

Lake Walk



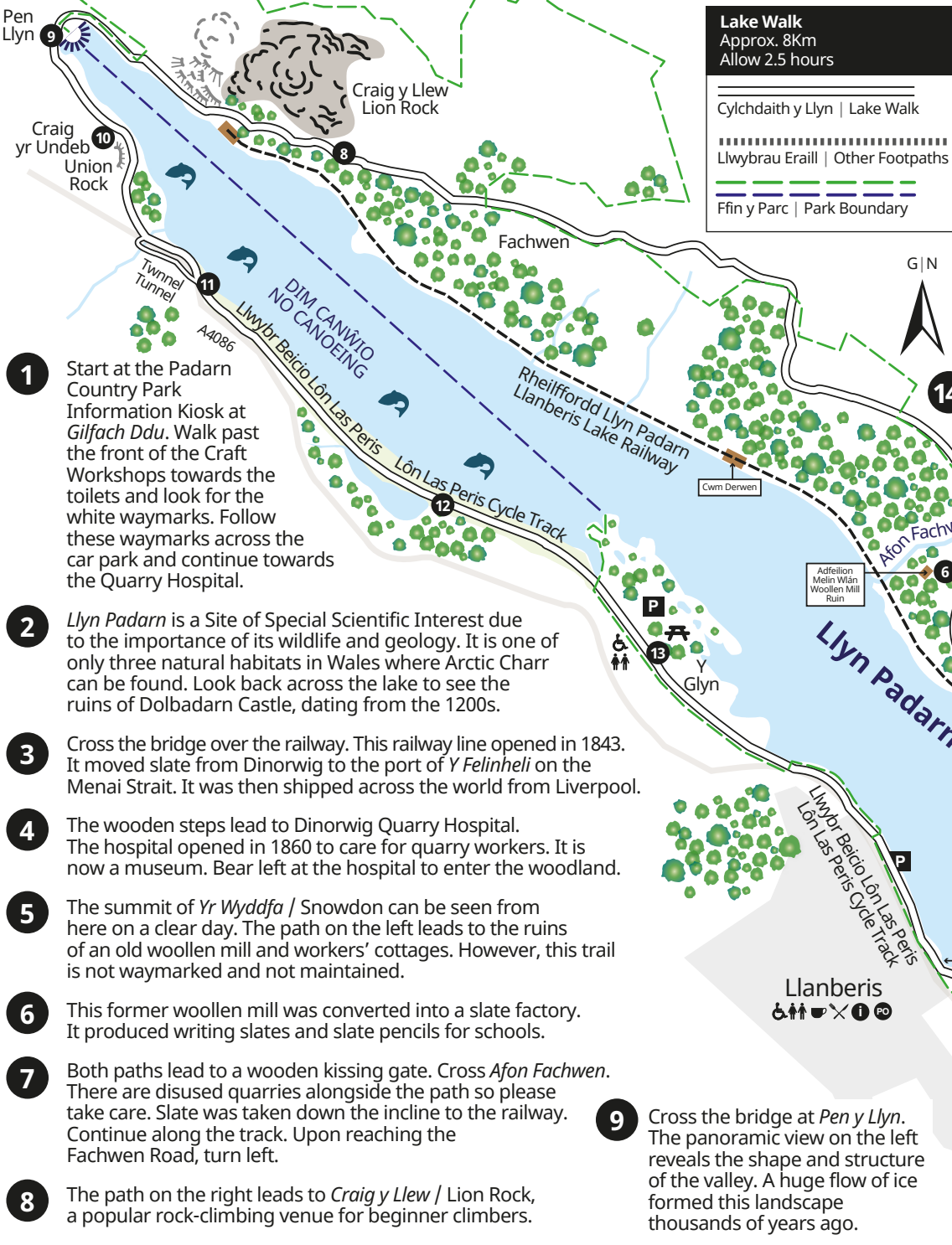
Lake Walk
Approx. 8Km
Allow 2.5 hours

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Cylchdaith y Llyn | Lake Walk
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Llwybrau Eraill | Other Footpaths
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Ffin y Parc | Park Boundary

Essential information

We want you to enjoy your visit to Padarn Country Park but please be aware that some areas of the Park can be dangerous and children should be supervised at all times.

- Only follow way-marked trails
- Do not enter building ruins
- Keep away from old quarry structures
- Some paths have uneven surfaces and steep drops
- Some of the features of the Park include old quarry workings, steep woodland paths and deep waters



14 Pass the Village Car Park. Continue to the lakeside recreation area. Cross the footbridge into the Lakeside Car Park. Follow the waymarks off to the left and then into the field. Follow the lakeside path through the *Cae'r Ddôl* meadows to the main footbridge that crosses the *Afon y Bala* river. Cross the bridge and turn left to return to the end of the trail at the *Gilfach Ddu* car park.

13 Pass the *Y Glyn* recreation area on the left to reach the main road. This recreation area was created by tipping quarry waste from the *Glyn Rhonwy* quarry on the hillside above into the lake.

12 Follow the track and pass *Llyn Tan Y Pant*. The causeway was built by the railway. It separated this part of the lake from the main lake. This area is more sheltered than the main lake, which allows plants and animals to thrive here.

11 At the end of the old road section, pass through the gates. Follow the path around to the right and cross the main road at the crossing point. Rejoin the *Lôn Las Peris* cycle track, which passes through the old railway tunnel beneath the main road.

1 Start at the Padarn Country Park Information Kiosk at *Gilfach Ddu*. Walk past the front of the Craft Workshops towards the toilets and look for the white waymarks. Follow these waymarks across the car park and continue towards the Quarry Hospital.

2 *Llyn Padarn* is a Site of Special Scientific Interest due to the importance of its wildlife and geology. It is one of only three natural habitats in Wales where Arctic Charr can be found. Look back across the lake to see the ruins of Dolbadarn Castle, dating from the 1200s.

3 Cross the bridge over the railway. This railway line opened in 1843. It moved slate from Dinorwig to the port of *Y Felinheili* on the Menai Strait. It was then shipped across the world from Liverpool.

4 The wooden steps lead to Dinorwig Quarry Hospital. The hospital opened in 1860 to care for quarry workers. It is now a museum. Bear left at the hospital to enter the woodland.

5 The summit of *Yr Wyddfa* / Snowdon can be seen from here on a clear day. The path on the left leads to the ruins of an old woollen mill and workers' cottages. However, this trail is not waymarked and not maintained.

6 This former woollen mill was converted into a slate factory. It produced writing slates and slate pencils for schools.

7 Both paths lead to a wooden kissing gate. Cross *Afon Fachwen*. There are disused quarries alongside the path so please take care. Slate was taken down the incline to the railway. Continue along the track. Upon reaching the Fachwen Road, turn left.

8 The path on the right leads to *Craig y Llew* / Lion Rock, a popular rock-climbing venue for beginner climbers.

9 Cross the bridge at *Pen y Llyn*. The panoramic view on the left reveals the shape and structure of the valley. A huge flow of ice formed this landscape thousands of years ago.