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## Talybont-on-Usk

### Woodland, river and canal walk

**Distance:** 3.9 miles (6.3km) **Ascent:** 162m (531ft) **Time:** Allow 1h 45m to 3h

**Map:** OS Explorer (OL13) Brecon Beacons National Park / Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog

**Start/Finish:** OS Locate SO 107 205 **what3words** ///forge.earth.vast

A lovely route to the pretty canal and village of Talybont-on-Usk. From the hostel driveway take the first pedestrian gate on the left to a track. Turn left, follow the track for about 1,400 metres then turn left onto a footpath. Follow the path downhill through the trees, turn left alongside the old railway and right under an old railway bridge. Cross the footbridge over the river, turn right and follow the marked footpath alongside the river to the road. Turn right onto the road, cross the bridge over the canal and turn right onto the canal towpath. Cross back over the canal at the next bridge and onto the Taff Trail. Pass the footpath taken earlier and retrace the route to the hostel.

### Hazards

Caution on the road section without a pavement. There may be livestock on the route. Take care near the water. Remain on the Taff Trail if the river is flooded.

### Accessibility

There are stiles on this route and gates less than one metre wide. Mostly good

track and trodden grass paths across fields, some uneven ground in places.

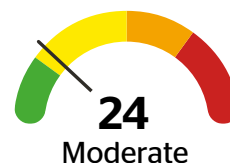
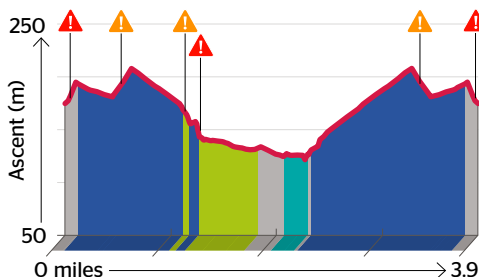
### Navigation

Following obvious paths and roads or trodden rights of way through fields which are well signposted.

### Terrain

Mostly good paths, tarmac roads and grass paths through fields which could be muddy after rain.

- Paved
- Unpaved (uneven)
- Grass
- Unpaved (flat)



### ★ Points of interest (see map)

A lovely walk starting near **1** Talybont Reservoir and following the **2** Taff Trail, passing under the **3** dismantled railway to the **4** lift bridge over **5** the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal at Talybont-on-Usk which has **6** an aqueduct.

### 👤 🍷 🗑️ Facilities (see map)

Shop, café and two pubs in Talybont-on-Usk.

### 🪑 Seats on route (see map)

~~♿~~ **Not wheelchair accessible**

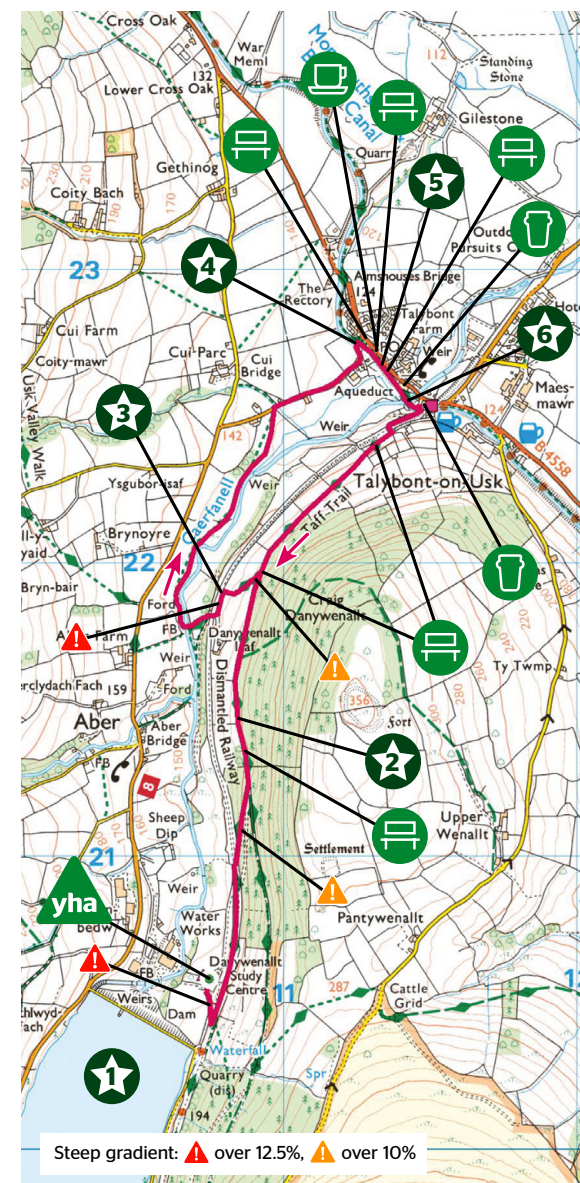
~~👉~~ **Not a touch free route**

~~🚸~~ **Not pushchair accessible**

~~🚧~~ **Not stile free**

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.

Scan or click to view this route on the OS Maps App – also a route profile and GPX



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To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

### Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast ([metoffice.gov.uk](http://metoffice.gov.uk)).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes ([tidetimes.org.uk](http://tidetimes.org.uk)).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) ([relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms](http://relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms)).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit [adventuresmart.uk](http://adventuresmart.uk)

**In case of emergency** call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.

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If you encounter problems with this route contact [walking@yha.org.uk](mailto:walking@yha.org.uk)



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## Countryside Code

### Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

### Hazards

- Take extra care and stay alert where a right of way crosses a railway line.
- When walking on a road without a pavement keep to the right-hand side, so that you can see oncoming traffic. Keep close to the side of the road, and walk in single file if necessary. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.
- Give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space.

### Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit.
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

### Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

## What to wear

- Comfortable clothing suitable for the conditions.
- Use several layers, so you can add and remove clothing to regulate your temperature.
- Extra warm clothes in case it gets colder.
- Hat, gloves and scarf.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning comfy socks.
- Comfortable well fitting trainers, walking shoes or boots.

## Kit

- Map and compass.
- Water, lunch and snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

## You might also want to take

- Picnic blanket.
- Waterproof baseball cap, if you wear glasses.
- Walking poles.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.