

MORGAN SPORTS CAR CLUB

DEVAMOG

SCENIC RUN AND PICNIC – BALA TO CLYWEDOG RESERVOIR ON SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

Our next DevaMog event is a scenic run from the home of Gwyn and Jane Roberts in Bala to the highest dam in Wales, situated at the Clywedog Reservoir, Powys. The run has been organised by Mike and Viv Wright.

We plan to meet up at Gwyn and Jane's home from 9.30am for refreshments and toilets before setting off around 10am. This is a bit earlier than we normally plan to start our scenic runs, however we want to give ourselves ample time to enjoy some outstanding roads and scenery at a leisurely pace and allow a comfort stop at Machynlleth before heading off into the mountains. The scenic run from Bala and back is approximately 100 miles.

This run will take us through several areas of unspoilt outstanding natural beauty and incorporates the drive across the spectacular mountain road from Machynlleth to the Clywedog Reservoir. This road crosses the Cambrian Mountain uplands and offers wonderful panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. En route, take in the stunning views from the Wynford Vaughan Thomas Memorial before arriving at the Clywedog Dam for lunch.



Although there is a café located at the dam, please be aware that it could close at short notice due to the availability of staff in such a remote area, it is therefore recommended you bring a picnic to enjoy overlooking the dam.



The dam was constructed between 1963 and 1967 and is 72 metres high and 230 meters long and was built primarily for water supply and flood control. The dam has facilities for hydroelectric power generation, contributing to the region's renewable energy sources.

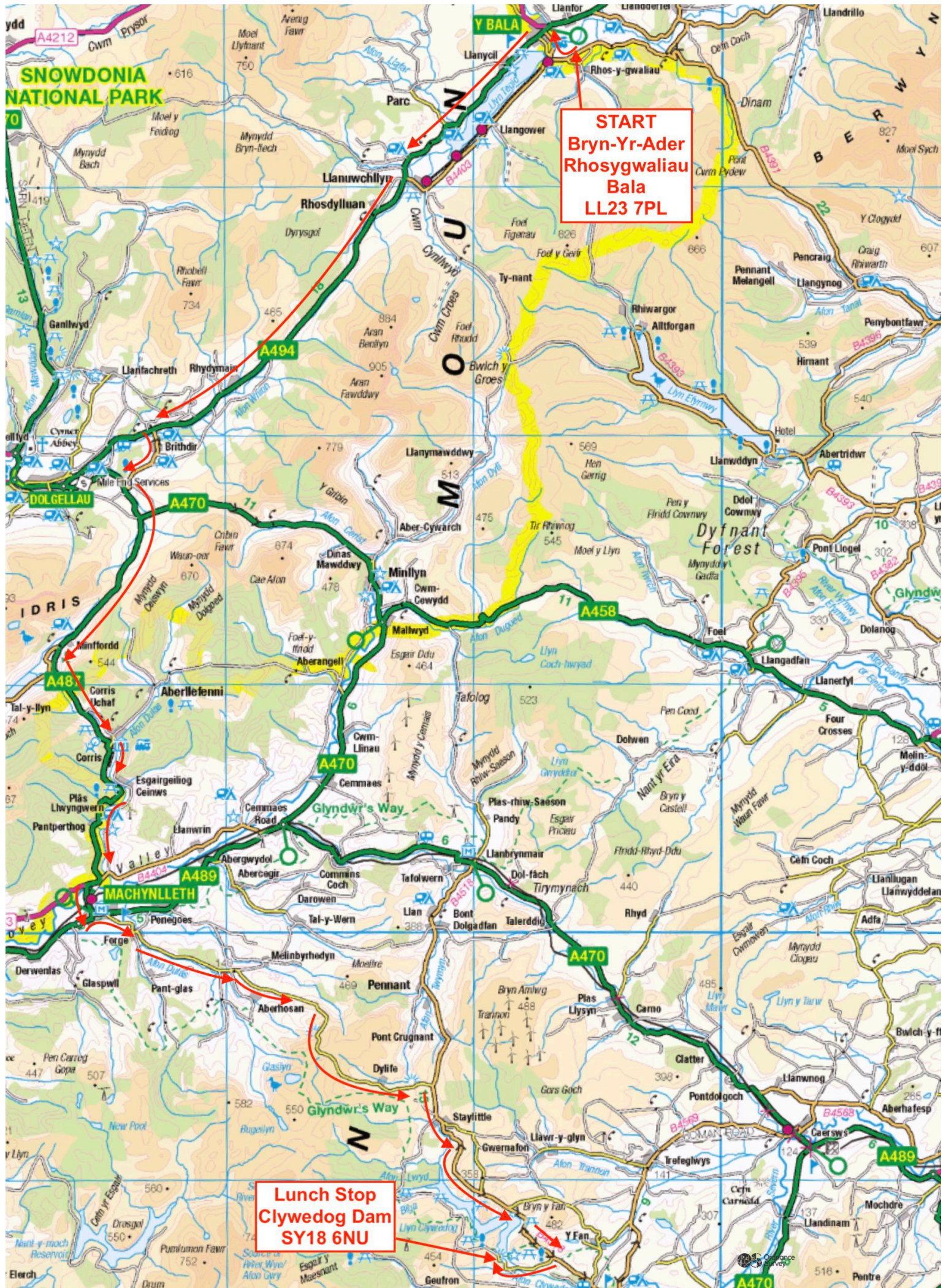
After lunch we will return to Bala High Street, via Machynlleth, where the run will end. We will first follow the road around the southern shore of the reservoir, taking in the wonderful panoramic views and looking out for Red Kites, Buzzards and, if you are lucky, Ospreys, which have returned on occasions in recent years.

To give Gwyn and Jane an idea of the numbers requiring refreshments, please let Joe Cleary joe.holthome@btinternet.com know if you are planning to join us. However, please don't be put off if you can't commit in advance, just turn up on the day.

If you are running late for the start of the run or encounter any problems en route, please contact Joe Cleary on 07753 624837.

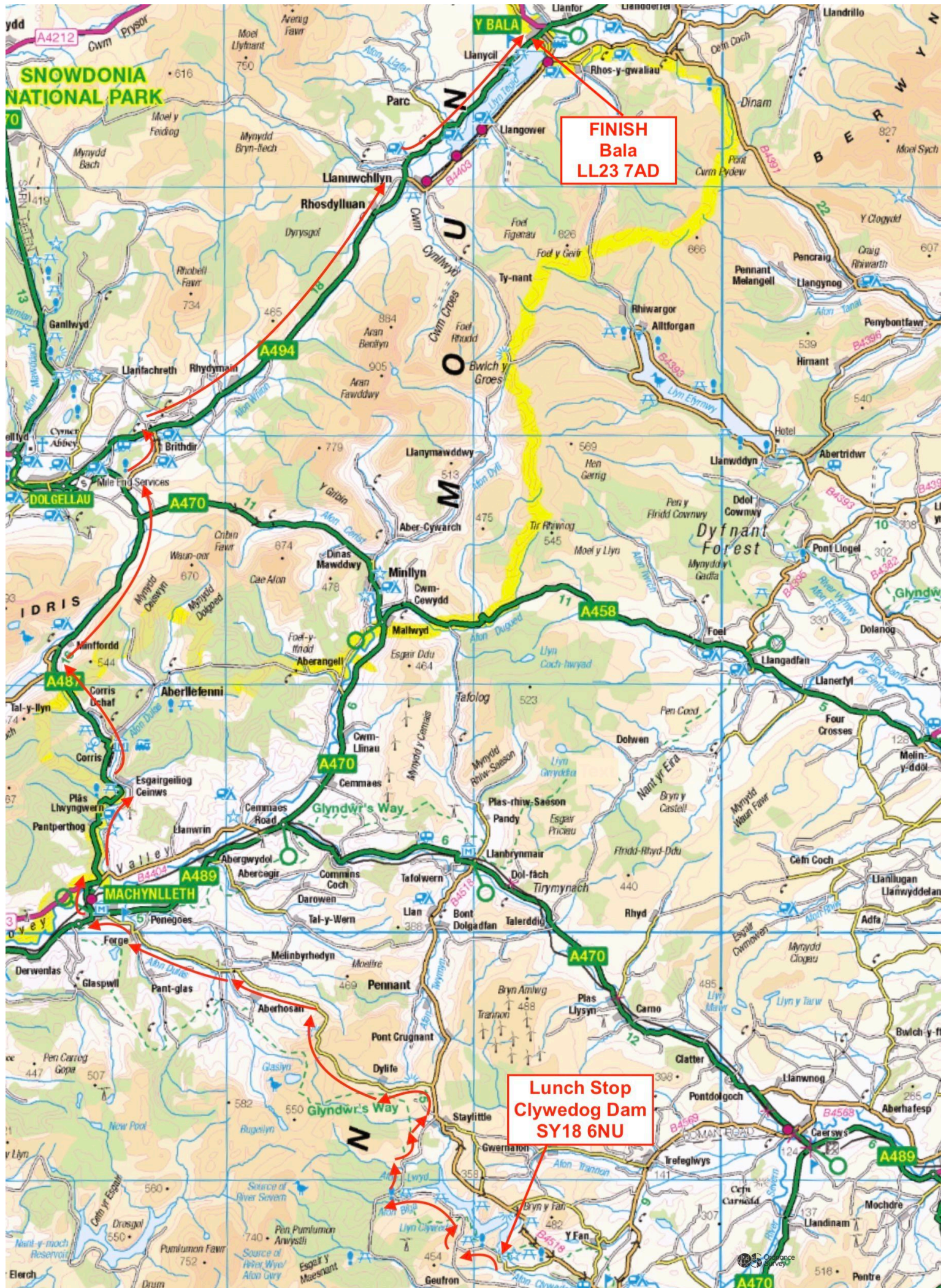
Please find attached five maps and a set of detailed route instructions, including directions to Gwyn and Jane's home.

Thank you for participating in this scenic run and we hope you have an enjoyable day.



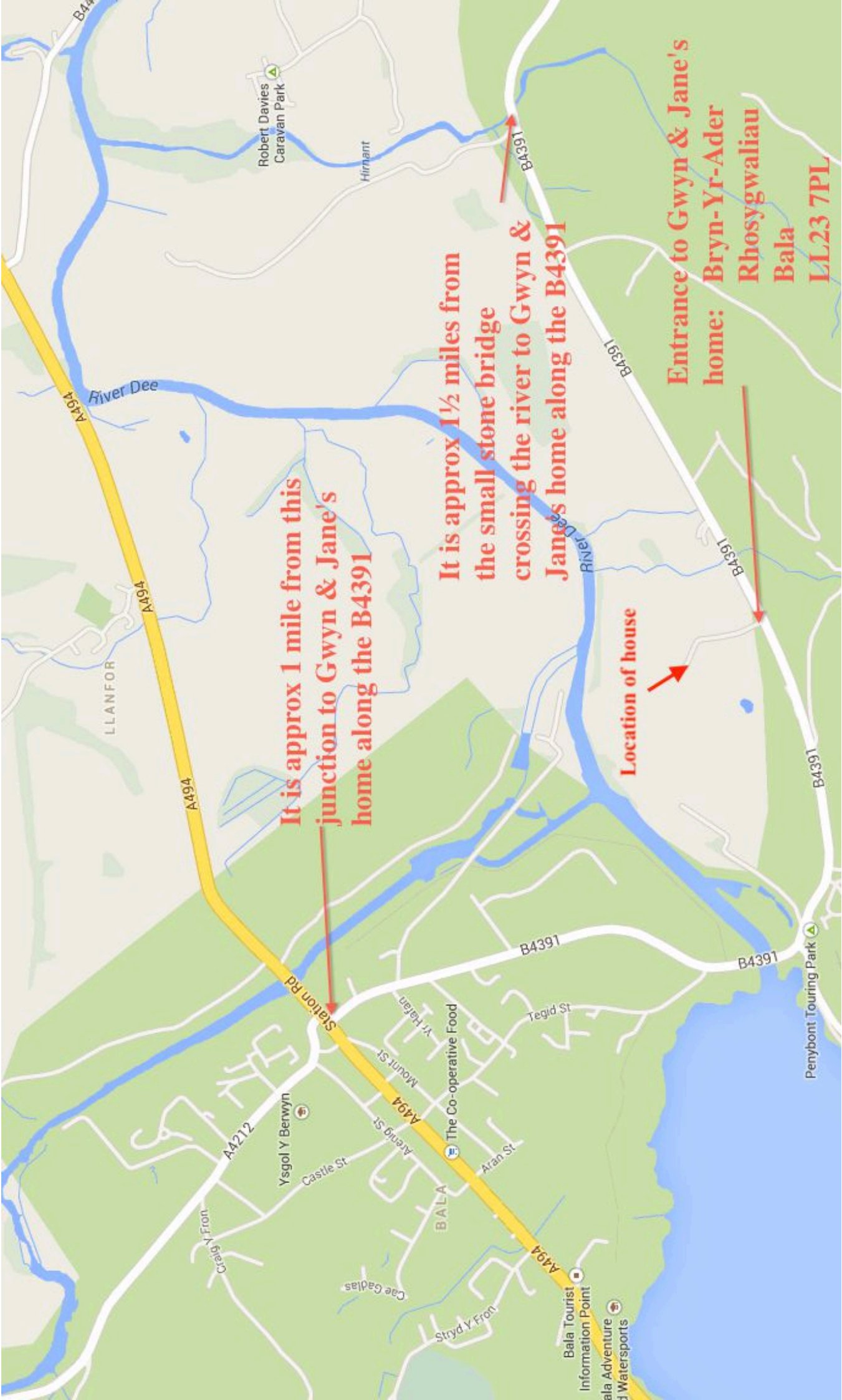
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Bryn-Yr-Ader
Rhosygwaliau
Bala
LL23 7PL

Lunch Stop
Clywedog Dam
SY18 6NU



FINISH
Bala
LL23 7AD

Lunch Stop
Clywedog Dam
SY18 6NU

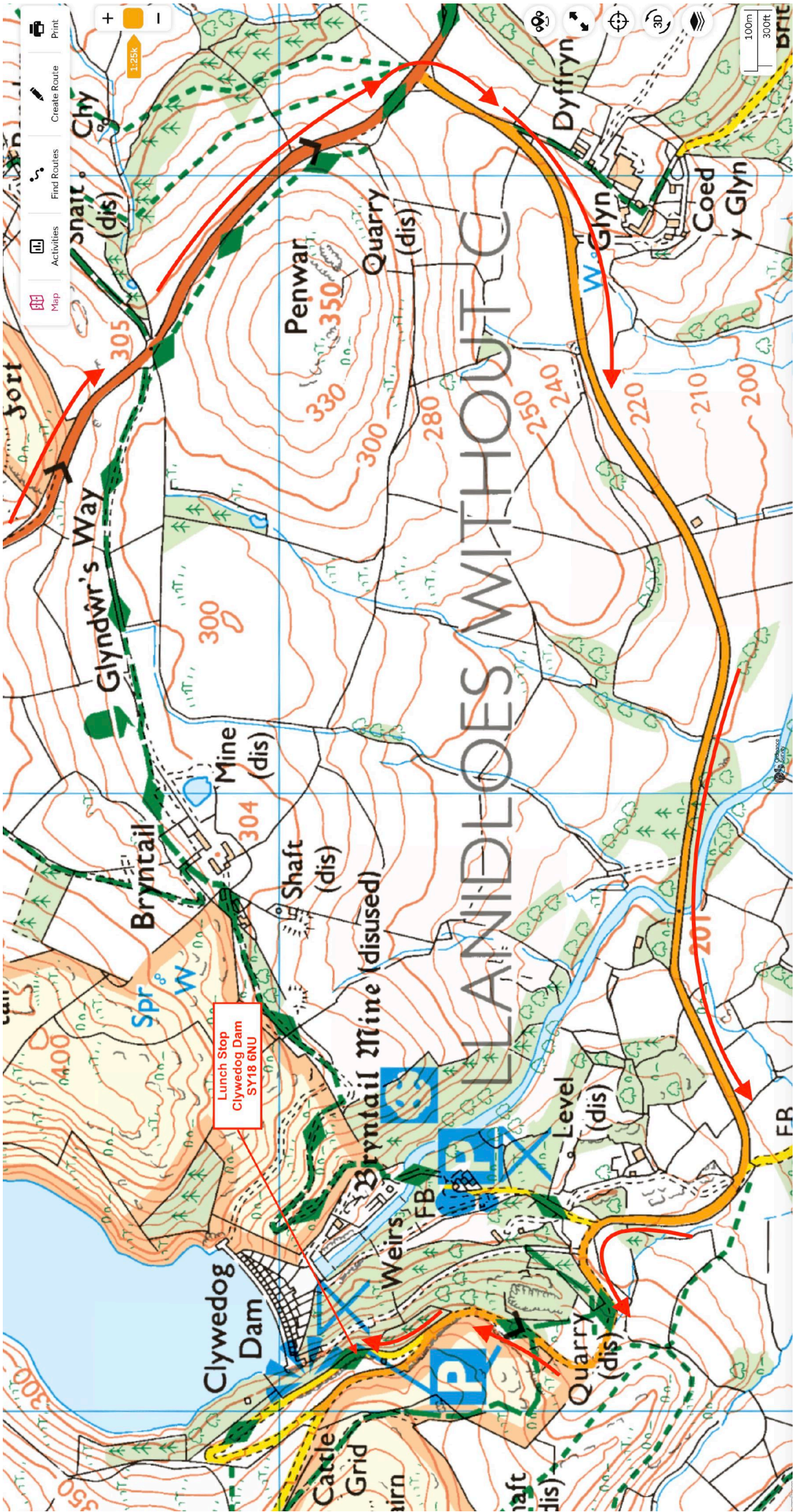


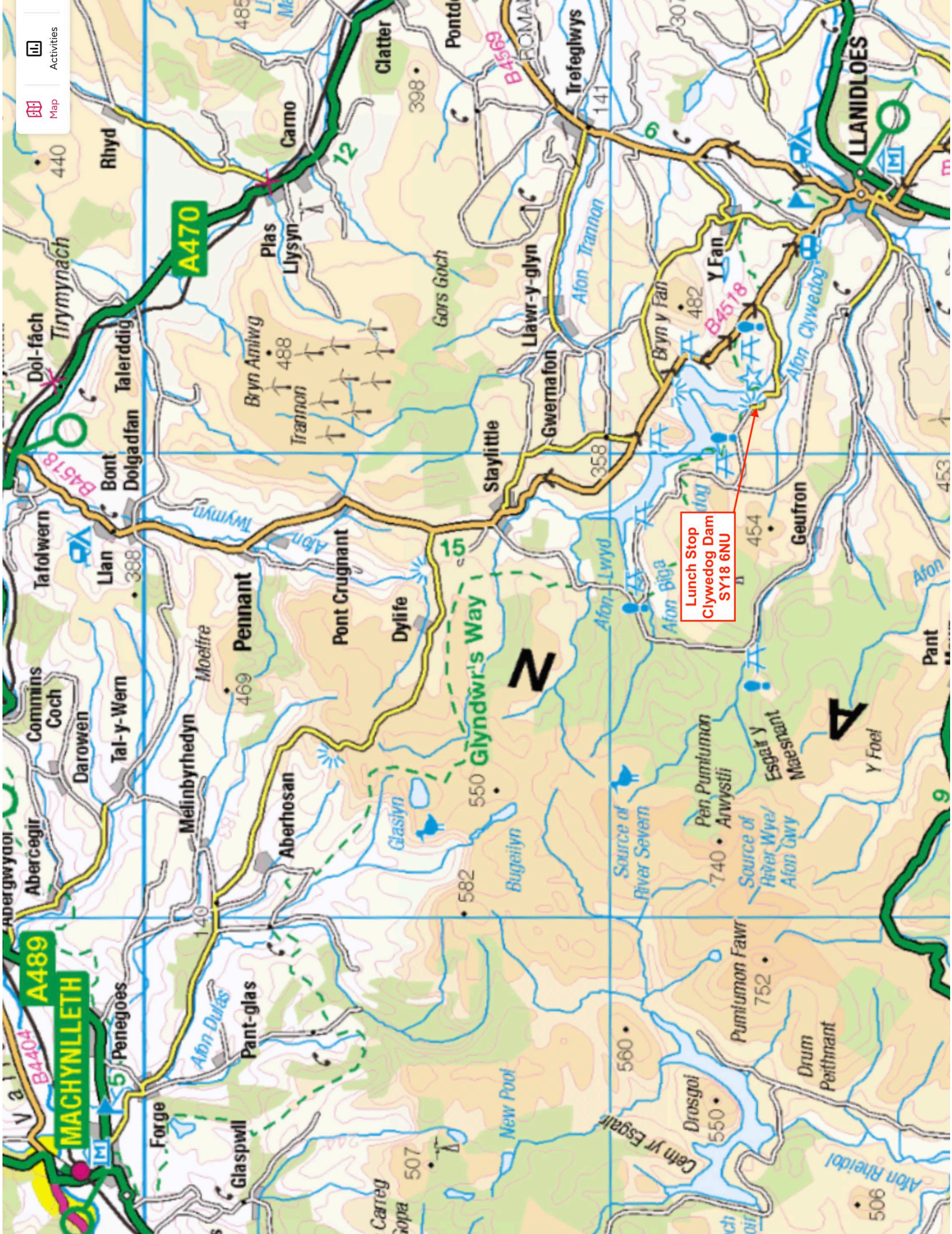
It is approx 1 mile from this junction to Gwyn & Jane's home along the B4391

It is approx 1½ miles from the small stone bridge crossing the river to Gwyn & Jane's home along the B4391

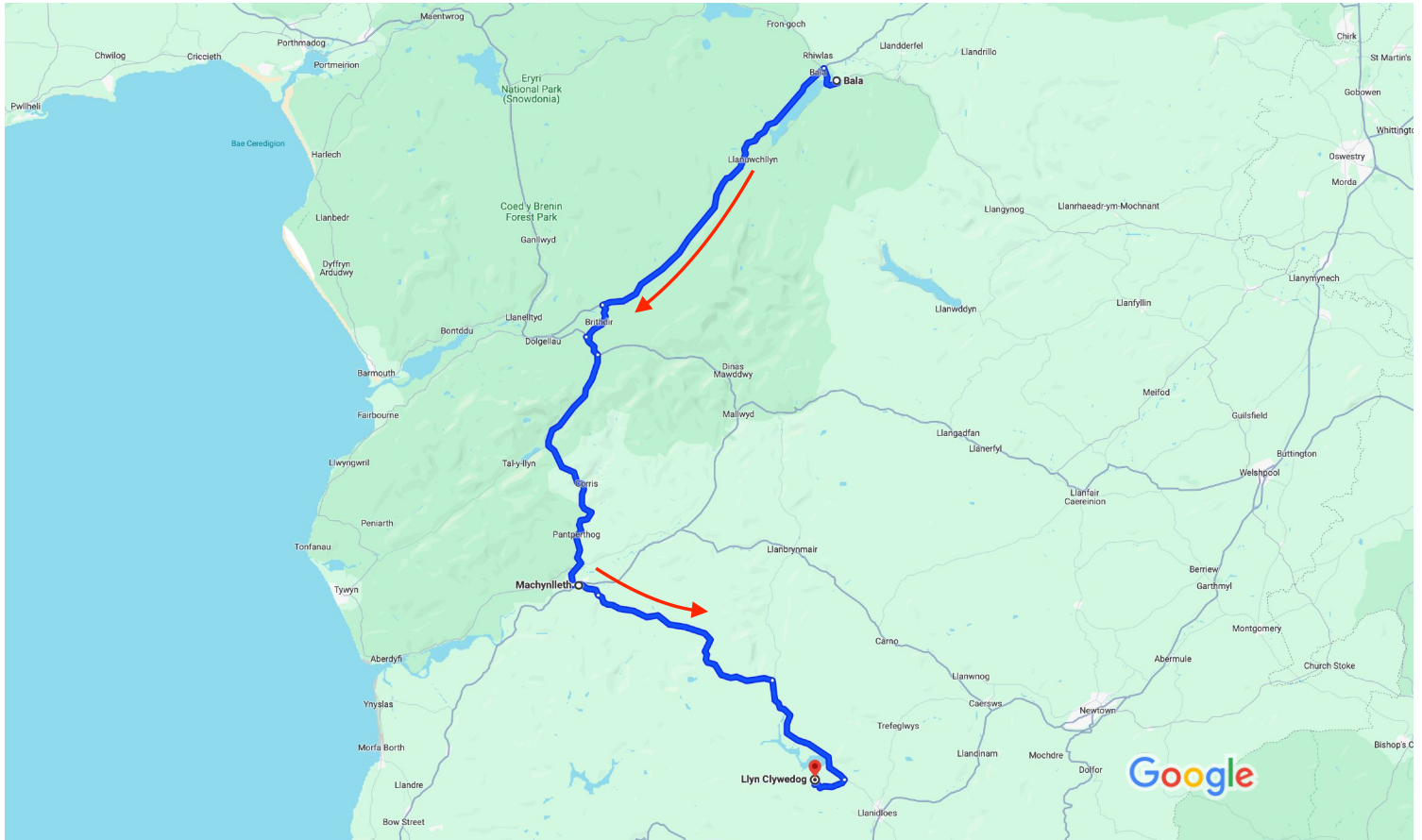
Entrance to Gwyn & Jane's home: Bryn-Yr-Ader Rhosygaliau Bala LL23 7PL

Location of house





Lunch Stop
Clywedog Dam
SY18 6NU



Map data ©2024 Google 5 km

⚠️ This route has restricted usage or includes private roads.

Bala

LL23 7PL

Follow B4391 to Station Rd/A494 in Bala

- 4 min (1.4 mi)

↑ 1. Head south-east towards B4391 Drive back along Gwyn & Jane’s Drive

⚠️ Restricted-usage road

0.1 mi

↪️ 2. Turn right onto B4391

1.2 mi

↶ 3. Turn left onto Station Rd/A494 SP Doleglau

i Continue to follow A494

21 min (14.7 mi)

↶ 4. Turn left onto B4416 SP Brithdir

5 min (2.1 mi)

Follow A487 to Machynlleth

23 min (13.8 mi)

- ↶ 5. Turn left onto A470 SP Machynlleth
_____ 1.0 mi
- ↷ 6. Turn right onto A487 SP Machynlleth
_____ 12.6 mi
- ↶ 7. Turn left onto Heol Maengwyn/A489 SP Newtown
_____ 0.2 mi

- ↷ 8. Turn right into Co Op car park for toilets and refreshments
_____ 35 sec (246 ft)

53 min (32.0 mi)

Machynlleth

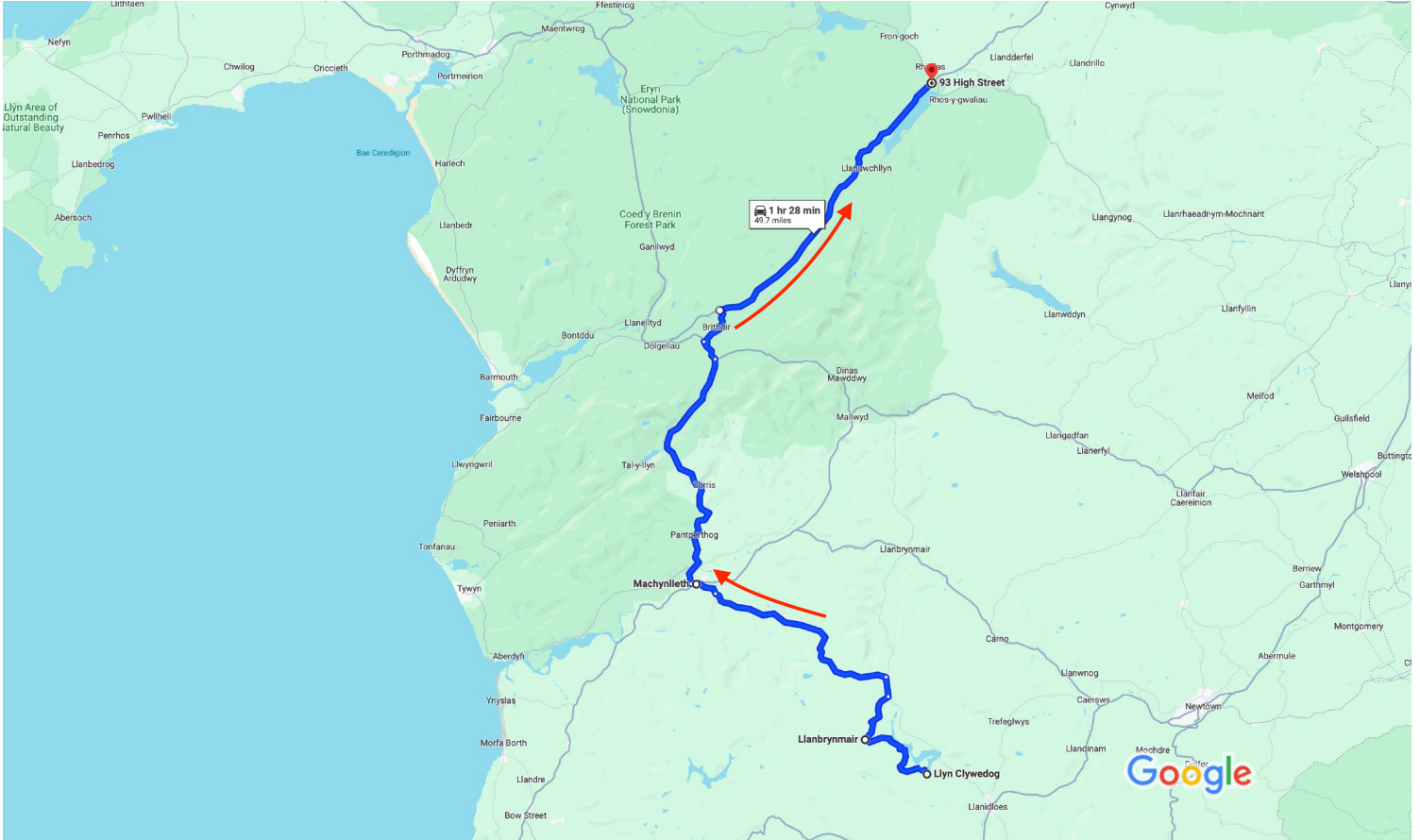
SY20 8AU

- ↑ 9. Head north towards Heol Maengwyn/A489 Leave Co Op car park
_____ 246 ft
- ↷ 10. Turn right onto Heol Maengwyn/A489
_____ 0.1 mi
- ↷ 11. Turn right onto Forge Rd SP Llyn Clywedog
_____ 1.0 mi
- ↶ 12. Turn left Cross the bridge and continue to follow the road
_____ 9.9 mi
- ↷ 13. Turn right onto B4518 SP Staylitttle & Llyn Clywedog
_____ 6.2 mi
- ↷ 14. Turn right SP Llyn Clywedog
_____ 1.7 mi
- ↷ 15. Turn right SP Llyn Clywedog
⚠ Restricted-usage road
📍 Destination will be on the left **Stop for picnic**
_____ 279 ft

33 min (19.0 mi)

Llyn Clywedog

llanidloes, powys SY18 6NU



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Llyn Clywedog

llanidloes, powys SY18 6NU

- ↑ 1. Head north
⚠ Restricted-usage road

 0.4 mi
- ↷ 2. Sharp right

 4.5 mi
- ↘ 3. Turn right SP Machynlleth

 26 ft

13 min (4.8 mi)

Llanbrynmair

SY19 7DB

- ↑ 4. Head north-east

 2.5 mi

- ↶ 5. Turn left onto B4518 SP Machynlleth
_____ 0.9 mi
- ↶ 6. Turn left SP Machynlleth
_____ 9.9 mi
- ↷ 7. Continue onto Forge Rd
_____ 1.0 mi
- ↶ 8. Turn left onto Heol Maengwyn/A489
_____ 0.1 mi
- ↶ 9. Turn left into Co Op car park if you require a break, otherwise continue straight on
_____ 167 ft

27 min (14.4 mi)

Machynlleth

SY20 8AU

- ↑ 10. Head north towards Heol Maengwyn/A489 Leave Co Op car park
_____ 167 ft
- ↶ 11. Turn left onto Heol Maengwyn/A489
_____ 0.2 mi
- ↷ 12. Turn right onto Heol Pen'Rallt/Penrallt St/A487 SP Dolgellau
[i Continue to follow A487](#)
_____ 12.6 mi
- ↶ 13. Turn left onto A470 SP Dolgellau & Bala
_____ 1.0 mi
- ↷ 14. Turn right onto B4416 SP Brithdir
_____ 2.1 mi
- ↷ 15. Turn right onto A494 SP Bala
_____ 14.5 mi

48 min (30.4 mi)

High Street

Bala LL23 7AD **End of scenic run**