

**Name:** RoadWalk 5 Pen y Cefn – Nant y Clyd circular

**Route:** Dolwen Rd., country lanes, Isallt Rd.

**Start and finish:** Old Bus terminus

**OS Grid Ref:** SH 892 768

**Parking:** room for a few cars; do not obstruct the bus turning

**By bus:** Arriva 14 or 15

**Distance:** 6.3km (3.9 miles)

**Total ascent** 188m (616 ft.)

**Time:** 1 hour 54 minutes

**Grade:** Moderate; some long hills, locally steep.

**Summary:** A walk south of the village in open country.

**Risks:** None of the roads have pavements; traffic is generally light, particularly when beyond Dolwen Rd. After prolonged wet weather the back road turning left off Dolwen Road may locally be covered in water to a depth of a few inches, but is quite passable in walking boots (though trainers are not recommended).

**Description:**

*This route is simply a combination of RoadWalks 3 and 2 in an anti-clockwise direction. For details of these routes and photographs see the individual route descriptions.*

With your back to the bus shelter, head half right to go along Dolwen Road with the Terminus Field on your left. Simply follow Dolwen Road between houses, then steeply downhill into open country. *At the bottom of the dip you move out of Llysfaen.*

Head uphill, passing the gas compound on the left and the track to Pendared on the right. Where Dolwen Road turns sharply right, turn off left on the narrower road passing a large farm complex on the right.

Follow this road up and down small hills, passing the drive to Ffernant on the right, then Bryn Iechydd and Pen y Cefn on the left. Descend to a cross roads and go straight across uphill.

Pass another Pen y Cefn on the left at the top of the hill and a house and communications mast on the right.

There is now a long, gradual descent passing Cefn Castell on the right. At the road junction turn left uphill; go past the modern-looking bungalow (Bryn Gwyn) on the left then descend to a hairpin bend over a stream (and back into Llysfaen parish).

There is now a long, steep climb up to Isallt Road where you turn left and follow it back to the terminus.