# Waterfall Wanderings and Whistle Wetting

## Date: 17th January 1987

## Distance/Ascent: 14.6 miles, 2470 feet

## Leader: Nick Kaye

## Route Description:

* Start at car park at Castell Ddinas, Pontneddfechan at (SN 911 079).
* Road westwards through Pontneddfechan to Afon Nedd.
* Path along right bank to junction with Afon Pyrddin.
* Up Afon Pyrddin via Sgwd Gwladus almost to Scwd Einion Gam.
* Northwards out of valley and through forestry to track at about (SN 890 097).
* Track north-east to junction at (SN 893 100), north-west for short way on track to (SN 890 101), north on track to track junction at (SN 889 107).
* Westwards on track to about (SN 8822 106), Down and across Nant Hir at (SN 8833 108).
* North-east across open ground to forestry edge then west along forestry edge to corner at (SN 881 111).
* Forestry track east to track junction at (SN 883 111).
* North-westwards along track to junction with Sarn Helen Roman Road at (SN 879 117).
* Sarn Helen east-north-east then north-north-east to track Junction at (SN 908 139).
* Track east downhill and across Afon Nedd, path down river Pwll-y-Rhyd then north-east out of valley to road at (SN 913 138).
* Road to path junction at (SN 913 141). Path eastwards to Ystradfellte (pub was shut).
* Road south-south-east across Pont Rhydrhiwllan to path junction at (SN 932 130).
* Path south-west to Porth yr ogof.
* Footpath south down left bank of Afon Mellte to Sgwd yr Eira and Afon Hepste.
* Path south past Gilhepste-cerig to silica mines (explored) and along Craig y Ddinas to finish at car park.

## Weather: Cloudy bright with occasional weak sunny periods – cool – light breeze – deepish snow with some drifts waist deep.

## Participants: Nick Kaye, Barry Powell, Rob & Beccy Richardson, Tony Clark, Steve Plant, Alun Jones