

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.

Keep an eye out for **Bryn the Badger** as he leads you around our beautiful walks! Did you know that the badger is the emblem of our Pontyclun Rugby club?

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.

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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. At the first roundabout take the first junction left onto the A473. Go across a roundabout and turn left at the traffic lights onto Llantrisant Road A4222 – signposted to Pontyclun.
- Follow this road into Pontyclun turning right after the zebra crossing into Heol yr Orsaf and park in the car park on your left.



By train Take the train to Pontyclun. If you have come from the West cross over the railway using the bridge. Leave the station via the exit lane and cross over to the small playground. Walk through the playground and follow the street ahead to arrive at the start of the walk opposite the Community Centre.

By bus Pontyclun is served by a number of services. The 64 (Bridgend/Talbot Green); 321 (Llantwit Major/Talbot Green) and 404 (Pontypridd/ Bridgend) all go through Pontyclun. Get out in the town centre and join the walk there. The 122 (Tonypanyd/Cardiff) and 320 (Talbot Green/Cardiff) pass close to the Town Centre. Ask the driver to stop on Clun Avenue and walk through the park past the Rugby Club into the centre of the town. There you can join the walk.

For travel options to get there by bus, rail, bike and foot, please visit www.traveline.cymru or call **0800 464 00 00** from 7am to 8pm daily.

Pontyclun Community Council welcomes you to enjoy this walk and appreciate our local scenery and history. Bring a drink and a picnic if you want to. Make sure you dress appropriately for the weather and when you finish come and look around the shops and cafes of Pontyclun.

If you spot any issues or just had a great time, please tell us clerk@pontyclun-cc.gov.wales or on [facebook.com/PontyclunCC](https://www.facebook.com/PontyclunCC)

Refill App is available and look out for the logo in the shops and cafes



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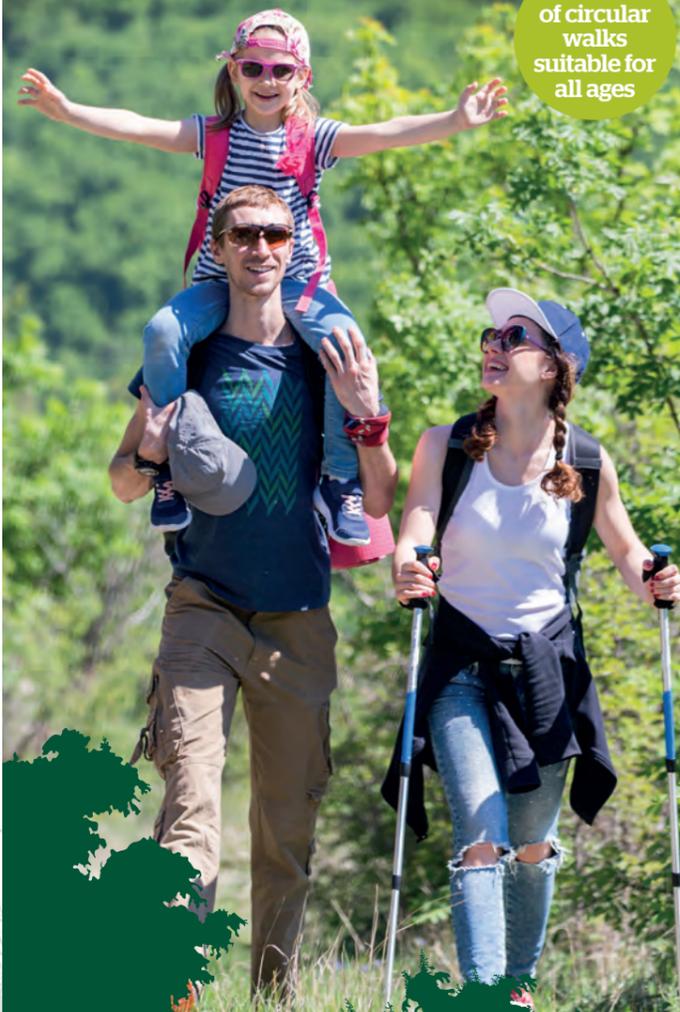
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Talygam Circular 3

Cyngor Cymuned
Pontyclun Community Council

A series of circular walks suitable for all ages



Distance
7.6 kilometres
4.7 miles

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If you've enjoyed this walk how about trying walks 1 or 2.

Walk 1 River Ely and the Romans
2.9 kilometres
1.78 miles

Walk 2 Ivor Woods, Ely River and beyond
6.3 kilometres
3.9 miles

Walk 1 - Old fishponds

Walk 1 - Ivor Woods

Walk 1 - Ely River

Walk 1 River Ely and the Romans

This short loop around Ivor Woods is a beautiful route where you can explore the nature on your doorstep in Pontyclun. With easy accessibility, this walk is ideal for a quick sensory experience surrounded by classic Welsh wildlife and woodlands.

Walk 2



War Memorial

Walk 2 Ivor Woods, Ely River and beyond

As well as exploring your local woodland on this figure of 8 loop, you'll also get a glimpse at some of the beautiful rural countryside Pontyclun has to offer. If you enjoyed Walk 1, then this route is a great way to get some more miles under your boots and explore further afield.

Walk 1



3 Talygarn Circular

1 Starting at the car park in Heol yr Orsaf, opposite the Community Centre, go right to walk up to the town centre and cross the main road using the zebra crossing on your left. Go right here and take the 2nd left onto Heol-y-Felin signposted for the library. Go left at Ffordd Talygarn and then at the top of the road go left and immediate right onto the footpath. Follow the path down between fields and over the bridge to enter Ivor Woods.



Talygarn Lake

2 Go left having crossed the bridge to reach a kissing gate to enter into a field. Follow the path on the left-hand side of the field to cross 4 fields and stiles. After the 4th stile go ahead along a tarmac lane past Caergwanaf Uchaf Farm to reach the junction of a road.

3 Turn right at the main road and walk under the motorway bridge and immediately turn right up the farm track. Head over a stile on this track to reach another stile where the track bends sharp left. Leave the track here to continue ahead with the fence on your right until you reach a waymark post, and follow the signage to walk ahead and down a track through woodland to Nant y Dyfrgi, where a kissing gate on your right takes you over a small bridge. Continue on up through the wood until you reach a gate and stone stile. Turn right up the track and left at the waymark post, along a tarmac road leading to the converted stables at Talygarn Mews.

4 After the Mews bear left to reach a kissing gate giving access to a field with a clearly marked path taking you to a stile in the corner. Follow the right-hand side of the next field to another stile. Turn left after this stile to head down the road and then turn right to cross a stile on the right of a garage.

5 Follow the treelined path to the right of Talygarn lake for a short while to reach the Sunken Pond on your right. Head up to your left to reach a gate. Pass a group of houses on your left before continuing right to follow the beech lined farm track to the main road. Cross this and turn right, back towards Pontyclun.

6 At a sign to St Anne's Church, turn left to walk through a small housing estate and head around to your right to arrive into the church yard. Walk past the church and as you bear right along the tarmac lane you will see the ruins of the original Church on your left.

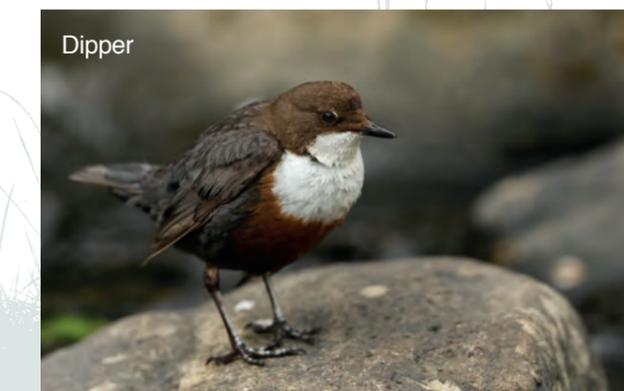
7 Cross back over the main road and head left to walk a short way to reach a footpath sign and pass

through a kissing gate on your right. Walk across the field passing a tennis court. Cross 2 stiles into the next field. Keeping the hedge line on your right exit the field via a kissing gate onto a small road. Cross this road and enter the next field again via a kissing gate.

8 Follow the signed path to the far side of the field and turn left to reach the corner of the field. Continue through two kissing gates to re-join

the main road. Turn right, over the motorway bridge and, immediately right over the grass triangle and walk down the estate road taking a grass track on your left just past house number 16. When the path reaches a tarmac track turn right to reach an estate road. Cross the road and take the path between houses number 14 and 15. Follow this path to enter the woodland via a kissing gate and take the left fork at the first junction.

9 At the bottom of the hill go over the bridge and follow the path past football fields to arrive alongside a garage and meet a road. Go right and then head right into Pontyclun Park to walk past the children's playground and across to the war memorial at the far side. Continue ahead along the road to re-trace your steps to the start of the walk.



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The Ramblers helps everyone, everywhere, enjoy walking and protects the places we all love to walk.

Start: Car park in Heol yr Orsaf (ST 03445 81316)	Map to use: OS Explorer 151	Distance 7.6 kilometres 4.7 miles	Route Fitness level Leisurely	Stiles x12 H	Kissing Gate x11 G	Church H	
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Scale
100 metres
500 feet

Start Finish

Kingfisher

St Anne's Church

Sunken pond

Oak Park

Pontyclun

Cowbridge Road

M4

On the way...



Otter

Wildlife

Did you know that Ivor Woods is over 200 years old!

Stop and look for Otter Spraints on the rocks by the Ely river, and keep an eye out for kingfishers, dippers, ducks, heron, and trout or sewin.

Sunken Pond of Talygarn Manor

It is known as Adam's well. It is an ornamental pond built by George Clarke as he set out the surrounding gardens, woodland and lake at the same time as he was building the house around 1880.



Sunken pond

Talygarn Manor



There has been a house on the site occupied by Talygarn since the 13th century. By 1880 the house had been transformed into a grandiose mansion in the Tudor Gothic style. It was constructed of local stone and slate with mullioned and transomed windows and sandstone door-and window-dressings.