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YHA Brecon Beacons

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# Twyn Dylluan-ddu and National Park Visitor Centre

Mountain valley and countryside walk

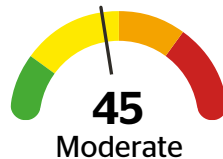
**Distance:** 8.4 miles (13.4km) **Ascent:** 407m (1,339ft)

**Time:** Allow 4h to 6h 30m

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

**Start/Finish:** OS Locate SN 973 225 **what3words** ///mild.intrigued.simulates

A gorgeous lowland route to the National Park Visitor Centre and back along the Taff Trail. Head around to the back of the hostel, pass the pods and onto the path through the trees to the A470. Cross the road to the layby and follow the footpath uphill through the trees. Cross a wall, turn right, follow the path alongside a fence and bear left to the ridge. At the path junction turn right to pass Twyn Dylluan-ddu and continue down the ridge. At the bottom of the hill turn left, then bear right and cross well signposted fields and farmland. Bear left across the A4215 to the footpath and continue to the edge of common land. Turn right and follow the path past the National Park Visitor Centre. Follow the road around to the right at Three Rivers Ride and continue to the A470 at Tai'r-Bull. Turn right and follow the pavement. Cross a road which joins from the right, cross the main road and shortly after take the hidden steps on the left, which are immediately before the large stone wall. Bear right around the outside of the church yard and cross the footbridge to Pen Clÿn. Turn right through the woods and continue to the road at Llwyncelyn-fawr. Turn right and at the T junction turn left onto the no through road. Pass the Blaenglyn National Trust sign and continue along the road, which becomes a track. Turn right at the finger post to YHA. Cross the field and bear left to cross the stream, then turn



right and follow trodden grass paths through fields to the hostel.

### Hazards

Beware of fast traffic on the busy A470, be vigilant when crossing. Caution on the small road 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 paved roads, good tracks, trodden grass paths and uneven ground across pasture and through woodland. May be muddy in places after rain.

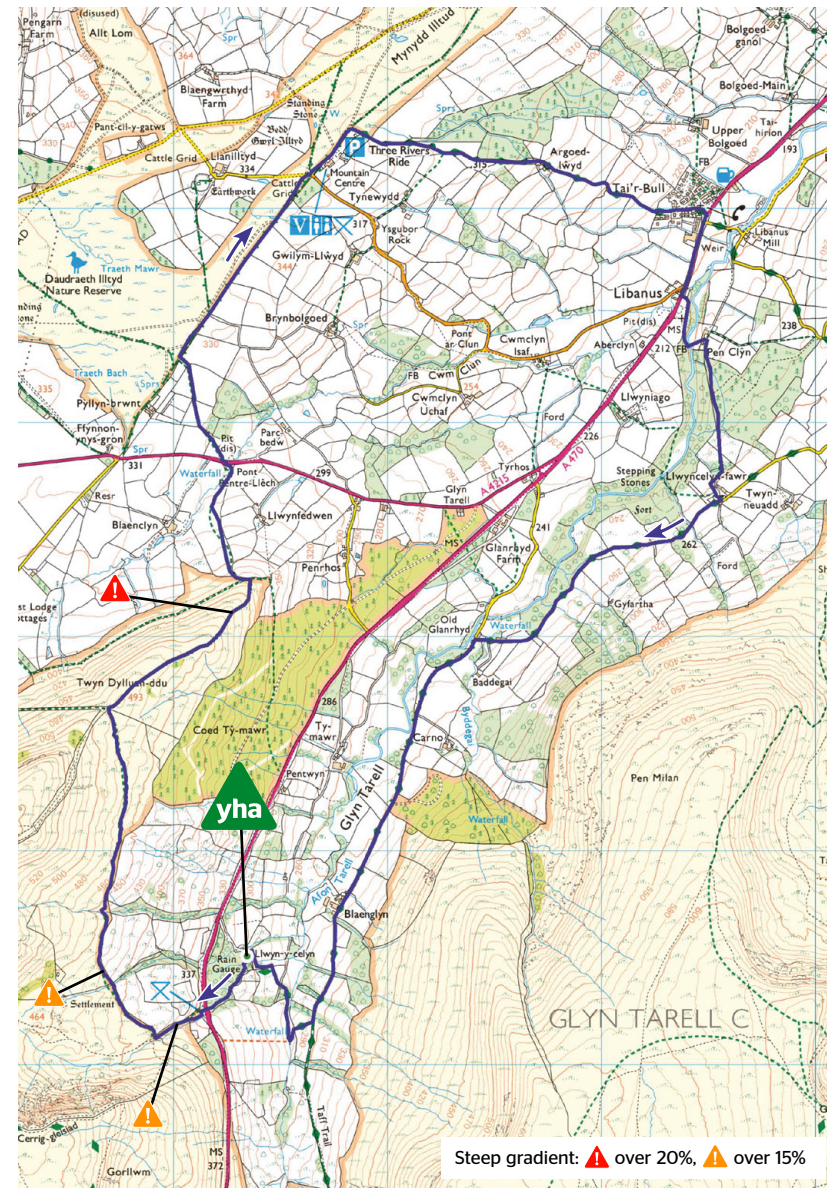
### Points of interest

Stunning views across the Brecon Beacons and a good view of Craig Cerrig Gleisiad from below. National Park Mountain Visitor Centre with information about the local area. Waterfalls near the hostel.

### Facilities

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

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



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.

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Route: Matt Overd, John Watkins and Huw Rogers



Thank you for choosing to walk from our hostel.  
We hope you have a great time.

Walking in the national landscapes of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. With hostels on National Trails, in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, YHA plays a unique role in the nation's walking community.

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 ([mwis.org.uk](http://mwis.org.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)).
- Plan your walk by completing the YHA route notification card it helps Emergency Services if you get into difficulties or fail to return from your walk when anticipated ([yha.org.uk/route-card](http://yha.org.uk/route-card)).
- Ensure your entire group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.
- For further information on how to stay safe visit [adventuresmart.uk](http://adventuresmart.uk)

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to [yha.org.uk/walks](http://yha.org.uk/walks)

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



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## What to wear

- Base layer and mid layer.
- Walking trousers.
- Warm jacket(s).
- Take extra layer(s).
- Hat, gloves and neck gaiter.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning walking socks.
- Walking shoes or boots.

## Kit

- Map, compass and GPS device or OS Map app on your phone.
- Water, lunch and high energy snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Head torch, spare batteries.
- Watch.
- Whistle and survival bag.
- 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

- Spare socks, hat, gloves.
- Balaclava.
- Leg gaiters.
- Waterproof baseball cap (handy if you wear glasses).
- Walking poles.

- Bivi bag or group shelter.
- Spare food and hot drink.
- Duct tape (handy for fixing things).
- Penknife or multitool.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.
- Plastic bags to take away your rubbish or dog poo.

## In case of emergency

- Call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and ask for the Police.
- Use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.
- If you need to attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash your torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location (grid reference), number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.
- Help could be some time coming so whilst waiting make the casualty comfortable.
- Keep the casualty warm and dry using spare clothing. Use coats or rucksacks to insulate them from the ground.
- Remember the rest of the group could be getting cold whilst waiting. Use an emergency shelter or find a sheltered location.