



## Brecon Beacons Ramble 1

Ramble Grade - Challenging  
13.7 Km (8.5 miles)

**There are no wheelchair accessible toilets available on this route.** The starting point (S) for the ramble is at the west end of Talybont village, where the road leading to Talybont reservoir leaves the main road, rises steeply and goes across the canal. Access to the canal towpath is available at this point.

Follow the canal towpath as far as the White Hart public house. Here, we cross the canal via a steep incline and over the stone bridge. After about 200 metres, the track forks - make sure that you take the right hand fork across the bridge. **Do not take the left hand fork as this is NOT a public right of way!** Continue along the track that follows the old route of the Brinore Tramroad.

Soon, you will see to your right the dam that creates the Talybont Reservoir. Take the well defined path to the right down to the Taff trail (shown in blue on the map).

Follow the well defined and broad Taff Trail along the side of the reservoir until you reach a very broad track which rises

from the Taff Trail turning back to the north. This rises steadily up through trees, turning through a hairpin bend to face south. Continue up the track which begins to rise more steeply along the hillside. Soon you will reach the access to the Brinore trail which will take you back down a steady descent all the way to Talybont. You may like to continue up the broad track which eventually levels out on open ground at a site suitable for a picnic.

Return down the track, branching on to the Brinore trail as described.

Note: the Brinore Trail, though not steep has a rough surface which can cause discomfort to a buggy/scooter rider.

SCENERY: woodland with open views down to the reservoir.

Note: this route incorporated a considerable climb. Also the Brinore Trail is rough and stony. It is recommended for use only by users of heavy duty buggies, or very robust medium size scooters equipped with large batteries..

### **How to get there !**

Directions to Start Point : From the East - Take the A40 from Abergavenny, following signs for Brecon. After passing through the village of Bwlch, you will start to descend on a long straight stretch of road. As you approach the small settlement of Llansantffraed, take the turning to your left signposted Talybont-on-Usk. After about a kilometre, turn right - passing under an old railway bridge. Continue through the village of Talybont, where you will see the canal bridge on your left.

From the West - Take the A40 from Brecon, following signs for Abergavenny. As you approach the small settlement of Llansantffraed, take the turning to your right signposted Talybont-on-Usk. After about a kilometre, turn right - passing under an old railway bridge. Continue through the village of Talybont, where you will see the canal bridge on your left.