6 | Rhyd Ddu to Beddgelert

From the Cwellyn Arms, continue right and, some 200m further, on the left, pass between the buildings on a rough track along the rear of houses to reach the railway station, toilets and car park. Opposite the car park, take the well-engineered Lôn Gwyrfai path which is waymarked all the way to Beddgelert. When the main path comes in from the right, turn left, continuing on a narrow causeway around the lake, Llyn y Gadair. The causeway gives way to a track entering the forest and, following its edge, joins a track coming in from the right. Bear left here, and left again a bit further on near a sign to Beddgelert.

Cross the Welsh Highland Railway (for the first of many times) and turn right along a broad track just before the main road. Continue straight on past a car park on your right, and head towards a small wooden chalet. After passing a house named Hafod Ruffydd Isaf (a hafod is where livestock were taken in the summer), turn right, signed Beddgelert, crossing the old packhorse bridge, Pont Rhyd, and continue straight ahead, ignoring the path on the left. Cross the railway again and ignore a grassy track into the woods on your right. Pass the entrance to Hafod Ruffydd Ganol farm on the left. Bear left at the next junction of tracks and pass the sign to the Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf gallery up on the right.

Bear left again at the next junction of tracks, then fork right to leave the forest track a bit further on, and cross the river. Follow a slate path down through the woods with the river on your left, bearing left at the next junction, still following both the Snowdonia Slate Trail and Lôn Gwyrfai waymarkers. Just before the railway - again - turn right alongside it, past Meillionen Halt. Follow the way-markers right at the next junction and at a wide turning area, leave the forest track to cross the stream on a wooden bridge to your left and follow the gravel path across the hillside.

At the T-junction of paths, near Cwm Cloch Ganol cottage, turn left along the lane, crossing the railway twice. When you reach the railway next, this time crossing the lane on a bridge, turn right just before it, and pass beneath the line. When the path forks, take the left tarmac path, follow this into the car park. Go across the car park into the main street of Beddgelert. Turn left, passing the tourist information office until you get to the river bridge.

Right: Nantlle Ridge from the Trail
Lower Left: Gate to Lôn Gwyrfai
Lower Right: Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) and Llyn y Gadair

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