

All Saints Church - Bwlch
A stone built chapel of ease to serve the community of Bwlch; the modern stained glass is the chief feature of this chapel.
Eglwys yr Holl Saint - Bwlch
Capel cerreg awnes i wasanaethu cymuned Bwlch; y gwydr llwyr modern yw prif nodwedd y capel hwn.



Monmouth & Brecon Canal
Further information about the Beacons Way www.breconbeaconsparcsociety.org
Further information about Usk Valley Walk www.uskvalleywalk.org
For more information about the tramroad: www.brinore-tramroad-powys.org.uk
Talybont. The Brinore Tramroad runs for 8 miles (13 km) from Talybont-on-Usk to Trefil. It was operational between 1815 and 1865 and linked the Tredegar iron works and Trefil limestone quarries to the Monmouth & Brecon Canal at Talybont. There is evidence that at one point the valley upstream of here was dammed as a lake – it has been scooped out a great rock hollow and was infilled with river sediment at the end of the last ice age and in the last few millennia since. There are grassed over pits around the rim of the summit plateau of Tor y Foel where (presumably) slabby OR sandstone rocks were excavated for use as roof tiles. The Brinore Tramroad runs for 8 miles (13 km) from Talybont-on-Usk to Trefil.

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The canal is a 200-year-old feat of engineering, originally built as a corridor for coal and iron; now it supports a thriving leisure industry and is a much-loved haven for people and nature.

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Welcome to Bwlch with Magnitude an energetic 10.5 mile circular walk travelling from Bwlch to the village of Llangynidr, skirting the Talybont Reservoir. The walk takes you onto parts of the Beacons Way, Usk Valley Walk, the Brinore Tramroad and the Monmouth & Brecon Canal. At the height of the last ice age (between around 22-18,000 years ago) the Usk Valley glacier was joined by tributary glaciers coming down Glyn Collwn and Dyffryn Crawnnon. At one point in time it's likely you'd have been able to stand atop Tor y Foel and be surrounded by a sea of ice beneath you. Glacial ice swept around each of the hills – Buckland Hill, Tor y Foel, Myarth, Y Wenallt and the Allt which gave rise to their smooth and rounded profiles. Later as the main glacier retreated it came to a halt for a while in the narrow section of the Usk valley and left behind the Llandetty moraine which underlies Buckland Farm and grounds as well. There is evidence that at one point the valley upstream of here was dammed as a lake – it has been scooped out a great rock hollow and was infilled with river sediment at the end of the last ice age and in the last few millennia since. There are grassed over pits around the rim of the summit plateau of Tor y Foel where (presumably) slabby OR sandstone rocks were excavated for use as roof tiles. The Brinore Tramroad runs for 8 miles (13 km) from Talybont-on-Usk to Trefil. It was operational between 1815 and 1865 and linked the Tredegar iron works and Trefil limestone quarries to the Monmouth & Brecon Canal at Talybont. For more information about the tramroad: www.brinore-tramroad-powys.org.uk



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Distance: **10.5 miles**

Refreshments at the **New Inn, The Gate Shop in Bwlch and Coach and Horses in Llangynidr.**

Start and Finish at the New Inn, Bwlch.

1 Leave the New Inn and turn left into Darren Road. All Saints Church will be on your right hand side.

Continue along the Darren Road for approximately 1.5km. (Fine views down the Rhiangoll Valley to Tretower and Crickhowell overshadowed by the Table Top, to the Sugar Loaf and onto Abergavenny. On a fine day you can see the Malvern Hills)

2 As you near the end of Darren Road you will see a stile on your left with the Beacons Way Logo. Cross the stile and continue down to the next stile, turn right, following the hedge at the top of the field to the next stile near a metal gate. Go over the stile then turn left and go down the field diagonally towards a small gate in a fence. Go through the gate; continue diagonally downhill to the stile in the corner of the field near a smallholding. (Chickens guinea fowls etc). Turn right and walk down towards the B4560 Bwlch – Llangynidr Road. **Take care-this is a busy road.** Turn right and head downhill towards Llangynidr Bridge over the River Usk. At the bridge look out for grey herons, dippers and other water animals. (If you are lucky you may spot a kingfisher).

3 Walk over the bridge, passing Oakland's (Care Home) on your right. Continue up the hill to the canal bridge. Turn right under the bridge (No. 131) and walk along the towpath to the lock No. 64. Follow the canal to the next lock No. 65. Cross the canal. There is now a pleasant walk up through the wood with the Afon Crawnnon on your left, to a stile. The beech trees give way to oak trees before you reach a stile at the edge of the wood. You are still following the Beacon's Way at this point. Cross the field passing a telegraph pole on your right and walk to the stile. Go over the stile and turn right and head towards another metal gate. As you approach the gate, the stile is to the left. Go over the stile, turn left, continue onwards and upwards through two gates towards the farm. Take the track

up to the road. Cross the road to a gate. You are now leaving the Beacons Way. Go through the gate and go uphill with the hedge on your right. As you walk up, you will see fine views of Llangorse Lake, the Allt, Mynydd Troed and the Black Mountains to your right. To the left (south) is Cwm Crawnnon and beyond that the Llangottock Moor before the South Wales Valleys.

The route is now quite clear, passing through gates and over stiles to open countryside, continuing upwards steeply until you reach the summit of Tor y Foel at 551m.

4 From the summit of Tor y Foel there are excellent views of the surrounding area: The Beacons, Black Mountains, Sugar Loaf etc. Brinore Tramway (Limestone from the quarry at Trefil) Disused railway line to Merthyr via Torpantau

Follow the path from the top of Tor y Foel in a south westerly direction to a stone wall with a gate close to a tarmac road. Ignore the Beacon's Way sign. Cross over the road & follow the footpath below the stone table, down the hill diagonally and to your left.

Cross over the stile into the forestry, descend, crossing the forestry track, join the Brinore Tramroad. Turn right, follow the tramroad north for 1.5 kilometres until you reach a wooden gate. Go through the gate, cross over the stile immediately to your right into the field. Follow the footpath diagonally north east across two fields passing a large oak tree on your left.

5 As you cross over the stile in the top corner keep the cattle grid to your left & follow the road for approximately 15 yds before turning left up a green track which curves uphill & to your left. Walk a short distance until you see a gate set back. You are now on the Usk valley walk. Go through the gate and follow the contour of the slope to another gate. Continue through the field to another gate and follow the hedge on your left until you eventually reach a forestry road. Turn left and go down to the canal and go over the bridge. Climb over the stile on your right onto the towpath. Follow the towpath to Llangynidr locks until you reach lock No. 64 opposite the Coach and Horses pub. Leave the towpath and join the road on your left walking past the Walnut Tree Stores to join the road leading to the bridge. Retrace your steps from the bridge to the New Inn.

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