

## Merthyr Valley Winter Walks Programme

2018-19

Part of Glamorgan area



| Date           | Start   | Walk   | Distance     | Difficulty | Contact   |
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| Tue 06/11/2018 | 10:00 B&Q Car Park, Swansea Road (CF48 1ER, SO037067)       | <b><u>Cyfarthfa to Pontsarn</u></b><br>Leaving the B&Q Car Park (GPS: 51.75114 -3.395702) we take the Taff Trail to Pontsarn and return  | 4.5mi/7.2km  | Leisurely  | Alan Hancox, 07901576703  |
| Sat 10/11/2018 | 10:30 Welsh St Donats Village Hall (CF71 7SS, ST027760)     | <b><u>Area AGM &amp; Walk</u></b><br>Circular Walk prior to the Area AGM (GPS: 51.475024 -3.401656)  | 5mi/8.1km    | Leisurely  | Ramblers Member,<br>postmaster@<br>merthyrramblers.org.uk             |
| Sun 11/11/2018 | 09:00 Goitre Wharf (NP7 9EW, SO310064)                      | <b><u>Bomber Memorial Walk</u></b><br>From Goitre Wharf (GPS: 51.752480 - 3.000246) we walk to the WW2 Bomber Crash Site to pay tribute  | 9mi/14.5km   | Moderate   | Charles and Cynthia Wilkins,<br>01495 227906                          |
| Sat 17/11/2018 | 10:00 Car Park next to Bedwellty House (NP22 3JF, SO142087) | <b><u>Tredegar Industrial Heritage</u></b><br>From Bedwellty House (GPS: 51.770832 - 3.244132) we follow a circular route through Tredegar's industrial heritage                           | 9.5mi/15.3km | Moderate   | Alistair Sloan, 07484 291136,<br>alistair.sloan654@<br>btinternet.com |
| Sat 24/11/2018 | 10:00 Cefn Onn Country Park Car Park (CF14 0UE, ST178836)   | <b><u>Rhymney Valley Ridgeway</u></b><br>From Cefn Onn (GPS: 51.545741 - 3.186065) we follow a circular route through picturesque Cefn Onn and onto the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway            | 7.5mi/12.1km | Moderate   | Christine Nagle, 07974 687805   |
| Sat 01/12/2018 | 10:00 Wern Park, Nelson (CF46 6NL, ST117954)                | <b><u>South Wales Miners Memorial Walk</u></b><br>At Wern Park (GPS: 51.650890 -3.276981) we take a circular route taking in the Albion Colliery, Senghenydd and National Mining Memorials | 10mi/16.1km  | Moderate   | Alan Hancox, 07901576703  |

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| Sat 08/12/2018 | 10:00 Penyfan Pond, Oakdale (NP13 2DS, SO198008)                         | <b><u>Manmoel Circular</u></b><br>At Penyfan Pond (GPS: 51.772562 - 3.163016) we follow a circular route up to Manmoel and across the Common                         | 7.5mi/12.1km | Moderate  | Peter Cawley, 07967 735968                                     |
| Sat 15/12/2018 | 10:00 Village Centre, Ynysybwl (CF37 3HT, ST059942)                      | <b><u>Ynysybwl Circular</u></b><br>At Ynysybwl (GPS: 51.639162 -3.360468) we follow a circular route that takes in Clydach Reservoir and St Gwynn's Church           | 9mi/14.5km   | Moderate  | Ian Hammond, 07830 520952                                      |
| Wed 26/12/2018 | 11:00 Red Cow Inn, Pontsticill (CF48 2YB, SO057113)                      | <b><u>Boxing Day Pudding Pounder</u></b><br>From the Red Cow Inn (GPS: 51.792834 - 3.367989) we set off on a walk around Pontsticill Reservoir                       | 5mi/8.1km    | Moderate  | Alistair Sloan, 07484 291136, alistair.sloan654@btinternet.com |
| Sat 29/12/2018 | 10:00 Park Drive opposite Horseshoe Inn, Llangattock (NP8 1PP, SO212176) | <b><u>Craig y Caeau Nature Reserve</u></b><br>From Llangattock (GPS: 51.852764 - 3.144756) we take a circular route on to the Escarpment and onto the Nature Reserve | 7mi/11.3km   | Moderate  | Alistair Sloan, 07484 291136, alistair.sloan654@btinternet.com |
| Sat 05/01/2019 | 10:00 Car Park opposite St Cynog's Church, Penderyn (CF44 9JR, SN945085) | <b><u>Penderyn to Sgwd yr Eira</u></b><br>From the car park (GPS: 51.765666 - 3.529474) we take a circular route through waterfall country and behind Sgwd yr Eira   | 9.5mi/15.3km | Moderate  | Rob Jones, 07949950018   |
| Tue 15/01/2019 | 10:00 Lay-by to east of Pencelli (LD3 7LX, SO094247)                     | <b><u>Pencelli Circular</u></b><br>From the Lay-by (GPS: 51.913892 - 3.317871) we take a circular route around Pencelli.   | 7.5mi/12.1km | Moderate  | Geoff Evans, 07545 592860                                      |
| Sat 19/01/2019 | 10:00 Hendre Mynydd Forestry Car Park (CF42 5RY, SN922020)               | <b><u>Hendre Mynydd Circular</u></b><br>From the car park (GPS: 51.706807 - 3.560775) we follow a circular route to the Iron Age Village and Nant Melyn Waterfall    | 7mi/11.3km   | Moderate  | Ian Hammond, 07830 520952                                      |
| Sat 26/01/2019 | 10:00 Thorncombe Road Car Park, Blackwood (NP12 1AP, ST176968)           | <b><u>Discover the Sirhowy Valley</u></b><br>From Blackwood (GPS: 51.664372 - 3.192052) we take a linear walk through the Sirhowy Valley returning by bus.           | 9mi/14.5km   | Leisurely | Andrew Richards, 01443 833719, ajeffreyrichards@yahoo.co.uk    |

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| Sat 02/02/2019 | 10:00 Taff's Well Park and Ride (CF15 7YF, ST125832)         | <b><u>Cardiff to Taff's Well</u></b><br>At Taff's Well Railway Station (GPS: 51.541348 -3.262376) we catch a train to Cardiff Central to then walk back to Taff's Well                               | 7.5mi/12.1km | Leisurely | Huw Jones, 07887 861016                                     |
| Tue 05/02/2019 | 10:00 Garwnant Forestry Centre off A470 (CF48 2HU, SO003131) | <b><u>Loops &amp; Links</u></b><br>From Garwnant Centre (GPS: 51.808075 - 3.446778) we take an interesting circular walk through the forestry  | 4.5mi/7.2km  | Leisurely | Alan Hancox, 07901576703                                    |
| Sat 09/02/2019 | 10:00 Taff's Well Park & Ride (CF15 7YF, ST125832)           | <b><u>Porthkerry Coastal Walk (Rail Ramble)</u></b><br>At Taff's Well Station (GPS: 51.541348 - 3.262376) we take a train to Rhoose then walk to Barry Island on the Coastal Path to return by train | 8mi/12.9km   | Moderate  | Andrew Richards, 01443 833719, ajeffreyrichards@yahoo.co.uk |
| Sat 16/02/2019 | 10:00 Penpych Woodland Car Park (CF42 5DN, SS924991)         | <b><u>Penpych Woodland Circular</u></b><br>From the car park (GPS: 51.680781 - 3.556987) we take a circular route around Penpych Woodland  | 6mi/9.7km    | Moderate  | Christine Nagle, 07974 687805                               |
| Sat 23/02/2019 | 10:00 Keeper's Pond Car Park, Blaenavon (NP4 9SR, SO254107)  | <b><u>Pwll Du Circular</u></b><br>Leaving Keeper's Pond (GPS: 51.790417 - 3.082280) we follow a circular route to Pwll Du and return   | 7mi/11.3km   | Moderate  | Rob Jones, 07949950018                                      |
| Sat 02/03/2019 | 10:00 Monknash Beach Car Park (CF71 7QQ, SS912700)           | <b><u>Coast &amp; Lighthouse Walk</u></b><br>From the Car Park (GPS: 51.418999 - 3.565331) we take a route passing Cwm Nash, Nash Point, Atlantic College, St Donat's Castle and Church              | 8.5mi/13.7km | Leisurely | Derek Jones, 07901 338989                                   |
| Sat 09/03/2019 | 10:00 St Nicholas Church, St Nicholas (CF5 6SQ, ST090743)    | <b><u>Haunted Field Walk</u></b><br>From the Church (GPS: 51.460791 - 3.310533) we take a circular route in search of Iron Age Tombs   | 8mi/12.9km   | Moderate  | Ian Hammond, 07830 520952                                   |
| Tue 12/03/2019 | 10:00 Mayor's Square, Heolgerrig (CF48 1ST, SO029058)        | <b><u>Mayor's Square Heolgerrig to Mountain Ash</u></b><br>From Mayor's Square (GPS: 51.742918 - 3.407036) we venture across Aberdare Mountain for lunch at Mountain Ash Golf Club. Return by bus    | 5mi/8.1km    | Moderate  | Colin Davies, 01685 374702, colindavies3@sky.com            |

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| Sat 16/03/2019 | 10:00 Car Park across canal in Talybont on Usk (LD3 7JD, SO114225) | <b>Talybont on Usk Circular</b><br>From the car park (GPS: 51.894439 - 3.288236) we venture on a circular route  | 7mi/11.3km    | Moderate  | Rob Jones, 07949950018    |
| Sat 23/03/2019 | 10:00 Machen Library (CF83 8NA, ST209891)                          | <b>Machen Circular</b><br>From Machen Library (GPS: 51.595627 - 3.142609) we take a circular route via Draethen, Cefn Onn and Rudry. Good views of Bristol Channel | 10.5mi/16.9km | Moderate  | Derek Jones, 07901 338989 |
| Sat 30/03/2019 | 10:00 Babbington Centre, Trellech (NP25 4PZ, SO501050)             | <b>Trellech Circular</b><br>From the Babbington Centre (GPS: 51.741923 -3.723381) we pass standing stones, waterfalls and through woodland on this circular walk   | 8.5mi/13.7km  | Leisurely | Alan Hancox, 07901576703  |

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