

The Countryside Code

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors.
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available.

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under effective control.

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared.
- Follow advice and local signs.

Enjoy this walk

Taff Ely Ramblers meet every Sunday to enjoy a beautiful walk in the South Wales countryside, they also offer short two hour walks on alternate Saturdays and summer Thursday evenings.

Ramblers maintenance groups assist in maintaining the walks.

Contact www.taffelyramblers.org.uk for more details.

The association is a registered charity (no. 1093577) and a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (No 4458492).

Mae'r taflen yma ar gael yn y Gymraeg.
This leaflet is available in Welsh.



Getting there

By car

- From J34, M4 take the A4119 towards Llantrisant. Pass two sets of lights and go straight on at the roundabout.
- Turn right at the second set of lights and then turn sharp left at the turning where the road starts to descend.
- Follow road up to Llantrisant and turn left by the Cross Keys pub.
- Pass the Bullring and descend down Heol-y-Sarn. The car park is on the right just before the start of the common.

If you have noticed any problems with this route such as overgrown paths or broken stiles please let Llantrisant Community Council know so they can rectify the problem for future walkers of the route.

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The **rabbit logo** was designed by members of 1st Llantrisant Brownies in the 1970's to identify promoted footpaths in Llantrisant Community Council. Since then the walks have evolved, with the Taff Ely Ramblers helping create the **series of 6 circular walks** promoted today.



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Community Walks

Llantrisant Circular

Bunny Walk **1**

Series of 6 walks in the Llantrisant area - suitable for all ages

Start:
Car park just off
Heol-y-Sarn (ST 047837)

Map required:
OS Explorer 151



View from Graig

- 1** At the car park follow the pavement downhill to the common. Go left at the cattle grid. Go through the kissing gate. Turn right and then, after 20 metres take the left track with the wall on right. Bear right onto the path before the first garage, and on reaching the road turn left and carry on uphill. Bear right and immediately left, heading downhill and taking the second left and immediately right into Heol-y-Graig. You will pass the old school on your right. Continue past the cottages and through the kissing gate to follow the path ahead ignoring paths to the left and right.
- 2** The footpath joins a tarmac track, leading downhill to a layby.

Go ahead and turn right up the road past the boundary stone. After the gate climb the stile on your left and head across the field towards a gap in the trees. With care, cross the stream.

- 3** After climbing the stile, cross the road bearing right and take the first left, signposted Recycling Centre. After 150 metres turn right onto a footpath through the timber yard car park and follow the right-of-way by the river. Cross the stile into the woods. At the second stile, bear right into a raised field and follow the right of way towards the farm. Cross the two stiles, walk to the road through the farmyard.
- 4** Turn right and walk towards the common. Cross the cattle grid.

1 Llantrisant Circular



Top of Llantrisant Common



Boundary Stone

After about 30 metres turn left onto the path, then right along the disused tramway.

- 5** Continue ahead, with the trees on your left; this area can be very wet. Turn right at the junction and continue along this path to a boardwalk. Cross the boardwalk following the path up the hill towards a group of trees. Head towards a gap in a different group of trees and over a disused railway bridge.
- 6** Follow the path along the edge of the common to return to the start.



Boardwalk

On the way...

Llantrisant Common was originally an area cleared of its trees to the north of Llantrisant to allow a clear view from the castle so that the Welsh to the north, who had not been subdued by the Anglo-Normans, could not mount a surprise attack. Richard de Clare built the castle in 1245/6.

The Boundary Stone is one such stone passed in the "Beating of the Bounds." This takes place every seven years and the first recorded instance of the ceremony in Llantrisant is 1781. Knowledge of the boundary was important to ensure that the Burgesses of Llantrisant could enforce their commercial and trading rights.

The Railway Bridge passes over the cutting produced for a railway line that was built in 1883 across the Common and up the Mychydd Valley to the Glyn Colliery to the East of Tonyrefail.