

Save Our Cardiff Reservoirs Walk



It is recommended you follow the route set out in the **COPPER ROUTE DESCRIPTION** below.

Times shown in *italics* (eg. *35 min*) are only a guide and don't allow for any 'puff' stops, 'pew' stops or 'view' stops! Distances are shown as '10m' for example, which is 10 metres.

Also this is the third event and we've tried to improve the route descriptions for each event and clarify any ambiguities. However we may have still not accurately described all the route so if you can let us know any problems in the route descriptions when you get back it'll help walkers at future events.

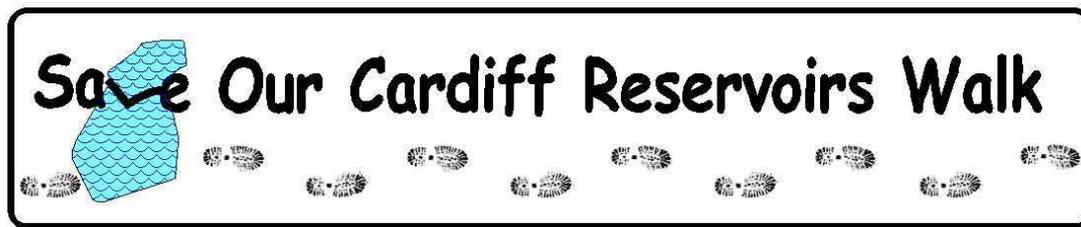
COPPER Route Description: FROM CEFN ONN TO CHECKPOINT 2A

You'll be dropped off in the Car Park of Cefn Onn Country Park. The first Checkpoint this year is in the stunning Park. At the car park go through the subway under the motorway. Stay on the tarmac path through the lower park. At the opening in a fence to exit the lower park cross over and go through the opening in another fence opposite to enter the upper park. Stay on the track through the upper park. Towards the top end of the park is the unmanned **Checkpoint 2A** attached to a marker post on the side of the tarmac path. Note the letter on the Checkpoint on your Checkpoint Card. Now return to the car park where you were dropped off. (*30 min*)

Route Description: FROM CEFN ONN TO CHECKPOINT 2A TO CHECKPOINT 2

Go past a building and bike stands on your **R** and follow the access road out of the park to join the main road (Cherry Orchard Road). At the entrance to the park go **L** along the main road then go **R** into the car park for Lisvane/Thornhill train station (*50 min*). Cross the station footbridge to come out onto Clos Llys Faen road and go **R** along Clos Llys Faen.

After a few hundred metres the road bends to the **R** and you'll have an open area of green in front of you with a tarmac path going off **L** from the footway. Take this path then after 20m go through a kissing gate on the **L** at a 'Coed y Felin' noticeboard (*55 min*). At a junction of paths turn **L** (if you turn **R** you have stepping stones across the river. If you cross these you'll know you have taken the wrong turn!) At the next junction turn **L** and go uphill. At the next kissing gate (*65 min*) with a tree sculpture go through it and almost immediately you'll reach a marker post with an arrow and several paths meeting. At this junction of paths turn **L** up rough track steps. At the top of the steps take the path on the **L** uphill. At the next junction of paths with a larger path crossing turn **R**. Ignore any paths crossing **L** & **R** and go straight on. Exit Coed y Felin at a kissing gate and follow the gravel path to the road then turn **R**. After about 20m at a junction with Millwood turn **L**. Then at a junction with Mill Road turn **R** and follow downhill to a mini roundabout. At the mini roundabout take the tarmac path opposite with a 'Public Footpath' sign and follow the path between two high timber fences to come out onto a cul-de-sac next to a house. Follow the road out of the close and turn **L** at the junction with Chartwell Drive. Follow Chartwell Drive to Lisvane Road (ignore turn-offs for Balmoral Close and Portland Place). At the junction with Lisvane Road (the B4562) turn **L** and after about 100m you arrive at **Checkpoint 2 Grid Ref 185793**). (*80 min*)



Route Description: FROM CHECKPOINT 2 TO CHECKPOINT 1

From **Checkpoint 2** go through the metal gate and follow the unmade track to another metal gate. Pass through the gate and take the larger path on the **L** which takes you through an opening in a line of trees. Just after passing through the line of trees turn immediately **R** and follow the grassy path with a line of trees to your **R**.

The grassy track becomes more worn and stony. At the next field boundary the track may have a pond blocking your way through. If this is the case follow the path which goes **R** and after about 10m you come to a muddy opening in the fence on the **L**. Pass through this opening and follow the grassy track through the field (you'll see the pond to your **L**) and keep trees/bushes on your **R**.

A track joins from the **L** as you walk through the field. Ignore this and go straight on and descend to a stile (90 min). Just after the stile cross a wooden bridge onto a larger unmade track. Pass a viewing platform for Llivane reservoir on the **R**. At a sign stating :

'Warning – Deep Water Please use woodlands path in times of flood'.

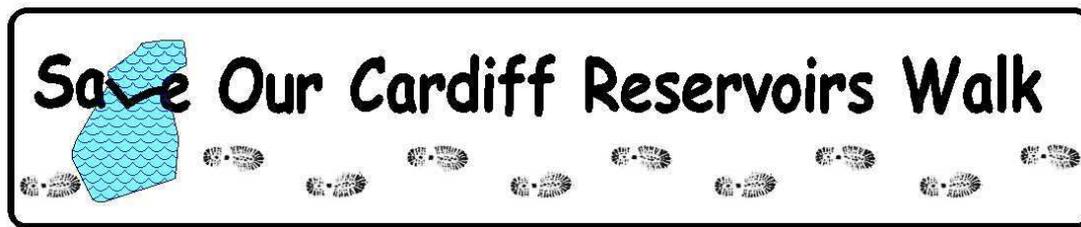
If there's no flood, keep straight on.

*If the path ahead is flooded then you need to take the path going off **L** just before the sign. After a couple of minutes you come to a 'T' junction of paths in the wood, go **R**. After a few more minutes you rejoin the main path at another 'Warning – Deep Water' sign. Turn **L**.*

Pass through a metal gate then after 10m a kissing gate. Cross the tarmac track to pass through another kissing gate opposite and follow the larger unmade track (a smaller track goes off to the **R** next to the sign). Follow the track and ignore any paths joining. Cross a metal footbridge over a stream and after 10m turn **L** at a junction with a tarmac path (next to a park bench).

Follow the path to Rhyd y Penau Road. On reaching Rhyd y Penau Road (105 min) you'll see on the opposite side of the road and slightly to the **L** is another path next to a finger post marked 'Nant Fawr'. Take this path. Keep on the main path (ignore any rough paths leading off) and continue with the stream on your **R**.

Cross a very small wooden bridge over a small stream. Shortly after (about 20m) is a 90 degree bend in the path with another path joining from the **L**. Turn **L** to take this path. You soon reach a tarmac path crossing **L-R** at a finger post. Cross over and continue on the gravel path. The path comes out onto Llandennis Road. Here turn **L** and pass Cardiff High School on your **L**. After a short distance you arrive at a roundabout. Stay to the **L** of the roundabout, crossing Celyn Avenue to join Lake Road East. After approximately 50m cross the road to an unmade track into the Wild Gardens. After about 20m paths meet at a noticeboard on your **R**. Turn **R** just after the noticeboard. Keep on the main path and ignore any smaller ones forking off. At a green bin turn **R** over a small footbridge and after the footbridge turn immediately **L**. Follow the unmade path to come out onto Wild Gardens Road by another noticeboard. Fixed to the noticeboard is the unmanned **Checkpoint 1** (120 min) at the west end of Wild Gardens Road. Note the letter on the Checkpoint on your Checkpoint Card.



Route Description: FROM CHECKPOINT 1 To PONTCANNA SCOUT HALL

Cross the road and take the path to keep the fence on your **L**. Continue on the path along the side of the lake (lake should be on your **L**). When you reach the start of the path over the dam (by the cafe and shop) it may be very busy as on the 6th July is the **Roath Park Festival**. If it is very busy go on the footway on Lake Road West and rejoin the route at the (*) below otherwise a more pleasant route is to proceed down the path opposite the cafe and adjacent to the ice cream kiosk towards the Rose Gardens (the west side of the park). Keep straight on the path with the park fence boundary on your right until you come to the park entrance onto Lake Road West. Exit the park, (*) cross the road and turn **L** under the bridge.

On your left is a roundabout with four roads joining. Cross Wedal Road and stay to the **R** of the roundabout. Go under the railway bridge, you're now on Fairoak Road. Just after a short steep climb after the bridge you have the main entrance to Cathays Cemetery on your right. Here you have a choice. To avoid some road walking you can use Cathays Cemetery) which opens at 10am. Alternatively you can walk along Fairoak Road to the traffic lights by Cathays Library. For the cemetery route go into the main entrance with a roundabout of flowers in front of you. Take the path immediately **L** and follow the path parallel with Fairoak Road. Just before Cathays Library is another entrance to the cemetery. Go through this entrance and re-join Fairoak Road at the junction with Whitchurch Road/Crwys Road/Cathays Terrace (traffic lights next to Cathays Library) (140min). Cross Whitchurch Road (the road on the **R** at the junction) and go along the paved area closing off Pentyrch Street (with school on your **R**). Continue along Pentyrch Street passing a newsagent and crossing three streets to the junction on the **R** with Cosmeston Street.

Turn **R** along Cosmeston Street. At the next junction (with Rhigos Street) go straight across and continue on Cosmeston Street to the next junction (with Gelligaer Street) (142 min). Cross the road and take the footpath going off Gelligaer Street next to the playground. The footpath comes out at Crown Way with a zebra crossing in front of you. Cross at the zebra crossing and continue straight on down another path opposite which links Crown Way with New Zealand Road.

At New Zealand Road turn **L**. After about 50m the road joins North Road with North Store Minimarket in front of you. Cross over North Road at the pedestrian crossing in front of North Store Minimarket and go **R** to the small Tesco store at the junction with Parkfield Place. At the small Tesco go **L** down Parkfield Place. The road descends steeply downhill over the railway and passes Tal y Bont Halls of Residence on the **R**. The road stops at a small bridge over a stream. Cross the bridge and go **R** to descend to a stone masonry house .

At the house (160 min) turn **L** and join the Taff Trail next to the river. Follow the Taff Trail to the cable stayed footbridge. Cross the footbridge (164 min) and take the path away from the river through the playing fields. Eventually you get to a junction with a tarmac path. Turn **L** and after 50m or so turn **R** into the car park with Pontcanna Scout Hall on your **L**. Go to the Scout Hall (170 min), check-in, get refreshments and relax, congratulations, you've done it!