**A MOSEY ON UP THE MINERS TRACK…**

**Starting 9am on Sunday 6th January.**

**Meeting Pen Y Pass Car Park by Miners Track Gate.**

**53.0804° N, 4.0213° W**

**One of many further details online:**

**https://www.threepeakschallenge.uk/national-three-peaks-challenge/snowdon**

So its winter and I was hoping for some snow… but it doesn’t seem to be as cold as one would expect this Christmas and New Year… not to worry, if we all go well equipped with the right clothing, hiking boots and gear I’m sure we will have a nice scenic venture up ‘one of the easiest and most popular’ mountain paths of Snowdonia..!

Am sure we’ve all done this one before ~ but its more about getting out there and up there than anything else and to bring in the New Year ~ what better than a mosey on up the famous and fantastic mountain of Snowdon up the miners track!?

Depending on the needs and capabilities of the group we will pootle on up the miners, setting off at **Pen Y Pass** at **9am** and just take it at our own leisure up as far as we wish to towards the Summit… It’s perfectly fine if we turn back, or if we decide that the weather conditions are not in our favour - that’s what all GOOD climbers and mountain walkers do… You just don’t PUSH IT..!

So if that means taking a stroll just up to the first lake and sitting and having coffee and taking a breather looking across the wonderful scenery - that’s perfectly fine by me… or if we have some more adventurous types in the group that wish to plod on then that’s great too… and we can continue to explore the trek which takes around 3 hours to complete towards the Summit.

Photographically speaking ~ it is all dependent on the gears which we take along… bearing in mind that weather sealed is always good and also keeping in mind weight on the trek… Personally for some varied photography and in particular for the lookout of raptors such as Wild Red Kites up there I will be taking a telephoto in the form of a hybrid camera ~ it is also very good at taking isolated shots of crags, etc… due to the compression created… but its really up to you what sort of photography you will want to take… whether its Close Focus Wide Angle or further afield shots of lakes and landscapes… frequently Snowdonia offers it all… but try to pack light and consider bare essentials… taking too many lenses without using them is just not what you do up mountains when trekking ~ maybe jungles, but not up and down mountains!

It’s advised to take layers of clothing to keep warm and so that one can adjust to the climate and add and remove layers as necessary… Breathable waterproofs are a must as are good waterproof yet breathable light not heavy footwear oh and if it does become nippy by then please bring some gloves and a sensible warm hat!

I will pack a big flask of coffee and prepare sandwiches, its advisable to bring something to eat up there ~ so we can sit and relax at our leisure and absorb the air, the clouds, the atmosphere, hopefully it won’t be too wet and windy on the day… but planning ahead of the forecast one can never be to sure… so it is good to be prepared - whatever the instance!

So there we have it ~ first Walk of the 2019 year planned… all there is to say is that we kick off and crack on with the walks starting the season with a walk up the Miners track!

Please do come along and participate whatever the weather ~ its more of a social than anything else and if it certainly doesn’t put hairs on your chest ~ it certainly builds upon character being part of a group up the mountains of Snowdonia…

**Wishing one and all a HaPpY healthy and safe NEW Years Eve and look forwards to seeing you in 2019 on the BMBCC Walks… :-)**

**Sincerely Walks Organiser Nick**

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