# Vale of Ewyas Circular

## Date: 16th January 1988

## Distance/Ascent: 21 miles, 3795 feet

## Leader: Don Henley

## Route Description:

* Start at Llanthony Priory car park (SO 289 278).
* Path up Loxidge Tump to main ridge path.
* Path northwards up ridge over Black Darren (2003 feet) and Black Mountain (2306 feet) to Hay Bluff (2220 feet).
* To Gospel Pass then Twmpa (2263 feet) and down Darren Lwyd ridge to Capel-y-ffin.
* Path past ‘The Monastery’ to main ridge at the Blacksmith’s Anvil (SO 250 302).
* Ridge path south over Chwarel y Fan (2228 feet) to col at Bal-bach (SO 272 266).
* Continue down ridge over Garn Wen to Dialgarreg at (SO 284 240) and path junction.
* Path/track northwards descending from ridge via Noyaddlwyd and Sunny Bank to finish at Llanthony Priory.

## Weather: Chilly to start, becoming beautifully warm in sun, high cloud with sun for rest of day. Most of valleys filled with thick cloud all day giving spectacular views. Skirrid Fawr was an island all day.

## Participants: Don Henley (+friend), Nick Kaye, Doug Matthews, Keith Bennet, Roger Blake, Peter Davis (+ friend), Tim Gronow, Alun Jones, Gerry Jackson, Gwyneth and Iris from Cardiff CHA, Kate (from Brecon Mountain Rescue Team + friend)