

Monday, 9th December 2024

Monday Strollers:

Location: Penclacwydd

Length: 4 miles (approx)

Maximum Number of Participants: 20

Walk Leader: Andrew Harry Back Marker: Eileen Beaumont

To register: Contact Eileen on 07837 157 175 (*by text preferably, please*)

Registration will open at 10am on Friday, 6th December 2024 and will close at 8am on Monday, 9th December 2024

Additional Information: The route of this week's leisurely stroll, which is flat, will take us from Bwlch Car Park in Dafen Row to the Wetland Centre at Penclacwydd. There will be an opportunity for us to have a mid-walk break for refreshments at Penclacwydd before we return to our starting point along the cycle path and the coast path.

Parking for the walk will be in Bwlch Car Park in Dafen Row (Postcode: SA15 2BL)

Wednesday, 11th December 2024

Walk 1:

Location: Pontarddlais (Cwm Dulais)

Length: 5.5 miles Grade: C+

Walk Leader: Dave Clementson Back Marker: Colin Wright

To register: Contact Dave on 01792 884777 (*please leave a message on the answerphone if there is no answer*)

Registration will open at 9am on Monday, 9th December 2024 and will close at 9pm on Tuesday, 10th December 2024

Additional Information: This walk follows the route of the River Dulais by taking us up to Cefn Drum via Upper Mill and then along the eastern side of the hill before dropping down to the site of the old Graig Merthyr Colliery. We will then return along the valley bottom. The route will take us mainly along well-trodden paths in open countryside with many lovely views, but there will also be some road walking. *Please note that* good strong walking footwear is essential *and that* walking poles would be useful, as there are a few 'rough and wet' paths.

Parking for the walk will be in the car park adjacent to the rugby pitch in Coedbach Park in Pontarddulais, where the walk will start at 10.30am. Please allow about 35 minutes 'travelling time' from Llanelli.

Directions to Coedbach Park (Postcode: SA4 8LG) from Llanelli:

- Travel along the A4138 through Hendy to the Black Horse roundabout
- Turn right at the roundabout and cross the bridge, and then follow the one-way system along the A48 to the traffic lights at the new Co-op (*previously The Kings*)
- Turn right at the traffic lights into Pentre Road (B4296) *and then*
- Take the first right into Gwynfryn Road and then turn left into the park
- Drive along the access road and park adjacent to the Pontarddulais Rugby Ground

Walk 2:

Location: Maesteg to Tondy (*a linear walk*)

Length: 7.5 miles Grade: C+

Walk Leader: Pam Planchant Back Marker: Pat Pope

To register: Contact Pam on 07974 184 143 (*by text preferably, please*)

Registration will open at 10am on Sunday, 8th December 2024 and will close at 6pm on Tuesday, 10th December 2024

Additional Information: This pleasant walk offers lovely views over Maesteg and the surrounding area. The route will take us alongside the River Llynfi and towards the end of the walk we will walk through Bryngarw Country Park, which is a lovely area. *Please note that* there are a few 'fairly easy climbs' as well as some road walking along very quiet lanes.

Please note ... this is a linear walk from Maesteg to Tondy. We will be catching the train from Tondy Station (Postcode: CF32 9DY) to Maesteg and then walking back. The train fare is £3.10 and tickets can be purchased at the ticket machine situated on the platform at Tondy Station. Payment is by card. The train leaves at 9.53am - please be at the station in plenty of time to purchase a ticket. Thank you. Parking at the station is free of charge.

Directions to Tondy Station (Postcode: CF32 9DY):

- Leave the M4 at Junction 38, signposted Margam
- On reaching Pyle, turn left at the traffic lights and proceed towards Kenfig Hill on the B4281
- Drive through Kenfig Hill and then Cefn Cribwr until you reach a sign for Aberkenfig on the left
- Turn left here and drive through Aberkenfig until you reach traffic lights

- Go straight ahead at these lights - you will see the sign for Tondu Railway Station in front of you and also the sign for Bryncethin and Brynmenyn
- The turning for the station will be on the left along this road

Please note that if the station car park is full there is plenty of roadside parking.

Saturday, 14th December 2024 / Sunday, 15th December 2024

There is no walk scheduled for this weekend at the moment.

Details will be sent out separately if one becomes available.