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## The Wild Swimmer

I've been a pool swimmer  
for many a year  
an' I've spent all my money  
on fine bathing gear.

*Chorus:*

And its no nay never.  
no nay never no more,  
will I be a pool swimmer  
no never no more.

I asked for my membership  
To be reimbursed  
The attendant she said:  
"You've the wild swimmer's curse."

*Chorus*

No longer I'll swim in a  
chemical pool,  
I'll leave that new habit  
for some other fool.

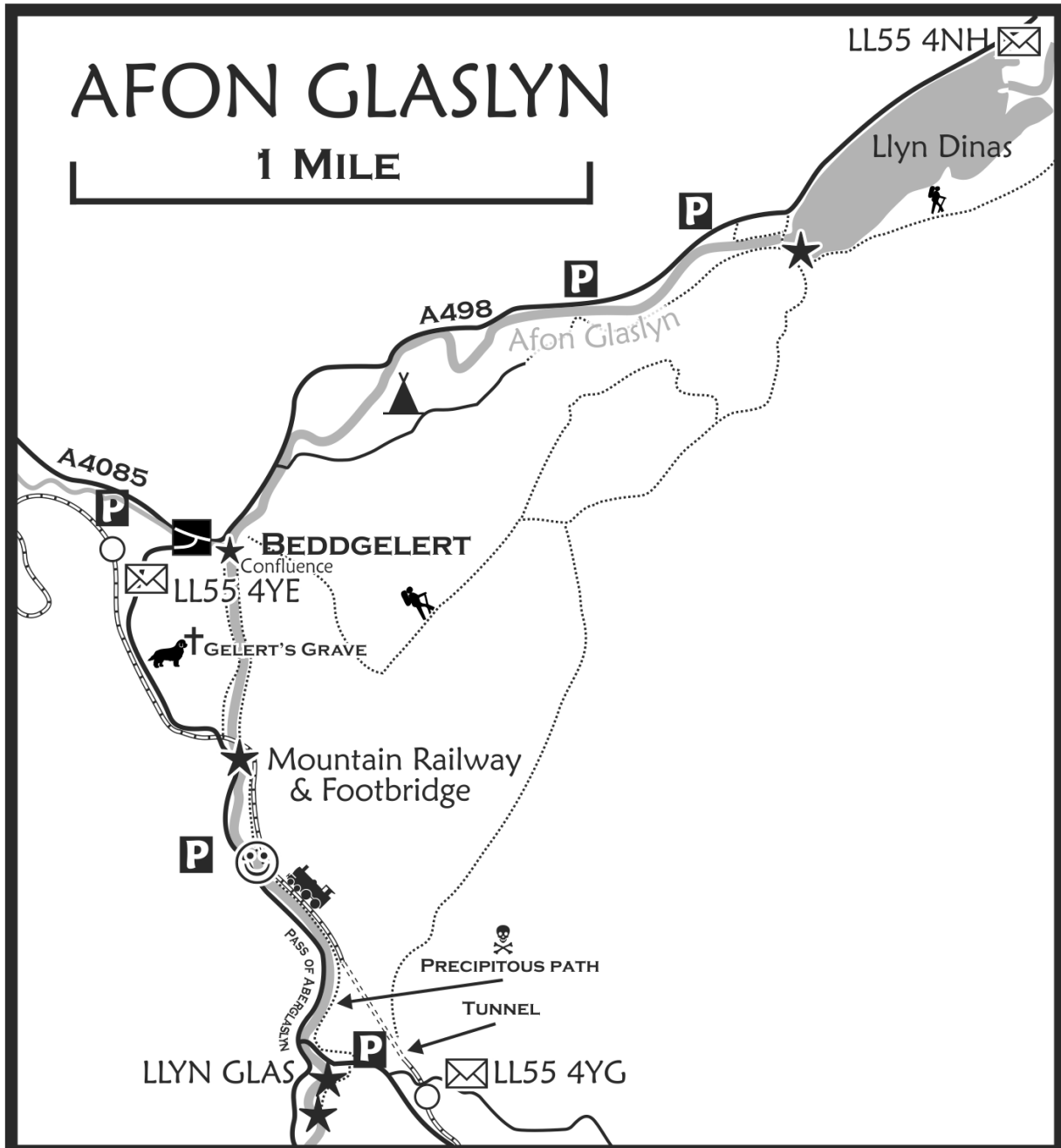
*Chorus*

Cathy Bryant,  
Club annual supper 2004

But now I'm returning  
to swim in the weir.  
I love that ol' river,  
it's crystal and clear.

I went to the pool  
that I used to frequent  
and I told all my buddies  
their ideas were bent.

So I'll go home to Farleigh  
Confess what I've done,  
And I'll ask them to pardon  
their prodigal son.



SH480395. Only about 6ft depth at the most. Beach entry with a swing. Popular, but the water is cold. There are several other pools downstream, but they are fished and they don't have such good picnic grass



Cwm Pennant: far up a remote valley, but popular.

beside them. in the valley. Lee says they are mostly fairly shallow (under waist height).

**Cwm Pennant**★★★☺☺☺☺☺ Five miles NW of Porthmadog turn off the A487 at Dolbenmaen and drive 4¼ miles up the valley to park at 1 mile beyond LL51 9AX before the road gate and right by the pool. A delightful little sunny pool beside the bridge with picnic space and views all round to the open countryside. N53.00579° W4.18925° SH532476

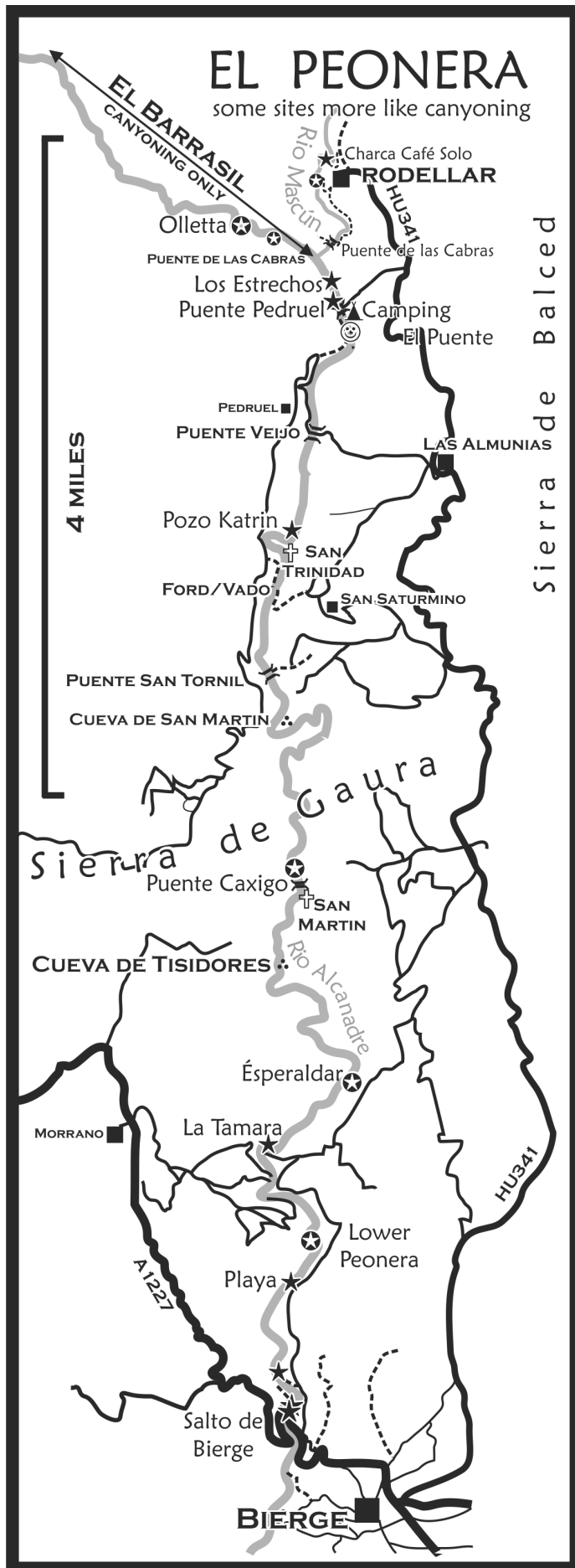
**Llyn Dinas**★★★☹☹☹☹☹ 2 miles NE of Beddgelert. Locals swim in the evening from the footpath at the south end. Best access is from the road side of the river, as entry on the far side is shallow and slippery. N53.02279° W4.07022°, SH612492, (☒ LL55 4NH is north of the lake). Relatively warm water.

**AFON GLASLYN**

*This translates as the Blue Pool River.*

☹**Confluence**★☺☺☺☹☹ in the middle of the Beddgelert\*, past the toilets. ☒ LL55 4YA, 53.01156°

NORTH of ARAGON: EL PEONERA to ABIEGO



**La Tamara** ★☆☆ 5¼Km walk from the Salto. N42.19626° W0.09202°. Easiest to take an organised trip.

**Ésperaldar** ★☆☆ N42.20300° W0.08147° A remote section of the river with a very narrow gorge and beautiful natural stone arches beside the river. Interesting but very difficult access.

**Puente de'o Caxigo** ★☆☆ Shallows by a modern foot bridge. N42.21977° W0.08541°

**Pozo Katrin** ★☆☆ A rock jump where the river narrows. N42.25092° W0.08681°

**Puente Pedruel** ★★★★★ 2Km south of Rodellar. Turn off the HU-341 for "Camping 800m" N42.27088° W0.07999°. Limited



Puente Pedruel: kids enjoying their first day.

parking by the bridge. Cross and take the path down to the river upstream of it. 3 mins down a tricky path to a good swim with a jump. Little picnic room, but there are good walks downstream from the far

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Los Estrechos: Fina explores.

side of the bridge.

**Camping El Puente (Pedruel)** ★☆☆☆☆ Access from the campsite to shallows. Great for kids.

**Los Estrechos** ★★★★★☆☆ A tricky 200m walk upstream from the far bank of the Puente. N42.27370° W0.08263°. A long narrowing gorge, with the depth varying as you swim. Very beautiful, but cramped for a picnic. There is no path through the gorge, but one above it on the right hand side. The name means *The Narrows*.

**Cafe Solo** ★☆☆ This is upstream of Los Estrechos. Drive round



Café Solo: odd name, a quiet spot.