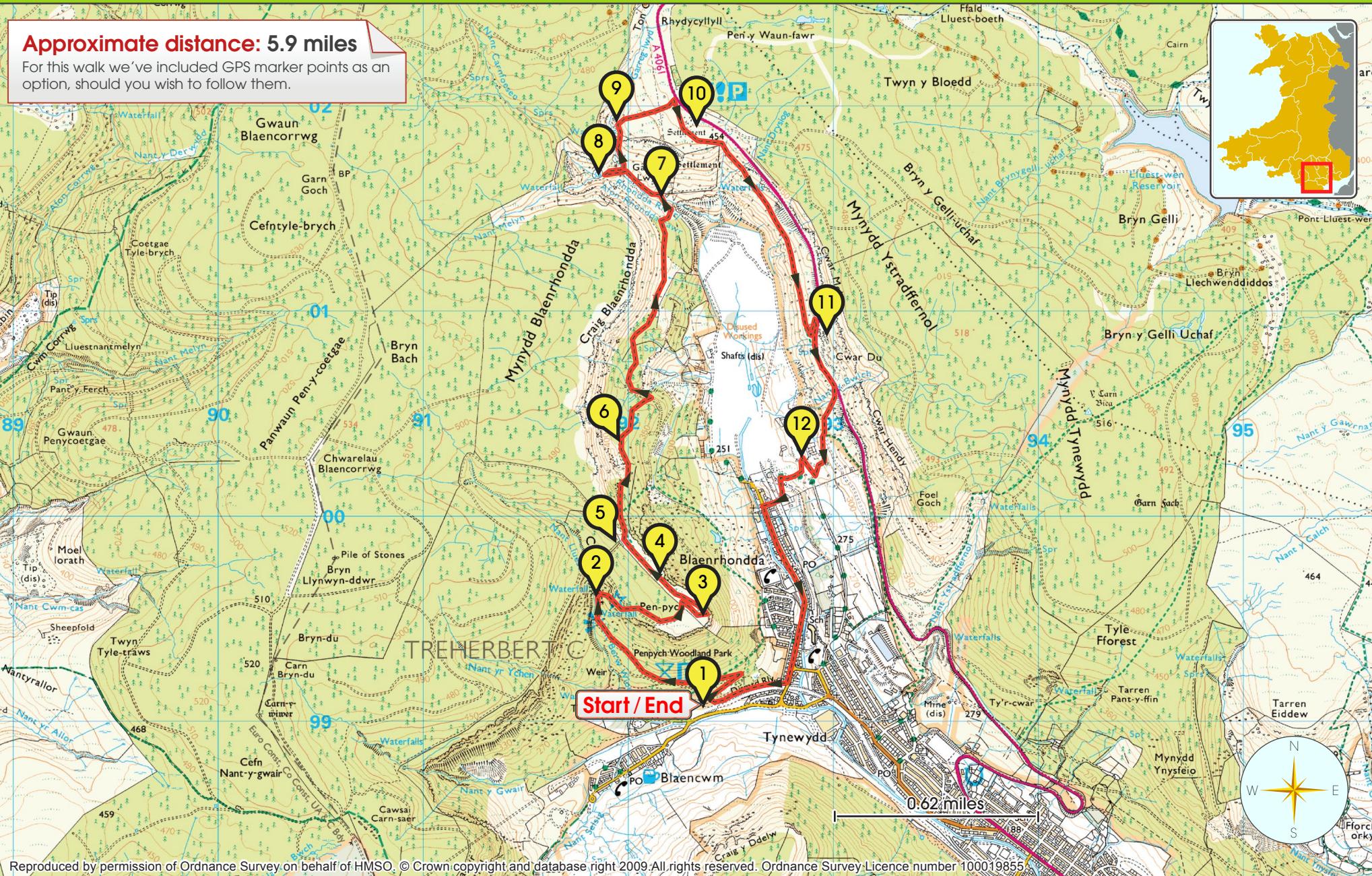


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Weatherman Walking - Blaencwm



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Approximate distance: 5.9 miles

A circular walk to the top of the Rhondda Valley, taking in stunning views, waterfalls and former collieries

**1. Penpych woodland car park**

51.680414° N, -3.557283° W

This is the start of the walk.

Head East towards the first waymarker and follow a zig zag trail up towards the pine forests and waterfalls.

**4. The route on from Penpych**

Follow the fence line back to the trail and continue past pine forests on your left and up to an old wall.

**2. Waterfalls**

51.683514° N, -3.565971° W

On the way you'll pass by two lovely waterfalls

Stop at the largest one and get a closer view before following a steep track up the hill.

**5. Old stone wall**

51.68722° N, -3.56417° W

Pass the old stone boundary wall and take a right down a gravel track towards the pine forests.

**3. Viewpoint over Treherbert**

51.684385°N, -3.559732° W

There was a Man Utd memorial flag on the top when we walked up and the views were breathtaking.

**6. Pine forests**

51.692173°N, -3.564447°W

It's strangely tranquil through the woods but the path can get very muddy.

At the T-Junction, turn left and head up the hill.



7. Crossing the Rhondda River

51.70215° N, -3.56172° W

After more pine forests, you'll reach a rocky clearing.

Head down the hill and cross over the metal footbridge and turn left.



10. Iron Age settlement

51.70580° N, -3.56001° W

At the top, veer right and follow a grassy track down past the ruins of the Iron Age settlement known as Hen Dre'r Mynydd.



8. Pool & waterfalls

51.70328° N, -3.56612° W

Head over another foot bridge and you'll arrive at a clear pond and the stunning Nant Melyn waterfall.



11. Rhigos Road watchman's hut

51.70059° N, -3.55323° W

The old watchman here originally began collecting rubbish and creating art out of it on the hillside behind the hut. Take a wander and you'll discover colourful plastic trees and flowers.



9. Rocky steps

Head uphill through the valley towards steps cut into the rock on your right.

Take your time and follow the zig zag track up through the heather.

Note in this pic, Derek is coming down the steps and not up them.



12. Coldra Road

51.691050° N, -3.55151° W

Walk down the snaking dirt road towards the nearby town and houses of Treherbert, lying in the shadow of Penych.

From here it's a short walk back to the start.