below.

<https://eryri.gov.wales/visit/plan-your-visit/cycling/mountain-biking-on-snowdon/>

Note* Pedestrians and horse riders always have priority on any bridleways so by law cyclists **must** give way to them at all times (as prescribed by Sect. 30 of the Countryside Act 1968).

The Miners track is available to cyclists only as far as the old mill near the Llyn Llydaw causeway (SH629545) and no further at any time.



7. Three Peaks Challenge (TPC)

7.1 The original Three Peaks Challenge (Yr Wyddfa, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis) and the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge (Yr Wyddfa, Cader Idris and Pen y Fan)

Yr Wyddfa is part of both the Original Three Peaks and the Welsh Three Peaks.

- People access Yr Wyddfa late at night or very early in the morning to undertake a Three Peaks Challenge. It is essential that participants who arrive at Pen Y Pass or Llanberis at such times do so with the minimum of disturbance (i.e. noise and lights) to guests in the adjacent Youth Hostel or residents of Llanberis. Do not allow your vehicles to block the car park for other day visitors and on completion the car parking spaces should be vacated at the earliest opportunity.

Do not use the residential areas of Llanberis as parking, drop off and turn around places for cars or minibuses. This is highly disruptive to local residents. Arrange to drop off or pick participants off the main road A4086 at a safe location and that your vehicles do not become a traffic hazard. This should be a consideration in your event planning process.

Given the potential for congestion at the Pen Y Pass car park, especially at weekends in the summer months, consider undertaking this challenge midweek to minimise issues both here and also in the Ben Nevis and Wasdale Head car parks.

Additional information advice for TPC can be found on the Three Peaks Partnership website - www.threepeakspartnership.co.uk/

7.2 After your event!

Post event clear ups are essential and **all** litter, paraphernalia i.e. flags, signs, banners or other items should be removed on the same day and nothing should be left once your event is completed. There are no facilities for rubbish or litter disposal anywhere in the uplands so what goes up must come down and pre arrange to take it home or dispose of it suitably. **Nothing** should be left at any National Park car parks including Pen Y Pass.



Please do not use local bins for disposal of waste/litter following your event. This places an undue burden on local resources so plan to take it all away. Provision should also be made to make sure that no organic food waste or litter is left anywhere on the mountain(s) including peel, banana skins, tea bags or any other food waste is brought down. We recommend that you could include this information in your participants briefing/induction packs well before your arrival so everyone knows their responsibility to keep our mountains, our countryside and ecosystems in pristine condition for all to enjoy.

Once completed it is good practice and a useful exercise to discuss with your participants, the National Park and relevant landowners the event and to gain their views and get some feedback generally. There may be issues that may not have been apparent to you as organisers.

7.3 Think Local

- Try to encourage participants to put something back into the local economy by staying in the area and use local accommodation providers rather than simply travelling on the day.
- Try to use local businesses to supply your event. This enables participants and organisers to contribute directly into the local economy. The National Park Warden and Access Service may offer assistance with this information.
- As good practice, the National Park Authority would encourage event organisers to consider using local organisers and marshals/guides (who have considerable local knowledge and experience) to assist with their event.
- Use your event as an opportunity to promote the purposes of the Eryri National Park. Well run events can be a very positive experience for all concerned and encourage return visits to the area.
- Travelling for long distances before any organised event on the same day is tiring, may adversely affect your ability to set off at a reasonable time, and will detract from your participants' enjoyment on the day. Please give this aspect serious consideration in your pre-planning.



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8. Access to water



There is no statutory right of access to water in England and Wales under current legislation other than tidal limits therefore any events or activities involving any fresh water bodies – including rivers, lakes, reservoirs or canals will require the consent of landowners or statutory undertakers such as water companies. Seek further advice from National Park officers if required.

In Northern Eryri canoe, access has been arranged by consent on the Upper Conwy from Ysbyty Ifan to the egress point in the lay by near Bron Ruffydd and on the Glaslyn between Llyn Gwynant and the Aberglaslyn Bridge (National Trust). Note that there are water level gauges in situ at these points and paddlers should only access waters when conditions are suitable as indicated by the gauges.

Canoe access is also available on Llyn Trawsfynydd and is subject to charges.

Contact point: prysorcentre@aol.co.uk - 01766 540780



Access for waterborne activities on Llyn Tegid (Bala) are subject to fees. Contact the Bala Lake Warden's Office for more information.

parc@eryri.llyw.cymru - 01678 520626

All tidal waters are available to canoe, swim or sail but please check the local tidal limits.

Please remember to be aware of your responsibilities in terms of water safety and bio security on any water bodies.

For further advice see

www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/
[Natural Resources Wales / The Waterside Code](#)



9. Llyn Tegid

9.1 Designations for Conservation:

Llyn Tegid is Wales's largest natural lake and is owned and managed by the Eryri National Park. It also has important designations for conservation:

- I. **Special of Conservation (SAC)** – Sites established throughout the European Union under the EU Habitats Directive. They are part of the Natura 2000 network and aim to provide conservation measures to European species and habitats of particular importance under the European Habitats Directive
- II. **Ramsar - The Convention** on wetlands, called the **Ramsar Convention**, “is the intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources”.
- III. **Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981

One of the Eryri National Park principle purposes is to uphold those conservation designations and to ensure that they are not compromised.

With this in mind, the lake welcomes many users including events and appreciates that many are worthwhile, and when run responsibly they can bring great enjoyment to participants and is also of significant economic benefit to the area.

However, this can only happen as long as activities are well managed and not detrimental to those designations.

It is also important that these activities are undertaken with due care and by adhering to the advice proffered by the Eryri National Park in terms of safety and biosecurity.

Event organisers should always consult beforehand with the Eryri National Park Warden at the Lake Office, Llyn Tegid Foreshore, Pensarn Rd, and Y Bala. Gwynedd. **LL23 7SR**

Or tel: 01678 520626 or parc@eryri.llyw.cymru

There are a number of points that we would like to draw to event organisers' attention:

9.2 Parking, pay, and display

The public car parks around the lake are largely pay and display and event organisers should be aware of this. * The Eryri National Park does not allow events to have sole use of any car parks unless by prior arrangement. Overnight camping is not allowed on National Park car parks

9.3 Water sports

The lake is used for a variety of water sports including wind surfing, sailing, canoeing, paddle boarding, swimming and as a centre for triathlon events. However, any form of motorised general boating or water sports is not allowed.

*Users use the lake at their own risk and any event should be fully risk assessed. Risk Assessments should be passed to the Lake Warden for approval/comments prior to any organised event on the lake.

9.4 Permits

Kindly note that charges are applicable for any activities on the water including fishing and boating of any sort. Permits can be obtained from the Bala Wardens Office situated at the extreme north end of the lake adjacent to the public car park and are also available from any of the pay and display machines.

For additional information on the fishing experience see:

<https://balaangling.co.uk/>

A bathymetric chart of the lake is also available on this website

9.5 Recommendations for water sports:

Lifejackets or approved buoyancy aids are required for all water borne activities (other than swimming).

9.5 (I) Swimmers

Are advised to wear hi viz caps and a floatation device whenever possible. *Be aware of other users or any sailing events taking place on the lake.*

We recommend that swimmers keep to the west side swimming lane which is zoned off with yellow buoys. This is approximately 50m wide (from the shoreline) and 400m long beginning at the jetty located at the northern foreshore.

Please also be aware that there may be bank side fishermen who may be casting lines from time to time so try to avoid these whenever possible.

There are no charges for general swimmers but a `charge per head` will be applied for any organised swimming events *or as part of a triathlon.*

9.5 (II) Cold Water

The lake is very cold even during summer months so anyone undertaking activities should be fully aware of this. Event organisers should relay this information to any participants during any event briefings or instructions and ensure that they are adequately prepared for this issue.

9.5 (III) Biosecurity

The National Park takes this issue very seriously. Participants for water based activities on the lake have a responsibility to ensure that any equipment such as: paddleboards, wind surfers, boats including canoes and kayaks, protective clothing such as waders, floatation devices, wellingtons, water boots, wet/dry suits and fishing gear are cleaned thoroughly before you arrive at the site and then after use.

Please refer to the following links for some useful advice on bio security

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/>

9.6 Algae

From time to time, especially in hot weather, there are occasional algae blooms that appear on the lake. Generally, the lake Wardens will erect advisory signs when blooms are present but in the event of you encountering anything whilst in the water – move away from it and make your way out of the water, as they can be toxic. Inform the Wardens.



For more information please follow the link below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/algal-blooms-advice-for-the-public-and-landowners/algal-blooms-advice-for-the-public-and-landowners>

9.7 Litter



This is a huge problem and any event organiser should ensure that you:

- i) Include this in any `event plan` and appoint someone from your organisation to deal with this issue.
- ii) Ensure that this includes the disposal of organic waste such as apple cores, banana skins, orange peel and other left over food.
- iii) Do not attempt to fill any bins in the local community - take everything away and re cycle as much as possible.
- iv) Ensure that this issue is included during any post event clear up arrangements.

9.8 Safety boats for events



Motorised safety boats are allowed to cover sailing or swimming events but must adhere to the speed limit and be manned by a competent person (with a recognised small boat handling qualification).

Please note that a special licence is required for any rescue craft on the lake. This can be obtained from the Wardens Office by prior arrangement.

01678 520626 or parc@eryri.llyw.cymru

9.9 Marker buoys



Other events and activities on the lake can include sailing and wind surfing and can be a high speed. You should endeavour to stay out of areas that have numbered marker buoys. Certain events will require the use of marker buoys, which can be supplied locally – contact the Lake Warden for more information.

10. Weather



Llyn Tegid is a large freshwater lake but please do not assume that conditions will be mild or sheltered at any given time. Be aware that conditions can change rapidly and you should monitor this continuously during any activities you undertake.

Always check to local forecast beforehand.

https://www.metcheck.com/WEATHER/now_and_next.asp?zipcode=bala

10.1 Useful Information

For other useful link to Bala - Llyn Tegid and activities please see the links below:

<http://www.gobala.org/>

<https://eryri.gov.wales/visit/llyn-tegid/>

For Canoe Trail information.

<http://www.gobala.org/en/canoe-tours>

All Ability Trail

<http://www.gobala.org/en/trails/category/c/all-ability-trails>



Courtesy – Rat Race - Man vs Mountain

11. Information for filming on Eryri National Park Authority Property

Any filming for commercial purposes on the Yr Wyddfa summit, car parks or other areas owned or operated by Eryri National Park Authority is subject to licence. Follow the links below:

<https://authority.snowdonia.gov.wales/information/filming-in-snowdonia/>

Eryri National Park Authority contacts:

Edward Jones 01766 770274 – Edward.jones@eryri.llyw.cymru
Ioan Gwilym – 01766 772253 – ioan.gwilym@eryri.llyw.cymru

For filming on National Trust properties - Carneddau East, Tryfan, the Glyderau, Y Garn and the majority of the Watkin path then consent will be required from the National Trust.

Use of Drones – See link below to National park website.

<https://authority.snowdonia.gov.wales/information/filming-in-snowdonia/using-drones/>



12. Other fundraising event advice in the UK

There is also generic guidance for Outdoor Fundraising Events in the UK produced jointly by the Institute of Fundraising and National Parks UK. This was prompted by particular concerns about insensitive or poorly organised activities within designated areas. Its aim is to reduce those potential problems by encouraging organisers to work in conjunction with the National Park Authorities, land managers, other relevant organisations and local authorities to ensure best practice in terms of the environment and safety.

See links below to the Guidance for Outdoor Fundraising Events including the Three Peaks Partnership advice. Please read and follow these codes.

Institute of Fundraisers – Code of fundraising practice

<https://ciof.org.uk/guidance-and-resources>

13. Helping to Conserve the Eryri National Park.

Help us to help you!

Events can inadvertently have detrimental effects on our designated landscapes and environments.

In order to alleviate this, we are continually carrying out improvements and maintenance, which require considerable investment. This includes surfacing, footpath pitching, walling, signage, drainage, maintenance/replacement of furniture and gates and providing up to date digital information. By making a donation today, you can help us look after this spectacular place now and for the future.

If you would like to consider helping the National Park Authority to maintain these fragile environments and provide good quality access then please ask your participants to consider donating a few pounds per head to us directly or alternatively, event organisers could ask for a donation in their registration fee, which can then be forwarded to us.

Individuals may also consider a private donation using the same details below.

Please ensure that you let us know that you are making a donation and quote that this is an `access donation` as a reference so that monies can be banked and attributed correctly. Cheques or payment by BACS are payable to the Eryri National Park Authority or by direct bank transfer using the following details:

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Account Name: **Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri**

Sort Code: **20-35-47**

Account number **30507008**

The amount you wish to donate

Amount £

Your name

Address

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Post Code:

E-mail:

Postal address – Eryri National Park Offices, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. LL48 6LF

OR you can donate direct through the website following this link <https://eryri.gov.wales/protect/donate/>

Kindly Note!

If paying by BACS please reference your payment as a **'Donation'**

Yr Wyddfa Partnership is a group set up to create and then implement a new management plan for Yr Wyddfa. The group comprises individuals who represent the organisations and landowners that are responsible for on-the-ground management of the mountain - ranging from conservation work and path management to tourism, farming and mountain rescue.

Thank you

The NATIONAL PARK would like to thank you in advance for any contribution you wish to make and for making a significant difference to the environment

All donations will be acknowledged (although not the amount) on our donations page on our website and our social media pages.

14. Eryri National Park Authority Contact Details

For events **for fewer than 50 persons on Yr Wyddfa**
Pen Y Pass Wardens Office - 01286 872555

Eryri National Park Authority Headquarters
parc@eryri.llyw.cymru

01766 770274

For small and medium events on **Llyn Tegid (Bala)**
Warden Office -01678 520626

For a discussion about events over 100 persons or generally:
Ask for the access section - 01766 770274 or parc@eryri.llyw.cymru

Contact details of other services

For local assistance and support services for guides and information info

Betws y Coed Information Centre (open all year)

Eryri National Park Information Centre,

Betws y Coed,

Conwy,

LL24 0AH

Telephone: 01690 710426

Email: tic.byc@eryri.llyw.cymru

Beddgelert Information Centre (open Easter-October)

Canolfan Hebog,

Beddgelert,

Gwynedd,

LL55 4YD

Telephone: 01766 890 615

Email: tic.beddgelert@eryri.llyw.cymru

Aberdyfi Information Centre (open Easter-October)

Wharf Gardens,

Aberdyfi,

Gwynedd,

LL35 0EE

Telephone: 01654 767321

Email: tic.aberdyfi@eryri.llyw.cymru

15. Eryri Guides & Leaders

www.mountain-training.org

www.climb-snowdon.co.uk/

16. Police, Mountain Rescue, Ambulance, Fire Service & Coast Guard

The first point of contact in any emergency is to call 999 or 112 and ask for Police then Mountain Rescue or any other service you require

Direct contact for:

Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team

www.llanberismountainrescue.co.uk/

Ogwen Valley team

www.ogwen-rescue.org.uk/

Aberglaslyn Mountain Rescue Team

www.aberglaslyn-mrt.org/

South Snowdonia Team

<https://www.sssart.org.uk/>

Aberdovey Search & Rescue Team

www.aberdyfi-sart.org.uk/