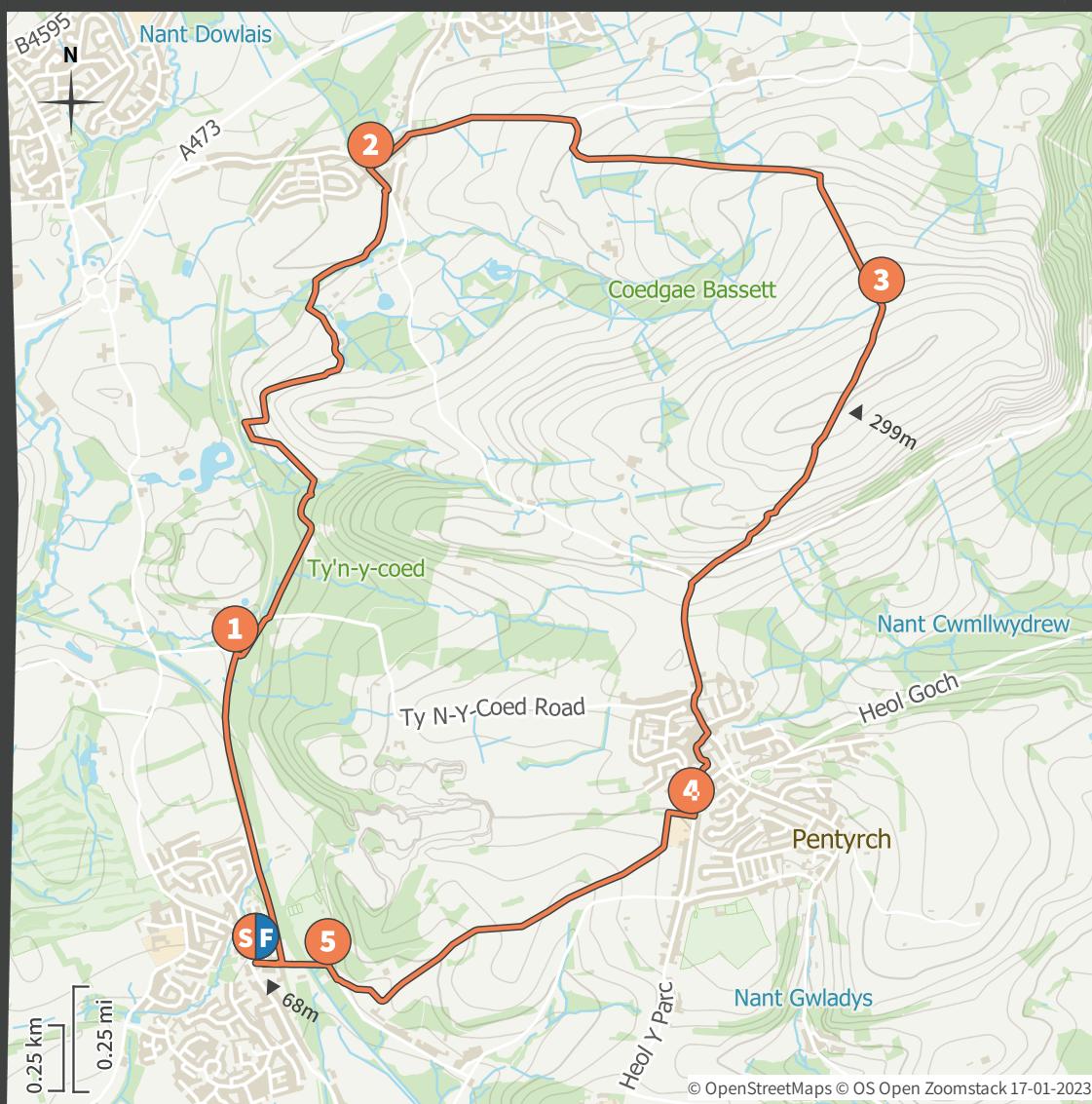




# Garth Fawr

Weeds now grow in the once occupied rooms of Garth Fawr.

Roadside pavement, lanes, gravel paths, grassy fields, a stream path and woodland. Some stiles and fine open hillside.



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

- S** Starting from Creigiau Inn turn R up Station Road past Station Terrace turning L beside a wooden fence. Turn R at the footpath sign down to the old Station platform. Turn L and follow the old platform; once busy with coal trains going to the docks in Barry and passenger trains from Cardiff, Barry and the Rhondda. Follow along the old track, under a bridge and eventually cross a stream. Notice iron bridge supports, where the Llantrisant and Church village lines crossed. Turn R on the lane, then L into a car park at Tyn y Coed Woods.
- 1** Follow the track past a pond and a quarry entrance on the R. Turn L opposite the quarry entrance down to a stream. The crossing is slippery and wet. Climb the muddy bank and go L in the field. Can you spot an iron age hill fort, a windfarm and chimney of the closed Cwm colliery? At the footpath sign turn L between farm buildings to another footpath sign through a gate into a field. Follow the clearly marked route to small stream in a gorge and emerge into a field crossing diagonally to join the lane. Turn L into Efail Isaf.
- 2** Turn R at the Carpenters Arms and R at the chapel. Follow the lane for about 650m to the entrance of Garth Isaf Farm on R. Turn up the drive to cross a stile on the L of large metal gates and head up the field under electricity pylons to a gate. Turn L on the track, keeping fence and tree line on your L. Keep R of a derelict farm; this is Garth-Fawr following an old track. At the next gate turn R uphill on a grassy track, passing through several gates eventually reaching the open hillside of Garth Hill.
- 3** Follow a sunken track up to the top of the ridge and take a small detour to the right to reach the trig point of Garth Hill (307m). The 'Pimple' is a Bronze Age burial chamber. The view extends from Exmoor to The Brecon Beacons. Descend on the track towards Pentyrch, to a tarmac drive past a cottage, turn R to cattle grid then L at the road junction. Follow this road past a turning on the R and entrances to housing estates to emerge in the centre of the village. At the shops keep to the R, follow Bronllwyn towards the primary school.
- 4** Look out for the footpath sign on the R at the corner of the school playing fields. Follow the metal fence around the perimeter of the school to a gate tucked on the far corner and turn R. Keep to the well-marked right of way. Head down the field keeping the hedge on your R. Follow the easy path through 4 more gates to the back of the houses and turn R through a gate and straight across the field to another gate that leads to down to Heol Pantygored and turn R. Walk past the entrances of the quarry and Creigiau recreation ground.
- 5** Turn L in front of the quarry entrance between a large boulder and the Creigiau road sign, take a path that runs parallel to and avoiding the road as it's much safer. The path crosses the entrance to Creigiau bus depot then drops down to the end of the derelict Creigiau railway station where you started. Notice the two railway bridges on your left. Straight ahead take the marked path up the bank to a wooden fence, turn L then R onto Station Road past Station Terrace to Cardiff Road by Creigiau Inn.