# Day Return to Nantyglo

## Date: 11th October 1986

## Distance/Ascent: 28.1 miles, 5085 feet

## Leader: Gerry Jackson

## Route Description:

* Start at Pontypool Leisure Centre (SO 284 006).
* South across A472, minor roads then paths and tracks southwards above Griffithstown.
* Up Mynydd Twyn-glas to Mynydd Maen summit. Track then road west past Pen-y-caeau to A472.
* At Hafodyrynys (ST 227 989) road then track northwards to path junction at (SO 231 004)
* Path north-east across Cefn Crib to road at (SO 235 010).
* Road north-west to road junction at (SO 226 021).
* Across north-east to farm track at (SO 229 023), path down side valley to Six Bells and (old) A467 at (SO 229 029).
* North on old A467 for a short way, then west across Afon Ebbw Fach at (SO 221 031) and via track past Arail and along Cefn Bach crossing to the north-east side of the ridge at (SO 204 047).
* Path (which gradually faded away) northwards along east side of summit of ridge to summit of Mynydd Carn-y-cefn.
* Path north across Bwlch y Garn and golf course then north-east down lane into Nantyglo to reach old A467 at (SO 192 107).
* Southwards along old A467, in search of a pub, to minor road at (SO 197 092).
* Minor road then track beside small reservoir into Cwm-celyn.
* Path up northwards to (SO 209 096) then north-east and south-east along south-west side of Cefn Coch to summit of Twyn Ffynhonnau Goerion (Coety Mountain).
* South down ridge across Twyn Gwryd, Gwastad and Waun Wen to summit of Byrgwm.
* South to minor road at (SO 238 031) across minor road and east-south-east along ridge to road at (SO 264 024).
* Road down through Pentrepiod to A4043 at (SO 273 019). Southwards down A4043 for short way then across Afon Lwyd by bridge at (SO 276 018).
* Riverside path and track southwards to cross Afon Lwyd to finish in the Pontypool Leisure car park.

## Note by Nick Kaye: This walk was memorable due to the discovery of the huge crevasses crossing the top of the ridge to the west of Abertillery and Blaina. These were totally unprotected (see photographs at URL to Flikr needed) and, although choked to some extent with boulders, appeared to be up to ~100 feet deep. These must be due to the collapsing of drift mines driven in through the east side of the ridge about half between the valley floor and ridge. One section, an area of about two football pitches, had just sunk by about 20 feet. A chap at work who I talked to about this said that sometimes one was supposed to be able to hear the mountain move on a quiet night – I can well believe it.

## Weather: Clear skies - warm sun cool air – superb views all day with only a light breeze – a magnificent day.

## Participants: Gerry Jackson, Nick Kaye, Andrew Clabon, Tony & (brother) Steve Clark, Clive Marchant, Alun Jones