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Weatherman Walking - Abergynolwyn

Approximate distance: 5.7 miles

Steam trains, a magnificent hill top castle surrounded by mountains and converging rivers make this a walk to remember.

**1. Nant Gwernol Station**

52.64185° N, -3.95062° W

Steam trains used this line to transport slate from the nearby Bryn Eglyws quarry to places as far afield as London and Birmingham.

**4. Cow rings and trough**

52.64588° N, -3.96543° W

A rocky outcrop marks the spot where small iron rings have been embedded into the rock.

These were used by local farm women to tether cows.

**2. Quarrymen's houses**

52.644° N, -3.95545° W

These picturesque, old stone terraces show real craftsmanship and once housed workers from the nearby quarry.

**5. Valley views**

52.64898° N, -3.97893° W

Follow the track down along the valley and through a wooden gate.

The steep hillsides were covered in rusty bracken when we walked here in October.

**3. Capel y Cwrt**

52.64586° N, -3.95856° W

At the end of the road before the stone bridge is an area known as Y Cwrt.

Turn left at the chapel and walk down behind the cottages, turning right onto a footbridge.

**6. Stone wall**

From here you will have see some spectacular views down towards Foel Cae'rberllan and Castell Y Bere.

Turn right onto the bridge and head up the road.

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**7. Caerberllan farmhouse**

52.65122° N, -3.97786° W

This amazing building was built in 1590 and has an infamous history of murder and family feuds.

Walk through the farmyard and onto the castle.

**10. Oak forests**

52.66129° N, -3.96341° W

An overgrown track opens up where oak trees hug the river bends.

Follow a winding path up to a lovely waterfall. Head up the hill and over the style.

**8. Castell Y Bere**

52.65887° N, -3.97578° W

Started by Llewelyn the Great in 1221, it was captured by the English in 1283.

This mountain fortress perched high on a rocky spur has commanding views over the valley.

**11. Split rock**

52.66021° N, -3.95607° W

Take a look and see if you can spot the local farmers' graffiti on it where they've carved their names.

Ahead lies a spectacular route through the valley.

**9. Mary Jones' chapel
(St Michael's Church)**

52.66110° N, -3.96586° W

Walking down from the castle we veered left towards Ty'n y Ddol.

Mary Jones was a local girl who walked 25 miles from here to Bala in bare feet, just to get her copy of a Welsh bible.

**12. Old stone boundary walls**

52.65968° N, -3.94567° W

Along this route you'll spot old stone field boundary walls - some of which go right up and over the mountain tops.



13. Views over the Bala fault line

52.65576° N, -3.94098° W

Pass the sheep pens and head down the track and take in views across the valley, to an old geological fault line which is actually a rupture in the land.



16. Pont y Cwrt

52.646053, -3.95901

After a short stroll along the banks of the river you'll arrive at a stone bridge.

Make your way up onto the road, turn left and head back towards the train station.



14. Mountain oak woodlands

52.65610° N, -3.93905° W

Follow a steep, winding track down through a wonderful forest of mountain oak known as Coed Cedris, until you reach the field below and turn right.



15. The river path

52.647794, -3.956737

After approximately half a mile turn left at a signpost near a house and make your way down various steps and styles to the river.