Bryn Hafod - The Mountain Club 'Hut'

Bryn Hafod was designed and built by members of the Club as a mountaineering hut. It is a stone built, two-storey building opened in 1965 and accommodates 30 people in three dormitories (one exclusively for members), a large kitchen, common room, washroom, two showers, drying facilities and an entrance hall. There has been considerable modernisation carried out in recent years.
Members have free use of the Bryn Hafod all year round, but it is essential that all Club members check the availability and confirm with the Hut Booking Secretary before going. Bookings can be made by contacting the Hut Booking Secretary via email: Hutbooking@themountainclub.org.uk
Access to Bryn Hafod and the members' dorm is via coded locks. Codes will be given by the Hut Booking Secretary once a booking has been made.
These codes are changed regularly, so to avoid being stranded at Bryn Hafod and unable to get in, please ensure that you follow the correct booking procedure and obtain the current codes.

Activities in the Area

Situated at the head of Cwm Cywarch in the Aran Mountains, an area of unspoilt climbing and walking, visitors to Bryn Hafod will not be bored! Climbing in the area is detailed in the Meirionnydd Guide published by The Climbers' Club. Craig Cywarch (pictured) with 70+ 'trad' routes ranging from M to E7 is very accessible from Bryn Hafod. Over the last few years, numerous routes have been cleaned of vegetation making them easier to find and climb safely. There is plenty of walking from the doorstep, including paths to the top of Aran Fawddwy and the Ridge walk. MTB trails and the coast are nearby. Further information can be found on the Club website, and copies of local guides are held at Bryn Hafod.

Position and approach

Bryn Hafod is situated at the head of Cwm Cywarch, in the Aran Mountains of Mid Wales, and can be found on OS Sheet 124 Grid Reference SH 853 194 (or OL23).

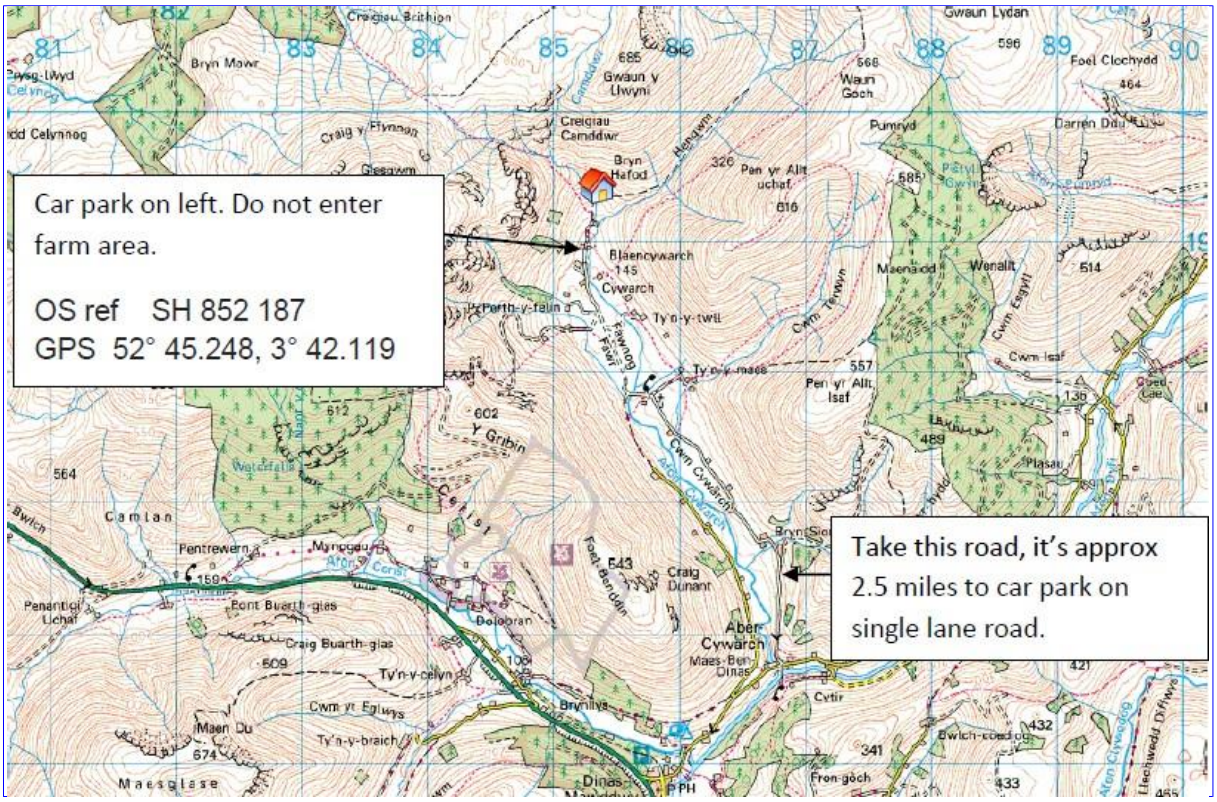
Driving to Bryn Hafod

To help us maintain good relationships with our neighbours please consider the following points when visiting the Bryn Hafod.

- Coaches will not fit up the lane from Aber Cywarch. Mini bus is the maximum size.
- Please keep the number of cars to a minimum, vehicle share where possible.
- Drive up the single-track lane at a moderate speed – 10-15mph is reasonable as it is busy.
- Park all vehicles at the Car Park, ensuring that no roads or tracks are obstructed. There is a donation box for the Air Ambulance. **On no account must vehicles be driven directly to Bryn Hafod along the track to Blaencywarch**. If the gate to the car park is closed, open and enter but then leave it closed as the farmer will have closed it for a reason.
- Make no unnecessary noise when passing farms, especially Blaencywarch.
- Keep to designated courtesy and public footpaths.
- Treat all the farmers' property with respect.
- In respect of the possibility of sheep worrying, we regret that no dogs are allowed at Bryn Hafod (with exception to 'assistance dogs').

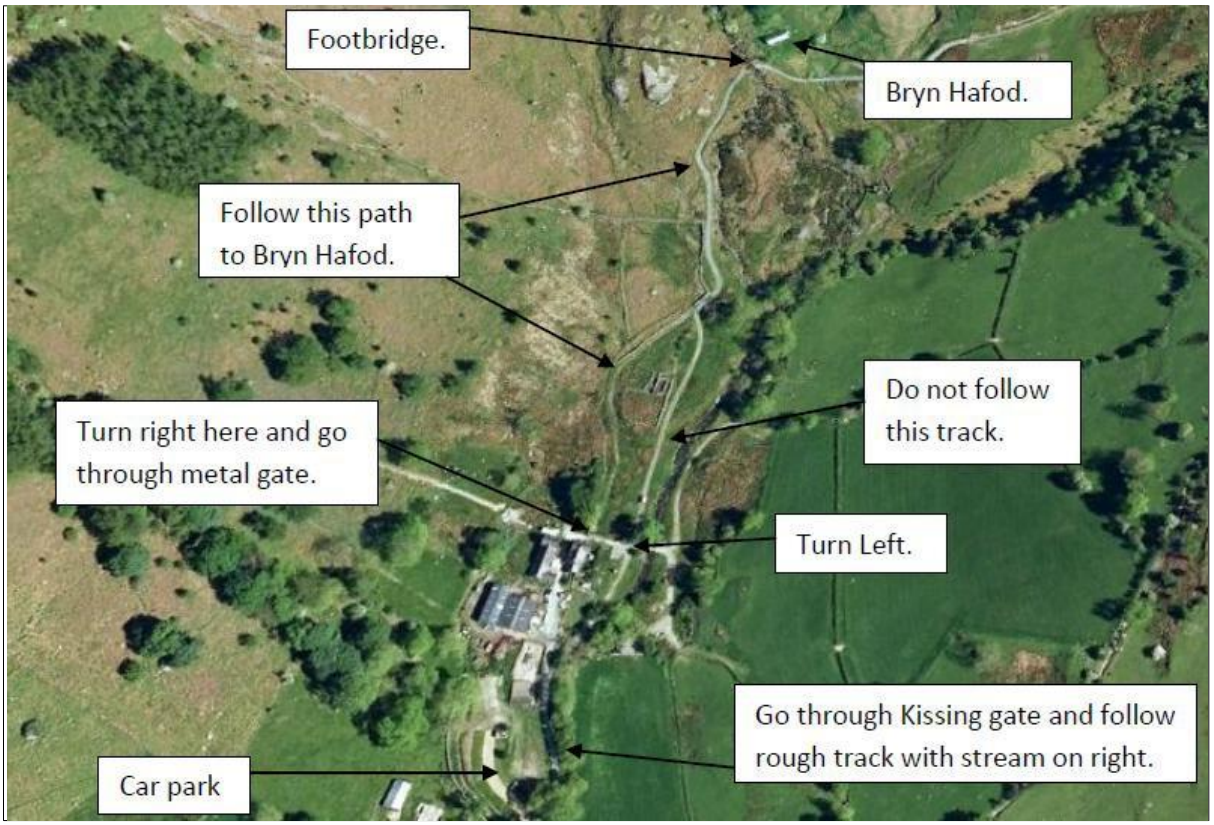
Please observe the country code and take all litter and rubbish home with you.

The nearest village is Dinas Mawddwy, on the A458 between Welshpool and Dolgellau. From the Red Lion in Dinas Mawddwy go down the Llanymawddy road north east for about a mile to the hamlet of Aber Cywarch. Turn left, sign posted Cwm Cywarch, travelling up a steep, narrow and windy road. After approximately 2 miles, the lane crosses a cattle grid, and then an open common; Fawnog Fawr. At the far end of the common carry on (past where you may have previously parked) and proceed to the Car Park which is on the left between the farms and approximately 100m before the kissing gate and footpath / track to Bryn Hafod. Please ensure that no vehicles are parked blocking the road, tracks or on the common**. <u>Vehicles must not be taken past the Car Park</u>**.



Walking to Bryn Hafod

Leave cars in the car park as there is no access up the farms' main track to Bryn Hafod – use the footpath.

It is essential that you keep to the designated footpaths, using the following directions:

- Turn left out of the car park, walk down the road and you will meet a gate and kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate and walk ahead keeping the stream to your immediate right.
- Turn left immediately after farm house, then turn right through the sign-posted gate next to the wall. Follow the sign posted public footpath. ***Though tempting, it is important not to follow the track on the right after the farm as this is private property and we do not have permission to use this route***.