

Blood Cancer UK Snowdon By Night 2022



Duration: 2 days

Snowdonia National Park in North Wales is synonymous with beautiful, rugged landscapes and wonderful trekking and outdoor pursuits. The highest mountain in England and Wales at 1085m, Snowdon's Welsh name is Yr Wyddfa, reputedly the burial place of a mythical giant. A popular summit trek by day-time, it forms a real challenge by night.

Standing at the summit as the dark disappears will be an unforgettable experience, as will seeing the sunrise from the mountain slopes. Witnessing the spectacular landscapes opening up before us as the day grows lighter is a magical and unforgettable experience.

Our base for this challenge is a friendly hotel, which makes for a sociable start to our challenge as we sort our kit and get to know each other and the crew. At the end, we gather back together in the warm and celebrate our overnight achievement with a slap-up breakfast!

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Llanberis

We'll meet in the evening in Llanberis, the popular village at the foot of Snowdon, and get ready for our trek. After checking our kit and following a full-briefing we switch on our head-torches, and set off on our exciting night challenge!

We follow the Llanberis Path, which roughly shadows the route of the famous Snowdon Mountain Railway. It's the

most gradual route up Snowdon with good conditions underfoot, and therefore best suited to our ascent in the dark! There is an initial steep section; after this our route continues quite gradually. The path shows up quite easily most of the time under the torchlight. Trekking up at night is a very different experience than during the day; our senses grow used to the darkness and we can enjoy the silence and the remoteness, and the views of the night sky arcing above us.

After the Halfway House the gradient becomes steeper in places, but we know we're not far off the summit! We pass through a narrow railway bridge, and it's not long before we get to a standing stone, marking where other trails meet ours. A little further on we come to the summit at 1085m. We have gained approx 900m in height since we set off – quite an achievement!

Day 2: Descend and Depart After some time to experience the summit – though it will probably be quite cold at the top, so you may not want to linger too long! – we start our descent and return to Llanberis the same way. The sky will now light our way down, and we may be able to enjoy the wonderful views over the Menai Strait towards Anglesey while we are still high enough to enjoy them. As our surroundings get lighter, we'll be amazed by what we climbed in the dark! The descent will be much quicker and less arduous, but still tiring and can be hard on the knees. We return to Llanberis for a big celebration breakfast! After saying our farewells to our fellow trekkers, we head home, tired but very elated!

Ascent approx. 5-7 hours; descent approx. 2-3 hours

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INCLUDED:

- Start/finish hub
- Celebration breakfast before departure
- Discover Adventure qualified mountain leaders and qualified first aid leaders
- Full vehicle support where required
- 24 hour emergency UK back-up

EXCLUDED:

- Pre-ascent Dinner
- Parking at the event hub (currently £4.50)
- Transfers to the start of the event
- Insurance to cover personal injury, cancellation/curtailment, lost items etc

CHALLENGE INFORMATION

DETAILED INFORMATION

Trip Safety

Your safety, and that of the rest of the group, is our highest priority. Our trips are designed and planned with safety in mind. Your crew will be equipped with communication devices (eg phones, radios and/or emergency satellite phones), medical kit and other safety apparatus appropriate to the destination. Our leaders always have access to our 24-hour emergency UK back-up. They are responsible for safety on the trip, and will make any changes to the itinerary they deem necessary, should local conditions dictate. Pre-trip administration - such as medical questionnaires and travel insurance as appropriate - is all done with your safety in mind.

Passenger Portal

We have a Passenger Portal which will give you more details of the challenge itself. It also enables you to see any outstanding information we need, the countdown to your challenge departure, see your outstanding balance, make payments and update your contact details. You can access this via the following link - [Passenger Portal Log in](#).

PREPARING FOR THE CHALLENGE

Clothing & Kit

We plan our trips around the optimal weather conditions, but could still be exposed to bad weather at any time. It is vital you are prepared for all conditions. We provide you with a detailed packing kit-list on registration, as well as details on useful discounts you are entitled to as a Discover Adventure customer. We are always available if you need advice.

If you are still to buy some kit don't forget that Cotswold Outdoor, Snow and Rock, Cycle Surgery and Runners Need offer all Discover Adventure participants **15% off** any purchases you make with them. Please ask us for the code if you do not have this already.



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Please note: This document was downloaded on 6 Jul 2022, and the challenge is subject to change.