



TRIP NOTES

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SNOWDON AT NIGHT
CHALLENGE
UK

Sat 11 May - Sun 12 May 2019





In aid of Mind

11 May - 12 May 2019



2 DAYS | UK | TOUGH

Beginning in the town of Llanberis, in the heart of the Snowdonia National Park, this spectacular challenge will see you and fellow fundraisers trekking to the top of Mt Snowdon....at night!

You will be fully supported all the way by our experienced Mountain Leaders and then celebrate at the finish line with a celebration breakfast brunch.

This night time challenge will test your physical and mental limits but your efforts will be rewarded by knowing that all your hard work is going towards raising money to help your chosen cause.

- Night time trek to the summit of Mt Snowdon
- Climb to the highest point in Wales under the moonlit sky
- Enjoy the breathtaking sunrise amongst the mountains
- Celebrate your achievement with a finish line breakfast
- Raise vital funds for Mind, the mental health charity

YOUR CHALLENGE DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 Sat 11 May

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Day - Arrival and begin your challenge!

The NSPCC event venue for this challenge is in the town of Llanberis in the heart of the Snowdonia National Park.

After registration, and a full safety briefing from your challenge leaders you will begin the trek at shortly before midnight. During the trek you be supported every step of the way by our fully qualified Mountain Leaders.

In the early evening, before registration for the challenge there will be an optional 'warm-up' walk, led by the challenge leaders. Please indicate on your booking form if you wish to join us for this.

DAY 2 Sun 12 May

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Day 2- Completion of your challenge!

You should reach the summit just as the sun begins to rise over the rest of the Snowdonia National Park. After the elation of reaching the top you must summon up the energy to return to the start where it will be time to relax and celebrate with a celebration brunch.

After this you are free to depart, re-living your achievements on your way home!

HOW TO FUND YOUR CHALLENGE

MINIMUM SPONSORSHIP

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Registration fee of £35.00 when you book

Raise a minimum of £325.00 for your charity.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

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- Members only benefits and discounts at a wide range of clothing and equipment suppliers including Outdoorhire, Cotswold Outdoor, Runners Needs, Snow + Rock, Water to Go, The Altitude Centre, Sporttape and Nomad & MASTA.
- Support materials (itinerary, kit list, fact file, Q&As, health notes, travel tips, responsible travel policy and guidance)
- Fitness training notes
- Risk assessment and emergency management planning
- Fundraising advice

On your challenge

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- Drinking water on challenge days
- All challenge management before, during and post event
- Full back-up support including first-aid qualified staff and first-aid supplies
- Dinner on the night of arrival
- Hot buffet at the end of your challenge

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Before you go

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- Clothing and equipment listed on your Kit List

On your challenge

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- Personal spending money
- Any other specific items listed as not included in your Trip Notes

THE DETAILS

Fundraising deadlines

You will need to send your sponsorship money to the charity as you raise it. At least 80% of the minimum sponsorship required must be sent to the charity 7 weeks before departure (by 23/03/2019), and the remaining 20% within 4 weeks of completing the challenge (by 09/06/2019). If you have raised the necessary funds, the charity will then pay the balance of your challenge costs. The charity benefits by keeping the remaining sponsorship money and every pound over and above that you raise.

Raising the sponsorship

Thank you so much for choosing to fundraise for Mind. We really appreciate your support. Should you need any further assistance or help with your fundraising then please contact the team at community@mind.org.uk and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can!

Typical group size

The typical group size is 100 - 298 participants

Terrain

Despite its location in the UK, the difficulty of this trek should not be underestimated as it requires you to trek through the night, with tough ascents and descents, with the added challenge of walking in the dark. The route is predominantly on good paths, but it's the variation of footpaths that makes this challenge a unique and fun experience.

Emergencies

Your leading team are trained to deal with emergency situations in remote areas and will be carrying a mobile phone and radios in case the emergency services need to be contacted. The event is not run as a race and you will never be encouraged to walk at a pace 'beyond your ability'. There will always be a wide variety in people's walking abilities which will be carefully managed by the leader team. The leaders will always keep the group together for maximum safety and will set a sensible pace for all to achieve this challenge within 12hrs. If we find that you are unable to trek at all, then we will arrange for you to be collected and taken back to the event venue.

Safety Advice

Charity Challenge considers the safety of all of our participants and staff to be a top priority, and as such we have set up Challenge Safe, one of the most advanced and thorough safety management systems in the industry. Challenge Safe formalises our ethos when it comes to safety, and brings together the procedures and risk management strategies that we use to audit all aspects of our challenges, from vehicles to accommodation to the challenge activity itself. Your welfare is absolutely paramount!

Here are a couple of important points that you should be aware of:

- The terrain on the challenge is often rocky and in wet conditions can be extremely slippery. Please make sure that your walking boots have good grip. Trainers are not appropriate as they lack grip.
- Trekking at night is by its nature a hazardous activity. A powerful, good quality headtorch is absolutely vital.
- Due to extra risks posed by trekking at night we always use a higher ratio of Mountain leaders to maximise safety. It is very important that you always listen to your leaders at all points and obey any decisions they make.
- The weather at night can be very different to during the day. Please make sure you carry an additional warm layer, waterproof jacket and trousers and a hat and gloves.
- Ensure that you eat lots throughout the night and keep yourself hydrated by drinking lots of fluids.

Toilets

There will be bathroom facilities both at the start and end of the trek; however during the challenge such facilities will be limited to the great outdoors!

Food and Drink

Meals while on the challenge include the celebration brunch on Sunday morning, after the challenge. We strongly

encourage you to bring additional sweets and snacks if desired as snacks during the trek are not provided.

Water will be available at the event venue, however we would advise that you arrive at the start with your water bottles already filled. There will be no additional water available on the mountain.

The drinking of alcohol the night before is strongly discouraged for your own health and safety during this tough challenge.

Accommodation

No accommodation is provided for this challenge.

There are plenty of accommodation options in and around the town of Llanberis. Please check the [Visit Snowdonia website](#) for a range of different options.

Getting there

Precise timings and locations will be supplied to you 1 month prior to the challenge.

The Snowdon At Night event for Mind will be situated in the town of Llanberis. Please consider using public transport when possible. The nearest train station is in Bangor and local buses can connect you to Llanberis. For more local travel information please visit the [Traveline Wales](#) website.

Challenge Timings

Precise timings and locations will be supplied to you 1 month prior to the challenge.

Your challenge begins late in the evening when you will register and then meet the leaders, as well as the rest of your challenge team. It will be time for your evening briefing. It is vital that everyone attend this safety briefing.

You will then begin your trek at close to midnight and we estimate that it should take you approximately 8 hours to complete this challenge.

At the finish a celebration brunch will be available, after which you are free to depart.

As this is a night time challenge we would highly advise that you build in some time to rest and sleep before driving home.

Responsible Tourism

At Charity Challenge we are committed to sustainable and responsible tourism. On this challenge in particular, we

always liaise with the rangers of the Snowdonia National Park to make sure that we minimise our impact on the local environment. Our leaders care passionately for the environment and will be keen to talk to you about how you can do your bit to conserve the local area and enhance your experience.

We would also like to encourage all our participants to spend a little extra time in the local area. Why not consider booking an extra night in a local B&B, and go out for a meal in one of the excellent local pubs after the challenge? Not only will you be able to celebrate your achievements but you will also be putting more money back into the local area. For extra information, please visit our [Responsible Tourism](#) pages, where you will be able to view a list of the other projects that we currently support.

Why book with Charity Challenge?

This expedition is delivered by Charity Challenge, one of the UK's leading challenge events suppliers. There are many reasons why you should take part in a Charity Challenge event:

- Charity Challenge uses the very best Mountain Leaders, who are fully qualified, highly experienced, knowledgeable and fun. Many also have mental health first aid training, and are there to support you complete the challenge.
- This event includes an optional 'warm-up' walk to allow you to meet other trekkers before the big climb, and to soak up the atmosphere.
- A delicious celebration brunch will be served upon completion of the trek - which will taste delicious after such a gruelling hike!
- Charity Challenge offers the very highest quality night-time charity challenge experience on the market!

Climate

As you know, the weather in the UK can be highly unpredictable and at times erratic, so being prepared is the key! Whilst May could be bright and clear, we all know that this isn't always the case. As this challenge takes place at night the temperature can often reach freezing point, especially at the summit. Please check the weather forecasts up to ensure that you bring clothing suitable for warm sunny walking weather and also sudden wind and downpours should they occur.

Leadership

We employ experienced and fully qualified mountain expedition leaders to accompany and lead you. The mountain leaders are first aid qualified and have extensive experience in leading expeditions throughout Britain and overseas. They will be ultimately responsible for the running of the itinerary and the safety of your group. They will be carrying full safety equipment and mountain first aid kits with them at all times.

Group Size

Our minimum group size for this challenge is 100 and the maximum is 250.

During the booking process you will have been asked to designate your desired walking speed (leisurely, medium or fast) and we will use this information to split you into smaller groups. If you wish to make sure that you are in the same group as a friend or relative then please indicate this during booking.

As this challenge takes place at night, and for your own safety, it is extremely important that you keep with your mountain leader throughout the challenge.

There will be one expedition mountain leader per approximately 10-15 participants and you may find you will naturally walk in smaller groups according to your own pace.

Insurance

We don't offer insurance for our UK trips, as any medical emergencies would naturally be covered through the NHS. If you wish, you could look into your own policy that covers cancellation for travel within the UK.

Money

During the trek there will be no opportunities to purchase other things.

Training

The Snowdon At Night event is an endurance trekking challenge taking place through the night, therefore requiring a good to high level of fitness. The ideal training for this challenge is, naturally, walking in the outdoors. However, if you do not have the luxury of living near the great outdoors, then the stairs at home (or an office block) are a great place to start. Try building in a walk to work if possible, or perhaps at lunch. Most training should be part of an ongoing lifestyle, but if this is not the case then you should begin training 2-4 months prior to the challenge and gradually build up as suggested. Remember to use the walking boots that you will be wearing on the challenge in order to get them worn in, and take the daysack that you will be using during the challenge.

There is no substitute for walking in the outdoors, over similar terrain that you will face on the challenge, so try if possible to get out on a weekend and train in an appropriate area. It can be a great way to discover nearby places that you never knew existed! If it is possible for you to practice walking at night with your headtorch then this is also useful. You should progress to training with your boots on from week 4 at the latest, but preferably from week 1. The more you exercise before the challenge, the more you will get out of it. The hardest part of this challenge to train for is the fact that you will need to walk at night. Whilst it is not expected that you will have practiced this we would recommend that you be comfortable with walking with reduced visibility and using your headtorch. Also see your Charity Challenge Fitness Training notes.

Clothing and Equipment

Equipment of good quality and durability could make the difference between a fantastic challenge experience and an uncomfortable one. For this challenge, a good quality headtorch with spare batteries is vital. A headtorch is much better

than a handheld torch as it allows you to keep your hands free. If you do not wish to buy an expensive headtorch just for this challenge then very good quality ones can be hired for the weekend from our partners at Outdoor Hire. Waterproof and well-worn in boots will be indispensable. The terrain is uneven and can be very rough, so it is vital that you use a strong pair of canvas or leather boots with good ankle support for this challenge, coupled with a pair of good quality walking socks. Sports trainers are not suitable. As this is a nighttime challenge the temperatures will be significantly colder. Enough warm layers are vital as are hats and gloves. If possible, try to bring two pairs of gloves and two hats as these can very often get wet. The benefits of a comfortable day sack cannot be underestimated - so make sure that you train with this. Other essentials are high quality Gore-Tex waterproof and windproof jackets and trousers, as well as technical/wicking t-shirts rather than cotton shirts. We would like to emphasize that jeans should not be worn on this challenge. A full kit list for this challenge can be found [here](#). Once you book you will have access to kit discounts with our partners The Outdoor Shop, Outdoor Hire and Cotswold Outdoor.

Level of Difficulty

The Snowdon At Night challenge is graded as tough. This is the perfect challenge for participants who are of an adventurous spirit and having taken on a previous trekking challenge and are now looking to push themselves further. You can tell your supporters that you will be:

- Trekking for approx 8 hours continuously.
- Covering 14km of undulating terrain, with the added challenge of walking through the night!
- Ascending a total of approx 975m
- Trekking for Mind, supporting each and every team member to get through the challenge.

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