



Garth Bach a Chastell Coch

Castell tylwyth teg a tholldy.

Palmentydd, llwybrau coedig, llwybrau graean a hen draciau rheilffordd.



Wedi mwynhau'r daith gerdded hon? Mae 145 o deithiau Llwybrau i Lesiant i'w harchwilio ledled Cymru!



Cymedrol



290m



Cylchol



9.4km | 5.8m



03:00

S Gan ddechrau o orsaf Ffynnon Taf, ewch i gyfeiriad Ffynnon Taf i lawr llwybr troed, nid i'r maes parcio. Croeswch Heol Caerdydd wrth y groesfan sebra. Croeswch Afon Taf ar y bont droed. Edmygwch yr olyga wych o Fynydd y Garth. Ewch yn syth yn eich blaen at y ffordd a throwch i'r Dd i ymuno â'r brif ffordd. Ewch heibio South Glade, a gyferbyn â Heol Berry dilynwch y llwybr serth ar ochr arall y ffordd i'r coed, gan ymuno yn y pen draw â thrac, a chadwch i'r Dd. Ychydig ar ôl mynedfa i bwll glo dilynwch llwybr i'r Ch.

1 Dringwch yn serth i fyny drwy'r coed ffawydd, ewch yn syth yn eich blaen ger gyffordd llwybrau i ymuno â ffordd chwarel. Croeswch y ffordd at lwybr gyferbyn a phan fydd yn fforchio, ewch i'r Ch at gât. Ewch drwy'r gât ac i fyny i gae. Croeswch y cae hwn ac un arall i gyrraedd camfa. Cadwch i'r Ch yma a cherddwch ar draws ychydig o gaeau tuag at dŷ a nifer o adeiladau. Pan gyrhaeddwrch yr adeiladau ewch i'r Ch gan gerdded ar hyd y wal yr holl ffordd i waelod y cae. Croeswch gamfa ac ewch i'r Dd drwy goedwig ac i gae, yna ewch i'r Dd at gât. Cerddwch yn groes-gongl ar draws y cae at gât. Trowch i'r Ch ac yn syth i'r Dd i ymuno â thrac. Ewch i lawr yr allt heibio hen adeilad ar y Dd, dros bont reilffordd at droad i'r Dd heibio rhandoedd. Trowch i'r Ch tuag at oleuadau traffig.

2 Trowch i'r Dd wrth y goleuadau i groesi'r ffordd, ac yna i'r Ch gan groesi ffordd arall. Ewch i'r Dd yma. Dringwch y grisiau serth ar y Ch yn union ar ôl y gât i Primrose Cottage a chyn pont y draffordd. Dilynwch y trac dros y rheilffordd ac at yr Hen Dollbont dros Afon Taf. Mae golyga wych o Castell Coch o'r fan hon. Trowch i'r Ch o flaen yr hen Dolldy gan fynd drwy gât i ymuno â llwybr sy'n dilyn yr afon. Ar ôl mynd o dan yr is-ffordd, ewch i fyny Market Street i galon Tongwynlais.

3 Croeswch y ffordd a throwch i'r Ch cyn y Lewis Arms i ymuno â Merthyr Road ar lwybr troed uchel o flaen rhes hyfryd o fwythynnod. Croeswch ffordd ymyl ac wrth y tŷ olaf ar y Dd, trowch i'r Dd i fyny Birch Hill i ymuno â llwybr troed heibio ochrau'r tai ar lwybr cul. Ewch yn eich blaen nes i chi gyrraedd diweddf Wellington Street a dilynwch y llwybr cul o'ch blaen gan droi i'r Dd i lawr y dreif i gyraedd Castle Road. Trowch i'r Ch, gan gadw i'r Ch ar y ffordd. Cerddwch heibio mynedfa'r cwrs golff ac ewch yn eich blaen nes i'r palmant ddod i ben, ble y gwelwch y lôn i Gastell Coch ar y Ch.

4 Cerddwch i fyny'r dreif i Gastell Coch. Adeiladwyd y castell ar gyfer y teulu Bute fel castell ffantasi gan y Pensaer a'r dlynnydd William Burgess yn Oes Victoria ar sylfeini castell o'r 13eg ganrif, a ddefnyddiwyd fel porthdy hela gan Gilbert de Clare, un o Arglywyddi didostur y Gororau. Dilynwch y llwybr troed ar y Dd, ger map mawr sy'n dangos y llwybrau cerdded yn y goedwig. Ewch i fyny'r allt i Fforest Fawr ac ar ben yr allt, trowch i'r Ch i ymuno â llwybr graean sydd, ar ôl dros hanner milltir, yn arwain i lawr at gyffordd llwybrau. Cadwch i'r Dd gan ymuno â llwybr hen reilffordd.

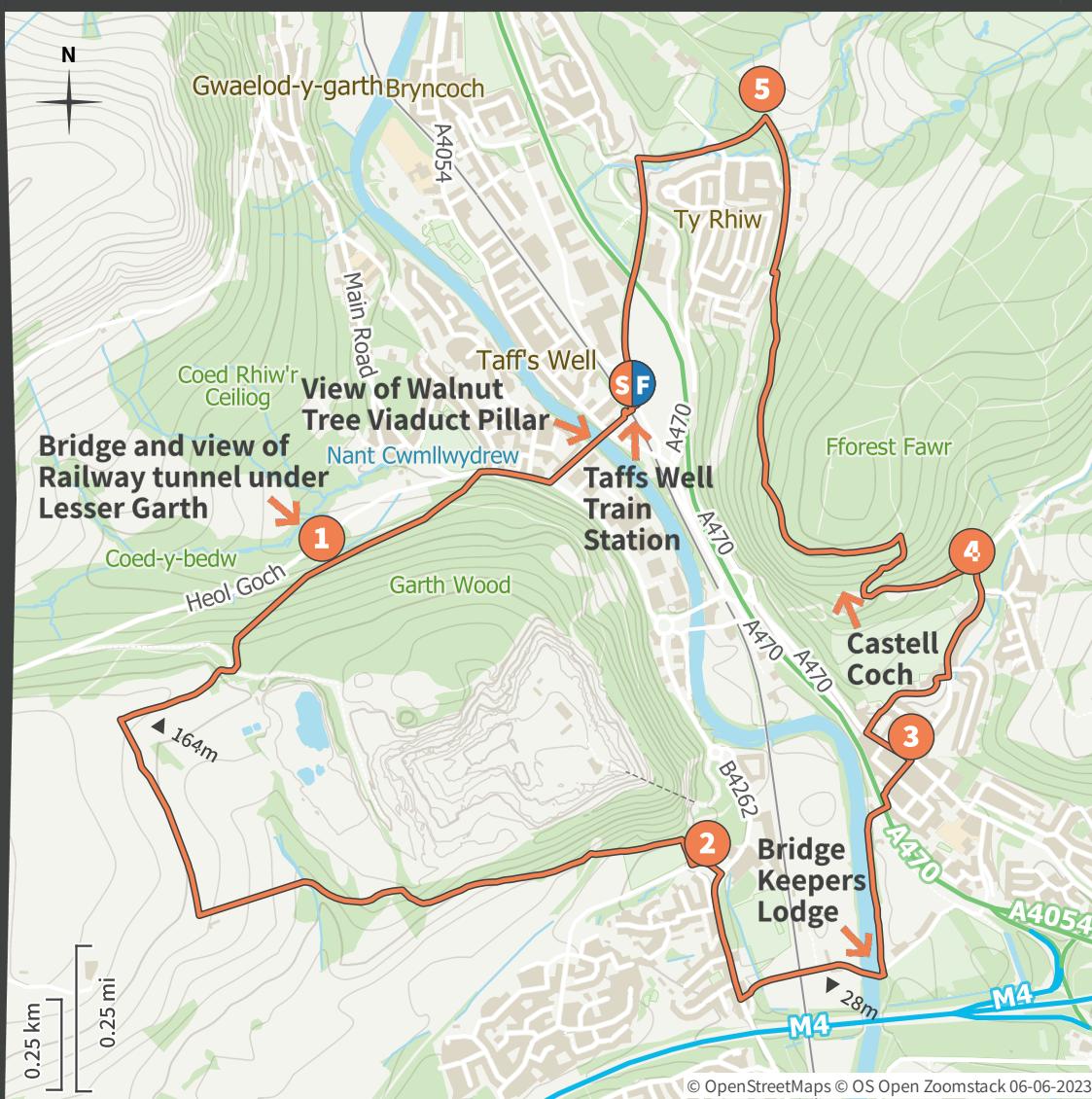
5 500m heibio'r tŷ olaf ar y Ch, dilynwch llwybr i'r Dd sy'n dyblu'n ôl o dan y rheilffordd drwy bont. Ewch yn syth yn eich blaen a chroesi ffordd i lwybr arall ochr yn ochr â nant. Wrth y gyffordd â llwybr Taith Taf, trowch i'r Ch heibio bythynnod rheilffordd a throes yr A470 ar yr hen bont reilffordd. Pan fyddwch yn ymuno â'r ffordd, fe welwch ddepo Metro Caerdydd ar y Ch lle mae'r tramiau/trenau'n cael eu gwasanaethu. Ar y Dd mae maes parcio Gorsaf Reilffordd Ffynnon Taf lle y dechreuoch chi eich taith.



Little Garth and Castell Coch

A fairy tale castle and a toll house.

Pavements, wooded paths, gravel and old railway tracks.



Enjoy this ramble? There are 145 Paths to Wellbeing routes to explore across Wales!



Moderate



290m



Circular



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- S** Starting from Taffs Well station, head for Taffs Well down a footpath and not into the car park. Cross Cardiff Road at the zebra crossing. Head over the River Taff on the footbridge. Notice the fine view of Garth Hill. Keep straight ahead to the road in front and turn R on Main Road. Head past South Glade, and opposite Heol Berry, take the steep footpath on the opposite side of the road into the woods, eventually joining a track and keep R. Just past a mine entrance take a footpath L.
- 1** Climb steeply up through the beech trees, keep straight ahead at a junction of paths to a quarry road. Cross the road to a path opposite and take a L branch to a gate. Head through the gate and up into a field. Cross this field and another to arrive a stile. Bear L here and walk across a few fields towards a house and several buildings. As you arrive in front of the buildings go L walking along the wall all the way to the bottom of the field. Cross a stile and go R to pass through woods and into a field and R to a gate. Cross diagonally to a gate. Turn L and immediately R onto a track, downhill past an old building on your R, over a railway bridge to a R turning beyond allotments. Turn L towards traffic lights.
- 2** Turn R at the lights to cross the road, and then L across another road. Go R here. Take the steep steps on the L just after the gate to Primrose Cottage and before the motorway bridge. Follow the track over the railway and to the Old Toll bridge over the River Taff. From here there is a fine view of Castell Coch. Turn L in front of the derelict Toll House through a gate to join the riverside path. After going under the subway, head up Market Street to the Centre of Tongwynlais.
- 3** Cross the road and turn L before the Lewis Arms on Merthyr Road onto a raised footpath in front of some lovely, terraced cottages. Cross a side road and at the last house on the R, turn R up Birch Hill to join a footpath past the sides of houses on a narrow path. Keep ahead to emerge onto the end of Wellington Street and take the narrow path ahead and go R down the drive to reach Castle Road. Turn L, keeping L on the road, head past the golf course entrance and continue until the pavement runs out and the driveway of Castell Coch is on your L.
- 4** Walk up the drive to Castell Coch. It was built for the Bute family as a fantasy castle by the Architect and designer William Burgess in Victorian times on the remains of a 13th-century castle, used as a hunting lodge by the ruthless Marcher Lord Gilbert de Clare. Take the footpath on your R, beside a large map sign showing the walking trails in these woods. Head uphill into Fforest Fawr and at the top, turn L onto a gravel forestry track that after over half a mile eventually leads down to a junction of paths. Keep R onto a disused railway line.
- 5** After 500m past the last of the houses on your L, take a path R that doubles back under the railway through a bridge. Keep straight ahead and cross a road onto another path running alongside a stream. At the junction with the Taff Trail, turn L past railway cottages and over the A470 on the old railway bridge. When you join the road, on your L is the depot for Cardiff Metro where the tram/trains are serviced. On your R is the car park to the Taffs Well Railway Station where you started your walk.