Using Google Maps to view trails





Access the trails via the website

Using your smart phone go to our website and click on the map of the trail you wish to follow. You should now be able to see the trail through the Google Maps app on your phone. Click here to go to the website

From here you can click on any of the markers then on their name at the bottom of the screen to see information about that stop.



View of the trail in Google Maps



Click on the P symbol to see the Start/Finish. From here you can click for directions to the parking locality

Start/Finish

Cefn Drum and Cwm Dulais · 🖨 21 min

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Start/Finish

Grid Reference SN 60200 02900

Description There is roadside parking on the west side of the A48 just south of the Fountain Inn. Buses stop here and Pontarddulais is served by rail.

Directions to next stop Pass the memorial stone to the Rebecca Riots on the way to the Fountain Inn. Turn right after the Inn along Goppa Lane. At the end of the Iane, turn right along a straight, level track.

Click on the Start/Finish title to see more information about this stop

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On the scratching the surface trails a route is highlighted, there is also an OS map showing the route in the information under the parking marker. It is not advised that you use Google's directions once on the walk since it does not know the walking trails and will try and take you onto roads.

You can click on the markers on the map to bring up the stop

Stop 1- Pennant Sandsto... Q

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Stops

Grid Reference SN 60533 03616

Description The track follows the line of a railway that served Graig Merthyr and Cefn Drum collieries. You can see bedrock in cuttings and ditches, most of which is dark grey, fine-grained mudstone. This breaks into sheets and is also called shale. Brown rock with visible shiny grains is coarser-grained sandstone. The rocks form layers (beds) which tilt (dip) gently to the south. Beds or seams of coal occur near here, although none are visible today. The mudstone, sandstone Formation, which is over 1000 metres thick.

The rocks formed as horizontal layers of mud and sand at the Earth's surface 320 million years ago, in the late Carboniferous period. South Wales then was like today's Amazon basin - hot, humid and crossed by large rivers. The rivers deposited sediment, burying older deposits which hardened into rock. In a period of mountain-building (orogeny) 300 million years ago, the beds were tilted, pushed upwards and then worn down by erosion. Today's landscape has been carved into these deformed rocks.

The railway cuttings are well vegetated, partly by invasive alien species such as rhododendron and increases (restricted which flourish in our mild wat

Click on the title of the stop to see the information linked to it

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