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Hazards

Crossing the busy and fast A470 without pedestrian crossings. Some walking on quiet lanes and narrow roads without pavements. The higher parts of the route are exposed to winds and storms with limited shelter. May be livestock on route.

Accessibility

There are stiles and steps on the route and gates and paths less than one metre wide. The surface includes trodden grass paths, uneven ground across pasture and through woodland. May be muddy in places after rain. Mostly good track, pavement and tarmac surfaces after the visitor centre.

Facilities

Toilets and refreshments at National Park Visitor Centre. Pub at Tai'r-Bull.

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Ensure you are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for the route and weather, and that you take the right kit – learn more at yha.org.uk/walk-skills.
- Download the OS Maps and what3words apps to your phone.
- To be able to contact emergency services by text visit relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms or text 'register' to 999.
- For more information on staying safe in the outdoors visit adventuresmart.uk.
- Complete a route notification card (yha.org.uk/route-card) to provide essential information for the Emergency Services if you do not return when expected.
- Check all members of the group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.

In case of emergency:

- Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.
- To attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash a torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location, number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to yha.org.uk/map-guidance

If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk

Walking has been at the heart of YHA since 1930, helping people access the great outdoors. Today, YHA continues to make adventures possible with mapped routes and affordable hostel stays across England and Wales. Our hostels are ideal for walkers, with drying rooms, self-catering kitchens, and great trails from the doorstep. We're committed to making adventure accessible to everyone, with walks for all abilities and guided walking events that connect people to nature, heritage, and each other.

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Twyn Dylluan-ddu and National Park Visitor Centre walk



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YHA Brecon Beacons

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Hill and countryside walk

A gorgeous lowland route to the National Park Visitor Centre and back along paved lanes and good tracks on the Taff Trail. Stunning views and ideal when you don't want to go too high or if the clouds are down.

Distance: 8.4 miles (13.5km)

Ascent: 412m (1,352ft)

Time: Allow 4h to 6h 30m



Partnered with



Route directions

Map: OS Explorer (OL12) Brecon Beacons National Park / Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog

Start/Finish: Grid ref SN 973 225

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- 1 Head around to the back of the hostel, pass the pods and onto the path through the trees.
- 2 Cross the A470 to the layby, onto the Craig Cerrig Gleisiad footpath and head uphill through the trees.
- 3 Cross a wall, turn right and follow the path alongside a fence.
- 4 Bear left away from the fence towards the ridge.
- 5 At the path junction turn right to pass Twyn Dylluan-ddu and head down the ridge.
- 6 Turn left, then bear right to cross well signposted fields and farmland.
- 7 Bear left across the A4215 to the footpath and continue ahead.
- 8 Turn right and follow the path to the National Park Visitor Centre.
- 9 Head past the car park, then follow the track around to the right and continue to Tai'r-Bull.
- 10 Turn right onto the pavement alongside the A470.
- 11 Cross the side road to the visitor centre, then cross the A470 at the 'ARAF SLOW' road markings to the steps before the large stone wall.
- 12 Bear right around the outside of the church yard.
- 13 Cross the footbridge and turn right through the woods.
- 14 At the road turn right and follow along the lane.
- 15 At the T junction turn left onto the no through road.
- 16 Pass the Blaenglyn National Trust sign and continue along the road, which becomes a track.
- 17 Turn right at the finger post to YHA. Cross the field.
- 18 Bear left to cross the stream, then turn right and follow trodden grass paths through fields to the hostel.

