# South Wales 14 2000 feet summits

# (Nick Kaye Special No. 2)

## Date: 10th/11th May 1985

## Distance/Ascent: 45.5 miles, 11,600 feet

## Leader: Nick Kaye

## Route Description:

* Start at car park south of Storey Arms at (SN 988 189). Path to Bwlch Duwynt (Duwynt 2704 feet). Southwards down Craig Fan-Ddu ridge to Bwlch Gwyn.
* Around east side of Tormwnt to Forestry at (SO 047140).
* Westwards along forestry edge to cross Nant Rhyd-ddu and enter forestry at (SO 044 139). Forestry track to road at (SO 057 119).
* Through Pontsticill and across Taf Fechan to join bridle track at (SO 061 114).
* North-east up bridle track and across hillside, then along ridge of Cefn yr Ystrad to summit (2025 feet).
* Devious route northwards through quarries and across Bryn Cefnog to join bridle path at east end of Bryniau Gleision. North-east to Pen Rhiw-calch then west down track through forestry to meet road at Abercynafon Farm.
* Road north-east for short way then forestry track and ride to exit from Talybont Forest at (SO 077 182). Up hillside to summit of Allt-Lwyd (2143 feet).
* Then Craig y Fan to Craig Pwllfa (2504 feet).
* Then Craig Cwareli, descend to the gap, Craig Cwm Cynwyn to Cribyn (2600 feet).
* Then Pen y Fan (2906 feet) and Corn Du (2863 feet).
* Craig Cwm Llwch to obelisk and west to summit of Y Gyrn (2000 feet)
* Down to Storey Arms and down A470 to car park at (SN 988 189) for breakfast.
* Return to Storey Arms. Path to col on north side of Fan Fawr. North to summits of Rhos Dringarth (2060 feet) and Fan Frynach (2063 feet).
* Down west ridge to track junction at (SN 941 227). North down track to minor road at (SN 939238). West on road to Heol Senni and beyond, past Penwaundwr to new forestry track at (SN 898 223).
* South along forestry track to Bwlch y Duwynt and on up ridge to summit of Fan Gyhirych (2379 feet). Return to Bwlch y Duwynt.
* South-east down to col then up ridge to summit of Fan Nedd (2176 feet).
* East down hillside to road/track junction at (SN 925 184).
* East uphill to summit of Fan Llia (2071 feet).
* Descend again eastwards across Afon Dringarth just north of Ystradfellte reservoir and uphill to summit of Fan Fawr (2409 feet).
* Descend to Storey Arms and south down A470 to car park at (SN 988 189).

## Weather: Cool night with quite strong wind and intermittent cloud on summits. Fine dawn on Allt Lwyd then lightly overcast. Full sun from Pen y Fan warm or hot but with cool breeze on summits, eventually becoming lightly overcast for last three summits and stiff breeze and cold on summit of Fan Fawr.

## Participants:

## Completed whole route: Nick & Julia Kaye, Chris & Shirley Hume, Richard Brookes, Chris Coy, Mike Evans, Peter Lewis

## Completed first half only: Gerry Jackson, Brian Williams, Marcus Harling, Frank Wood

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| **Checkpoint** | **Time** | **Between Checkpoints** | | | **Totals at checkpoint** | | |
| **Time** | **Distance** | **Ascent (ft)** | **Time** | **Distance** | **Ascent (ft)** |
| Storey Arms | 21:44 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Duwynt | 22:27 | 00:43 | 1.7 | 1275 | 00:43 | 1.7 | 1275 |
| Cefn yr Ystrad | 02:09 | 03:42 | 10.2 | 1275 | 04:25 | 11.9 | 2550 |
| Allt Lwyd | 05:05 | 02:56 | 6.2 | 1625 | 07:21 | 18.1 | 4175 |
| Craig Pwllfa | 05:44 | 00:39 | 1.7 | 500 | 08:00 | 19.8 | 4675 |
| Cribyn | 06:50 | 01:06 | 3.2 | 725 | 09:06 | 23.0 | 5400 |
| Pen y Fan | 07:19 | 00:29 | 0.8 | 600 | 09:35 | 23.8 | 6000 |
| Corn Du | 07:36 | 00:17 | 0.4 | 100 | 09:52 | 24.2 | 6100 |
| Y Gyrn | 08:03 | 00:27 | 1.3 | 125 | 10:19 | 25.5 | 6225 |
| Storey Arms (breakfast) | 08:32 | 00:29 | 1.4 | 0 | 10:48 | 26.9 | 6225 |
| Storey Arms (depart) | 09:35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rhos Dringarth | 10:26 | 00:51 | 2.5 | 625 | 12:42 | 29.4 | 6850 |
| Fan Frynach | 10:44 | 00:18 | 0.8 | 150 | 13:00 | 30.2 | 7000 |
| Fan Gyhirych | 13:52 | 03:08 | 8.4 | 1650 | 16:08 | 38.6 | 8650 |
| Fan Nedd | 15:15 | 01:23 | 2.6 | 575 | 17:31 | 41.2 | 9225 |
| Fan Llia | 16:09 | 00:54 | 1.7 | 775 | 18:25 | 42.9 | 10000 |
| Fan Fawr | 17:32 | 01:23 | 2.1 | 1100 | 19:48 | 45.0 | 11100 |
| Storey Arms | 18:20 | 00:48 | 1.5 | 0 | 20:36 | 46.5 | 11100 |
| Total |  | 19:33 | 46.5 | 11100 | 20:36 | 46.5 | 11100 |