

The Pumlumon Fawr Mountain Experience

26th- 29th October 2020



A four day/three night break in the Cambrian Mountains, staying in a luxury pod at [Wigwam Holidays Hafren](#), Staylittle. A guided walk on each day by Helen Menhinick of [Bryn Walking](#) and required transport is included for the walks on Day 2 and Day 3.

Learn about the history of the lead mining in Dylife – enough remains for you to imagine what life used to be like, experience Pumlumon Fawr, the highest peak in the Cambrian Mountains, and the famously remote Hengwm valley and then climb to another trig point on Day 4 with 360° fabulous views. In the evenings you can self-cater or dine at the near-by 17th century drovers Inn – [Y Star Inn](#). On Day 2 and Day 3 we are taken for a hearty Welsh breakfast on route to the start points at [The George Borrow Hotel](#) and The star Inn. Walk details and itinerary can be found below. To get a real feel for the walks on Day 2 and Day 3, enjoy reading Helen's [blog](#).



Bryn Walking is a member of [Mynyddoedd Cambrian Mountains](#). Working together in the Cambrian Mountains, we all want to create a memorable and fantastic experience and share with you what we have on our doorsteps.



Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive at pods before lunch time around 1100. Settle in and after a short briefing we walk directly from the pods up to Glyndŵr's way and look at the old lead mining area. Finish with a drink at [Y Star Inn](#) before returning to the pods by shared transport.

For dinner participants can then either self-cater at the pods for their evening meal or return to Y Star Inn, having previously ordered their evening meal whilst enjoying their drink after the walk.

Day 2

Leave the pods by minibus at 0700, taking the scenic road past Clywedog Reservoir and then on through the Cambrian Mountains to [The George Borrow Hotel](#) at Ponterwyd for Welsh breakfast. The minibus will wait for us here and then take us to the start point by Nant y Moch Reservoir. We then climb to the summit of Pumlumon (752m) and then walk along the ridge of Pumlumon down to the 3 lakes. We can possibly take in the summit of Foel Fadian (564m) if time permits (this will be an additional steep climb of 90m). At the end of the walk we will be picked up by the minibus and taken back to the pods.

For dinner participants can then either self-cater at the pods for their evening meal or return to Y Star Inn, having previously ordered their evening meal whilst enjoying their drink after the walk on Day 1.

Day 3

Leave the pods by minibus at 0800, taking us to Y Star Inn for Welsh breakfast, wait for us there and after which takes us to the starting point for our walk (where we finished day 1). We retrace our steps to the three lakes and enter the Hengwm Valley. The Hengwm Valley is fairly flat with spectacular scenery. The walk is fairly flat, and the scenery is fantastic. On reaching Nant y Moch Reservoir we will be picked up by the minibus and taken back to the pods. Should time permit we will stop off at The George Borrow Hotel for a drink.

For dinner participants can then either self-cater at the pods for their evening meal or return to Y Star Inn, having previously ordered their evening meal whilst enjoying their drink after the walk.

Day 4

A leisurely start and after a self-catered breakfast we leave the pods for our last walk, up to the summit of Bryn y Fan (482m). This is on route to Llanidloes. Fantastic views of Clywedog Reservoir, Pumlumon and the surrounding Cambrian Mountains.



Guided Walks

	Day 1 Glyndwrs Way & mining history	Day 2 The Pumlumon Fawr massif	Day 3 The Hengwm Valley	Day 4 Bryn y Fan
Distance and ascent	Approx 9Km Total ascent 285m	Approx 17Km Total ascent 638m	Approx 13Km Total ascent 168m	Approx 4Km Total ascent 221m
Terrain description	A fairly easy walk along Glyndwr's Way	Some difficult uneven terrain, parts of which are occasionally wet.	Fairly flat with some small streams to cross.	A generally easy path to follow, most of the way. Short and steep.
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glyndŵr's Way • Mining History • Cyfartha old dam and mine • Penycrocbren Roman fortlet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumlumon summit (752m) – trig point and huge bronze ages cairns • The Cambrian Way • Source of the Wye • Source of the Severn • Interesting boundary stones • Fascinating peat bogs • Three lakes Bugeilyn, Llyn cwm-byr and Glaslyn • Optional summit of Foel Fadian (564m) subject to time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of Hengwm, a beautifully remote valley. • Spectacular scenery – eg Craig yr Eglwys and Graig y Lluest. • Cerrig Cyfammod Glyndŵr. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryn y Fan (482m) - trig point • Fantastic 360° views, Clywedog, Pumlumon

Walk Leader: Helen Menhinick - Hill and Moorland Leader of [Bryn Walking](#)

Assistant Walk Leader and Technical Advisor: Alan Ward – International Mountain Leader of [Bigfoot Services Ltd.](#)

Costs

- **Cabin prices for 3 nights**

Glaslyn £240

Sweet Lamb £240

Hyddgen £240

Glyndŵr £240 (without luv tub) With hot tub + £20/night (2 bags of fuel come with each tub)

Pumlumon £240 (without luv tub) With hot tub + £20/night (2 bags of fuel come with each tub)

Each pod sleeps 2 comfortably (double). There is also a double sofa bed. Shower en-suite and kitchenette area, outside seating and bbq.

There are 5 pods available, 2 of which have a 2 person, solid fuel hot tub outside. (allocation of these will be on 'first come first served' basis)

Wood for hot tub

The hot tubs take about 1 ½ hr heat up and you usually need about 3-4 bags of wood, kilned dried is required which Wigwam Holidays Hafren supply for £5.00 per bag. Wigwam Holidays Hafren also offer to start them for guests.

- **Guided walks (4 days) and required transport on Day 2 & 3**

£110/person, £25 deposit on booking (returnable on cancelation if made by Bryn Walking). Balance required 6 weeks before event commences.

Booking and Payments:

Pod - Book and pay for your pod directly with Nia at Wigwam Holidays Hafren 07717 005552

Guided walks and minibus - bank transfer to Helen Menhinick and please submit a booking form on www.brynwalking.co.uk

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What's not included:

Running of hot tub per night.

Pub breakfasts/evening meals/drinks - £10 Full Welsh breakfast, £10-15 evening meal – guide price

Packed lunches/snacks/drinks

Bed linen, towels and bathmat

Equipment required for participants

Appropriate clothing and equipment for all weather mountain walking in Wales. A good head torch per person is required as the end of walks Day 2 & 3 might end close to reduced day light.

Other information

There is a small shop in Staylittle where provisions can be bought or a Co-op and Spar in Llanidloes.

Wigwam Holidays Hafren supply BBQ packs fuel and meat selection, all off the farm – please enquire with them.

Pack of 6 lamb burgers £9.00

Pack of 2 lamb steaks £10.00

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The event is limited to 14 participants staying in 5 pods. All participants must be over 18yrs.

Campers and tents are not allowed on site. This event is exclusive for those staying at Wigwam Holidays Hafren.

It is advisable that participants have suitable insurance e.g. BMC (British Mountaineering Council).