

Snowdonia. National Forest Park Guides. His Majesty's
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Many members will, no doubt, be aware that the

Council has decided on the venue for the next Annual Excursion and that we will make our first over-sea venture to the forests of Wales. For this reason this guide to the region of Snowdonia is of more interest to our members than the one to the National Forest Park of Argyllshire already reviewed. It is compiled on the same lines as the companion volume. The size is convenient for the pocket, the letterpress is most readable and the whole is illustrated by some excellent photographs. The maps are hand drawn sketches and show on a small scale the approaches to the park and on a larger scale the plantations, roads, railways, youth hostels, camp sites and so on. They are embellished with many quaint pictures including one of a large ship from Dublin heading into a quiet inadequate harbour—a hint, perhaps, to our Society.

The chapters were written by recognised authorities under the editorship of H. L. Edlin of the Forestry Commission. There are chapters on history, antiquities, geology and national history as well as on the forests and plantations, the mountains and lakes and the roads and pathways of the park. Every aspect of the mountain forest region is treated and it would seem that provision has been made for every possible class of visitor from studious scouts to romantically minded explorers, or mere hikers out for a breath of fresh air.

There is a section on Welsh Place Names by Professor Williams which contains a key to their pronunciation. This last is a help to the non-Welsh but not sufficient to prevent some ghastly renderings of the strange words.

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