

BIRTHPLACE TRAIL PONTRHYDYFEN LLWYBR MAN GENI PONRHYDYFEN

KEY
ALWEDD

- P - Rhyslyn Car Park/ Maes Parcio Rhyslyn
- 1 - Features/Nodweddion
- 2 - Trail Route/ Llwybr y Daith



TRAIL FACTS

- Difficulty: Moderate (some steps and rough surfaces)
- Distance: 3 miles / 4.8 km
- Start: Rhyslyn Car Park
- Allow: 1 1/2 to 2 hours for the complete walk

FFEITHIAU AM Y LLWYBR

- Anhawster: Canolig (rhai grisiau ac wynebau garw), llyfr llafar
- Pellter: 3 milltir / 4.8 km
- Dechrau: Maes parcio Rhyslyn
- Caniatewch: 1 1/2 i 2 awr i gerdded y llwybr cyfan

DIRECTIONS TO... / CYFEIRIADAU I...

RHYSLYN CAR PARK

Exit the M4 (J40) and follow the A4107 in the direction of Afan Forest Park. Turn left at the mini roundabout, continue through two sets of traffic lights and turn left onto the B4287 towards Pontrhydafen. Take a sharp right turn just before the aqueduct.

FAES PARCIO RHYSLYN

Gadewch yr M4 (C40) a dilynwch yr A4107 i gyfeiriad Parc Coedwig Afan. Trowch i'r chwith wrth y gylchfan fach, ewch ymlaen trwy ddwy set o oleuadau traffig a thrwyn i'r chwith i ymuno â'r B4287 tuag at Bont-rhyd-y-fen. Cymerwch droad sydyn i'r dde yn union cyn y draphont.

CWMAVON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Leave the M4 (J40) and follow the A4107 in the direction of Afan Forest Park. Turn left at the mini roundabout, continue along and turn left at the traffic lights. At the bottom of the hill, turn right, and turn right again when Cwmavon Rugby Club is in front of you.

GANOLFAN GYMUNEDOL CMWAFAN

Gadewch yr M4 (C40) a dilynwch yr A4107 i gyfeiriad Parc Coedwig Afan. Trowch i'r chwith wrth y gylchfan fach. Ewch ymlaen a thrwyn i'r chwith wrth y goleuadau traffig. Ar waelod y bryn, trowch i'r dde ac yna i'r dde eto pan fydd Clwb Rygbi Cwmavon o'ch blaen.

FOLLOW THE BIRTHPLACE TRAIL

- 1 **Pontrhydafen Aqueduct.** From Rhyslyn car park entrance, walk along the top road and turn left onto the aqueduct. From here, Richard's birthplace is to your right, a house* on the right bank of the River Afan.
 - 2 **Family Connections.** At the end of the aqueduct turn right, down the steps. You'll pass the end of Penhyd Street, where many of Richard's family used to live. Follow the lane and walk through the children's playground. With the school in front of you, turn left, then right. Follow the path, keeping the school wall to your right.
 - 3 **Pontrhydafen Viaduct.** At the t-junction of paths, turn left down the steps then right onto the viaduct. At the crossroads, turn right downhill. Cross the main road, turn right and follow the road. To your left, cross the steel bridge and continue up the steps.
 - 4 **Short Stroll or Long Walk.** From the T junction of paths you can retrace your steps back to the car park to complete the short walk. For the longer trail, turn right down the steps and then left where the trail continues.
 - 5 **Portrait Bench.** With Pontrhydafen behind you, left to right, the sculptures are of Richard Burton, locally born comedian Rob Brydon and retired Afan Forest Park Ranger Dick Wagstaff. Retrace your steps back along the path. At the fork of paths, go right and walk along Oakwood Avenue. Follow the road as it bears right. Bethel Chapel is on the far corner.
 - 6 **Memorial Service at Bethel Chapel.** Shortly after Richard's death, a memorial service was held here and was attended by hundreds of locals and many celebrities. Continue towards the aqueduct and retrace your steps back to Rhyslyn car park.
- *The house has not been identified to protect the privacy of the current occupiers.

JOIN THE TRAIL FROM CWMAVON COMMUNITY CENTRE

From Cwmavon Community Centre, follow the blue cycle path signs in the direction of 'Afan Valley'. Cross the steel bridge and follow the path to the Portrait Bench (point 5). To complete this short walk, retrace your steps to Cwmavon Community Centre. For the longer trail, follow points 5 and 6 and stop on the aqueduct. You are now at point 2. Follow the leaflet through points 2-4 and continue to Cwmavon Community Centre.

DILYNWCH Y LLWYBR Y MAN GENI

- 1 **Traphont Ddŵr Pont-rhyd-y-fen.** O'r mynediad i faes parcio Rhyslyn, cerddwch yn ôl ar hyd y ffordd uchaf a throi i'r chwith i fynd ar y draphont ddŵr. O'r fan hon, gallwch weld man geni Richard ar eich dde, sef tŷ* ar lan dde Afon Afan.
 - 2 **Cysylltiadau Teuluoedd.** Ym mhen pellaf y draphont ddŵr, trowch i'r dde i lawr y grisiau. Yma byddwch yn mynd heibio pen Stryd Penhyd, lle roedd sawl aelod o deulu Richard yn arfer byw. Dilynwch y lôn a cherched trwy'r maes chwarae i blant. Gydag Ysgol Pont-rhyd-y-fen o'ch blaen, trowch i'r chwith yna'n sylw i'r dde. Dilynwch y llwybr gan gadw wal yr ysgol ar eich ochr dde.
 - 3 **Traphont Pont-rhyd-y-fen.** Wrth i'r llwybr gyrraedd cyffordd T, trowch i'r chwith i lawr y grisiau, yna i'r dde ymlaen i'r draphont ddŵr. Wrth y groesffordd trowch i'r dde i lawr yr allt. Croeswch y ffordd a thrwyn i'r dde. Ewch ymlaen a cherddwch ar draws y bont dduar ar eich ochr chwith. Dringwch y grisiau.
 - 4 **Mynd am dro byr neu daith gerdded hir.** O gyffordd T y llwybrau, gallwch olrhain eich camau yn ôl i'r maes parcio er mwyn cwblhau'r daith gerdded fer. Ar gyfer y llwybr hwy, trowch i'r dde i lawr y grisiau ac yna i'r chwith lle mac'r llwybr yn parhau.
 - 5 **Y Faint Bortread.** Gyda Phont-rhyd-y-fen y tu ôl i chi, o'r chwith i'r dde, mae'r cerfluniau o Richard Burton, y digrifwr Rob Brydon a aned yn lleol a cheredd ymddeoleodig Parc Coedwig Afan, Dick Wagstaff. Ewch yn ôl ar hyd y llwybrau nes cyrraedd ffwrriad yllwybrau. Ewch i'r dde a cherddwch ar hyd Rhodfa Coed Derw. Dilynwch y ffordd wrth iddi wyro i'r dde ac ewch yn sylw ymlaen. Mae Capel Bethel ar y gornel bellaf.
 - 6 **Gwasanaeth Coffa yng Nghapel Bethel.** Cynhalwyd gwasanaeth coffa Richard yma ychydig ar ôl iddo farw a daeth cannoedd o bobl leol a llawer o bobl enwog. Parhewch tuag at y draphont ddŵr a dychwelwch i faes parcio Rhyslyn.
- *Ni nodwyd y tŷ er mwyn gwarchod preifatrwydd y bobl sy'n byw yno ar hyn o bryd.

YMUNWCH Â'R LLWYBR O GANOLFAN GYMUNEDOL CMWAFAN

Wrth i'r llwybr ar y grisiau, yna i'r dde ymlaen i'r draphont ddŵr. I gwbwlhau'r daith gerdded fer hon olrhain eich camau yn ôl i canolfan gymunedol Cwmavon. Ar gyfer y llwybr hwy, dilynwch bwyntiau 5 a 6 ac aros ar y draphont ddŵr. Rydych ar bwynt 2 nawr: Dilynwch y safle trwy bwyntiau 2-4 ac yna ewch yn ôl i canolfan gymunedol Cwmavon.

FOLLOW THE CHILDHOOD TRAIL

- 1 **Lights, Camera, Action...** Begin at Talbot Memorial Park. The Richard Burton flowerbed titled 'lights, camera, action' is near the bandstand. Walk past the bandstand and war memorial to the main park gates, turn left onto Talbot Road.
- 2 **Working and Reading.** You'll pass Taibach Library to your left, where Richard spent many hours, reading and sourcing books. Filco's, on your right, was previously Taibach Co-operative Wholesale Society. Richard worked here as a gentleman's outfitter in 1941-2 before returning to school.
- 3 **Singing Hymns and Entertaining.** To your left is Smyrna Baptist Chapel (previously Noddfa Welsh Congregational Chapel), which Richard attended from 1933. After attending Chapel, aunts, uncles and neighbours went back to Richard's home where he and his nieces recited and sang songs for the adults.
- 4 **Rugby Passion.** After passing Taibach Rugby Club, which Richard visited frequently, cross the road to continue ahead and turn left at the first lane. Across the green stands Gibeon Welsh Congregational Chapel which Richard attended until 1933 (a split in the Chapel led to the foundation of Noddfa Chapel).
- 5 **Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.** Take the second lane to the right and turn left onto Incline Row. Richard attended Eastern Primary School between the ages of 5 to 8.
- 6 **Childhood Home.** Past the school, turn left onto Caradoc Street. Richard lived in two houses* in this street with his sister Cis and her family. At the end of Caradoc Street, turn left onto Daffydd Road, cross the road and turn right onto Park Street. Continue along Park Street and enter Talbot Memorial Park. Follow the path to your right along the length of Taibach rugby pitch and continue along Park View.
- 7 **Philip Burton.** Continue straight on and cross the road ahead to Connaught Street. Philip Burton lived here* as a lodger. In 1943, Richard moved in as a fellow lodger and Philip became his legal guardian. Richard then took the surname 'Burton'.
- 8 **The Walk Home from School.** Walk along Connaught Street and turn left onto Talcennau Road. Richard attended Dyffryn Comprehensive School (previously called Port Talbot Secondary School) from the age of 11. Past the school, turn left and walk along Gower Street then Rice Street, leading you back to Talbot Memorial Park.

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DILYNWCH Y LLWYBR PLENTYNOD

- 1 **Goleuadau, Camera, Gweithredu...** Dechreuwch yn Parc Coffa Talbot. Mae'r gwely blodau coffa Richard Burton o'r enw 'goleuadau, camera, gweithredu' yn agos at y bandstand. Cerdded heibio i'r bandstand a'r gofeb ryfel i'r prif y gatiau, trowch i'r chwith ar Heol Talbot.
- 2 **Gweithio a darlleniad.** Byddwch yn pasio llyfrgell Tai-bach ar eich chwith. Treulai Richard lawer o oriau yma'n darllen ac yn chwilio am lyfrau. Filco ar eich dde (Cymdeithas Gylfreithorwr y Gwyddydol Tai-bach gynt). Bu Richard yn gweithio yma yn yr adran dillad dynion rhwng 1941-2 cyn dychwelyd i'r ysgol.
- 3 **Canu Emynau a Diddanu.** Ymhellach ymlaen ar hyd Gapel y Bedyddwyr Smyrna ar eich chwith, (Capel Cynulleidfaol Cymreig Noddfa gynt), lle roedd Richard yn mynd o 1933. Ar ôl mynd i'r capel, byddai modrwyedd, ewythrod a chymdogion yn mynd yn ôl i gartref Richard i'm glywed yn ardrodd a chanu gyda'i nithoedd.
- 4 **Angerdd Rygbi.** Wedi i chi mynd heibio i Glwb Rygbi Tai-bach lle wnaeth Richard ym weld yn aml. Parhewch ar hyd Heol Talbot trwy groesffordd a throi i'r chwith i fyny'r lôn. Ar ochr draw y maes, byddwch yn gweld Capel Cynulleidfaol Cymreig Gibeon, lle roedd Richard yn mynd tan 1933 (arweiniodd hollt yn y capel at sefydlu Capel Noddfa).
- 5 **Darllen, Ysgrifennu a Rhifydddeg.** Cymerwch yr ail droad i'r dde, i lawr lôn arall ac yna trowch i'r chwith ar Incline Row. Roedd Richard yn ddisgybl yn Ysgol Gynradd Eastern rhwng 5 ac 8 oed.
- 6 **Cartref Plentynod.** Heibio'r ysgol trowch i'r chwith ar Stryd Caradog. Richard yn byw mewn dau dy yn stryd hon gyda'i chwaer Cis a'i theulu*. Ym mhen y stryd, trowch i'r chwith ar Heol Daffydd. Croeswch y heol i droi i'r dde ar Stryd y Parc. Parhewch i ben Stryd y Parc i Parc Coffa Talbot. Dilynwch y llwybr i'r dde ar hyd cae rygbi Tai-bach. Ewch ymlaen ar Golwg y Parc.
- 7 **Philip Burton.** Ewch ymlaen a chroeswch y ffordd i Stryd Connaught. Roedd Philip Burton yn lletya yma*. Yn 1943, symudodd Richard i'r fel cyldrywr a daeth Philip ei warcheidwad cyfreithiol. Cymerodd Richard y cyfenw 'Burton'.
- 8 **Y Cartref Cerdded o'r Ysgol.** Cerddwch i ben Stryd Connaught a thrwyn i'r chwith ar Heol Talcennau, fynd heibio i Ysgol Gwyn Dyffryn Isaf (Ysgol Uwchradd Port Talbot gynt). Roedd Richard yn mynd i'r ysgol hon o 11 oed. Ychydig y tu hwnt i'r ysgol, trowch i'r chwith ar hyd Stryd Gŵyr yna i Stryd Rice, a fydd yn eich arwain yn ôl i Barc Coffa Talbot.

*Ni nodwyd y tŷ er mwyn gwarchod preifatrwydd y bobl sy'n byw yno ar hyn o bryd.

TRAIL FACTS

FFEITHIAU AM Y LLWYBR

- Difficulty: Moderate
- Distance: 1.5 miles / 2.5 km
- Start: Talbot Park
- Allow: 40 minutes
- Lefel: Canolig
- Pellter: 1.5 milltir / 2.5 km
- Dechrau: Parc Coffa Talbot
- Caniatewch: 40 munud

DIRECTIONS TO... / CYFEIRIADAU I...

TALBOT MEMORIAL PARK

Exit the M4 (J40), on the roundabout follow the direction of Port Talbot.

Take the first turning left; you are now on Park Lane (North of Talbot Memorial Park) where street parking is available.

From there, you can then take the first right onto Theodore Road, follow the road to the end where further street parking is available.

BARC COFFA TALBOT

Gadewch yr M4 (C40); ar y gylchfan, dilynwch yr arwyddion i Bort Talbot.

Cymerwch y troad cyntaf ar y chwith. Nawr rydych ar Lôn y Parc (i'r gogledd o Barc Coffa Talbot) lle gallwch barci ar y stryd.

Oddi yno, gallwch gymryd y troad cyntaf ar y dde i Heol Theodore. Dilynwch y ffordd i'r diwedd lle bydd mwy o leoedd parcio ar y stryd.

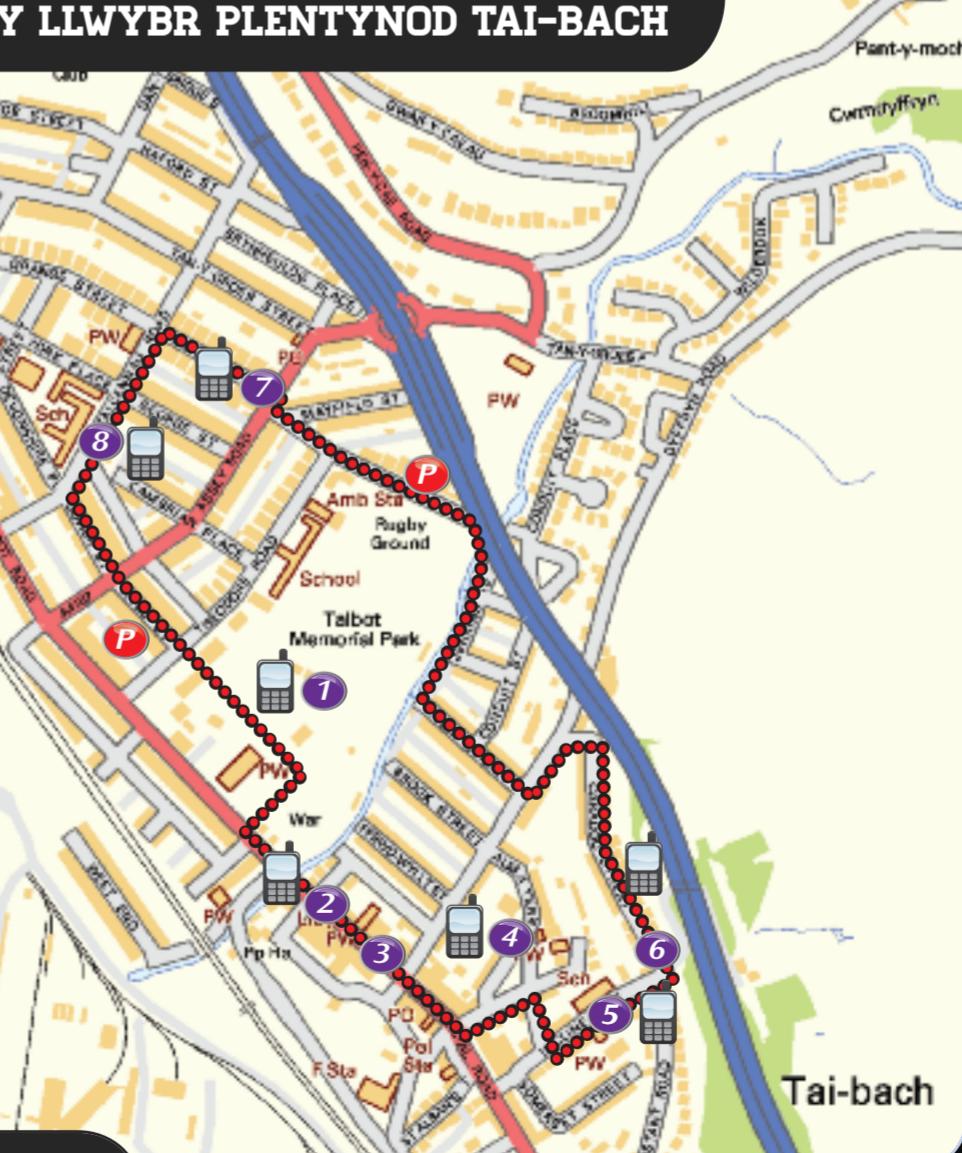
PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses go to Pontrhydafen, Cwmavon Community Centre and Talbot Memorial Park. For public transport information visit www.traveline-cymru.info or call 0871 200 22 33. Information is also available from www.baytrans.org.uk.

CLUDIANT CYHOEDDUS

Mae busys yn mynd i Bont-rhyd-y-fen, Canolfan Gymunedol Cwmavon a Pharc Coffa Talbot. I gael gwylbodaeth am gludiad cyhoeddus, ffoniwch 0871 200 22 33 neu ewch i www.traveline-cymru.info. Mae gwylbodaeth hefyd ar gael gan www.baytrans.co.uk.

CHILDHOOD TRAIL TAIBACH Y LLWYBR PLENTYNOD TAI-BACH



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- 1 - Features/Nodweddion
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- 3 - Video Point (QR Code)/Man Fideo (côd QR)