

## CHALLENGE EVENTS – SNOWDON CODE OF CONDUCT

Charity Challenge events brings great enjoyment and fulfilment to thousands of people every year as well as raising millions of pounds for good causes. However, the increasing number of events is seriously threatening the delicate mountain environment, the enjoyment of other users and the living standards of local communities. This code offers site specific guidance to event organisers to minimise the impact of their event and help their participants get the most out of their experience.

Snowdon is a national treasure - please extend your charity by respecting it and its people.

- The Llanberis track is the most sustainable route for events. It is not much longer than the PyG track, time wise, and there are more facilities available, including a café at the halfway point.
- Parking, even to drop off, at Pen y Pass causes problems to the park and ride bus service. Please try and use this service by parking at the large car park in Nant Peris - the car park at Pen y Pass is regularly full by 8am in the summer months.
- The number of participants should be limited to 200 per event.
- Be prepared. Arrange your command centre before the event - do not use shared public amenities, such as the bus waiting room and the foyer at Pen y Pass, unless you have had express permission from the owner.
- Parking at Vaynol Terrace, Llanberis should be discouraged as it is a residential area. Observe the traffic regulation order forbidding vehicles from going beyond the cattle grid at the end of this street. The footpath through the adjacent woods is a viable alternative.
- Please do not use private and unsurfaced tracks or park in a manner that obstructs public roads, gates, farms or dwellings
- Toilet facilities are often limited, especially at Pen y Pass - please respect public facilities and clean up after you have used them. Refrain from filling bins, toilets and sinks with waste and discarded clothing.
- ~~Go~~ before you go. Avoid defecating on the mountainside - it can cause serious environmental problems and be hazardous to other users.
- Keep to the footpaths . they are usually the fastest and safest way up the mountain. Walking off path causes serious mountain erosion.
- Remember that this is a working environment. Respect local farmers - avoid disturbing livestock and leave gates as you find them.
- Changing clothes in public is antisocial. Be considerate - find a suitable place to change or take a large towel with you to change under.
- Please take your litter home with you. You may only have a bin bag but it all adds up. Disposing of waste is extremely costly for local communities.

This event is not a race: please respect and support your fellow participants, local communities and other users - you are all in it together.