

Talybont Reservoir

Walk the Brecon Beacons



Route Summary

A walk on the tops above Talybont Reservoir and then down the valley and walk on the Taff Trail around the Reservoir

Route Overview



Category: Hiking

Length: 18.030 km / 11.27 mi

Last Modified: 12th March 2017

Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Average

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Description

Ascend Craig y Fan Ddu and follow the ridge around the tops to Craig Fan Las. Cross over onto the top of Waun Rydd and follow the track towards Carn Pica and descent to Twyn Du and finally down to the Talybont Reservoir. Cross the dam and join the Taff Trail, following it along side the reservoir back to the start.

Waypoints

1 Blaen y Glyn Uchaf car park

(51.84894; -3.37145)

Leave the car park and turn right and start to climb with the Nant Bwrefwr stream in a gully to the left. Once you have passed the gully, follow the stone staircase upwards towards the peak of Craig y Fan Ddu. This is the steepest ascent on the walk. This part of the walk follow the route of the Beacons Way.

2 Carig y Fan Ddu

(51.85874; -3.37504)

Follow the path alongside the ridge edge towards Blaen Caerfanell where the Beacons Way turns sharp left towards



Fan y Big.

3 Blaen Caerfanell

(51.86332; -3.38066)

Cross the stream and continue along the edge of Craig Fan Las towards the top of the valley.

4 Waun Rydd

(51.87585; -3.37063)

On a good day you will have great views of the highest peaks in the Brecon Beacons and down the surrounding valleys. Turn right and follow the newly upgarded path along Waun Rydd and start the descent down to the Talybont Reservoir.

5 Carn Pica

(51.87210; -3.35230)

This summit is marked by a large beehive-looking cairn. From here you can see in the distance the Sugar Loaf mountain and the Talybont Reservoir. Descent down the step slope towards Twyn Du.

6 Twyn Du

(51.87422; -3.33221)

Follow the path down towards the bracken and heather and aim for a stone wall on the left. Follow the path by the wall through a number of gates to reach a minor road. Follow the road down the the Talybont on Usk to Merthyr Tydfil road.

7 I'l Bryn

(51.88174; -3.30202)

Turn right onto the road between high hedges towards the reservoir dam.

8 Talybont Reservoir

(51.87626; -3.30392)

Turn left onto the dam and cross over to join the Taff Trail.

9 Taff Trail

(51.87437; -3.29826)

Turn right onto the Taff Trail and follow the broad track back up the valley with the reservoir to your right.

10 Talybont on Usk to Merthyr Tydfil road

(51.84789; -3.37328)

Choose your trail



Turn right and then left to join the road back to Blean y Glyn Uchaf car park.

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