

Cymoedd Sir Fynwy
Saturday 13th April 2024
29.3 mile (47.1km) route description

This route description is designed to be used in conjunction with a map.
All distances and height ascent calculations taken from MemoryMap

Key:

T JCN – T Junction, TR – Turn Right, TL – Turn Left, BR – Bear Right, BL – Bear Left,
SO – Straight On, AHD – Ahead, RD – Road, TK – Track, X – Cross, FB – Footbridge,
ST – Stile, LMG – Large Metal Gate, LWG – Large Wooden Gate SWG – Small Wooden Gate,
KGT – Kissing Gate, MCB – Magnetic Compass Bearing, FLD – Field,
YDS – Yards, LHS – Left hand Side, RHS – Right Hand Side, FPS – Footpath Sign,
WMS – Waymarker Sign, ODP (Offa's Dyke Path) BW (Beacons Way)

Stage 1: Guide Hall, Abergavenny to Cwmyoy Memorial Hall
6.7 miles (10.6km) & 1696 ft (517m) ascent

PLEASE OBEY INSTRUCTIONS OF EVENT MARSHALS AT KEY ROAD CROSSINGS

1. Leave Guide Hall & SO over car park to reach RD. X RD to pavement opposite & TR. Follow LHS pavement to reach 1st RD on LHS (Skirrid Rd). TL & follow LHS pavement to reach RD T JCN. X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & TR. After 15 YDS (13m) BL with pavement. X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & SO in same direction to reach RD T JCN. TR & remain on RHS pavement to reach pedestrian Xing. X RD & TR to reach 2nd pedestrian Xing. X RD & TL. After 10 YDS (9m) TR (Pen-y-Pound) & remain on RHS pavement. Shortly after 'National Derestriction' signs, pavement ends. SO uphill (308°) (**FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC**) & after 160 YDS (146m) reach X RDs. (**GR SO 294 155**)
2. SO uphill & after 0.4 ml (0.6km) RD swings to R & L. Ignore turning to RHS (Upper House) & after 870 YDS (795m) in total reach end of RD & SWG. Thru & up sunken TK ignoring all turnings to L&R. After 600 YDS (548m) exit woodland & reach multipath JCN. (**GR SO 293 173**)
3. TL (320°) passing thru gorse bushes & after 130 YDS (118m) reach wall corner. BL to reach TK & follow wall on LHS. After 55 YDS (50m), wall becomes a fence. After 600 YDS (548m) reach T JCN. (**GR SO 290 178**) TL & after 260 YDS (237m) & as wall veers away to L reach Y JCN. SO (R fork) to reach X TKs. SO (340°) & TK will climb & levels out. After 640 YDS (585m) reach Y JCN. BR & after 370 YDS (338m) a TK joins from L. SO & after 330 YDS (301m) reach X TKs. (**GR SO 283 192**)
4. TR (2°), TK descends & after 380 YDS (347m) follow wall on RHS. SO & after 360 YDS (329m) reach wall corner. BR with wall & reach TK JCN. SO (22°) (leaving wall) descending & after 290 YDS (265m) reach fence corner & T JCN. TL with fence on RHS & descend TK passing ST on RHS to reach corner of fence. Remain on TK descending & follow fence to reach ST next to LWG (CW WMS). X ST & SO to reach RD. (**GR SO 288 204**)
5. TL (**FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC**) & after 110 YDS (100m) reach RD JCN. TR & descend to RD T JCN. TL & after 10 YDS (9m) reach stone ST on RHS (CW WMS). X ST into FLD. BL (320°) & descend to reach ST (WMS). X ST into woods & descend thru woods & after 160 YDS (146m) reach ST (CW WMS). X ST & SO to reach stream & ST. X ST & SO to WMS, then SO (330°) to reach ST (FPS & CW WMS). (**GR SO 284 209**)

6. X ST to RD. TR to reach X RDs. X RD **CAREFULLY** & SO (45°) up RD (CW WMS) opposite & after 460 YDS (420m) reach green salt bins on the RHS. SO for 50 YDS (45m) to reach wide TK on the RHS. TR & after 70 YDS (64m) reach LMG. Thru & at path fork BL (R fork probably fenced off). TK will climb & swing to R (LMG on LHS). Remain on TK heading E & after 700 YDS (640m) reach LWG. Thru & after 20 YDS (18m) reach TK fork. BR & follow LH FLD edge to reach fence on the LHS. Remain on TK to reach LWG. Thru & SO to TK JCN. TR on TK to reach LMG. Thru & remain on TK as it descends (ignore TKS to the L&R) & after 700 YDS (640m) reach RD. TR & downhill for 10 YDS (9m) to reach FPS (partially hidden) & TK on LHS (Cwmyoy 1.7km). **(GR SO 304 221)**
7. TL onto TK (initially 20°) to reach wooden fence barrier (tree probably still down on barrier, therefore pass to the RHS of tree & regain path on the other side) & downhill (324°) & cross boggy area to reach forestry TK. TR & in 5 YDS sharply TL (WMS). Downhill (310°) & after 430 YDS (393m) reach ST (WMS). X ST into FLD. SO (325°) on sunken TK to reach farm TK with farmhouse opposite. TR & downhill to reach LMG & ST. X ST to RD. TR & after 60 YDS (54m) reach **Cwmyoy Memorial Hall. (GR SO 300 226)**

Cwmyoy Memorial Hall
Total Distance 6.7 miles (10.8km)
Opens 1130 Hrs – Closes 1310 Hrs

Stage 2: Cwmyoy Memorial Hall to Longtown Village Hall
9.5 miles (15.3km) & 1855 ft (565m) ascent

8. Leave CP & return to RD, TR & follow hedge on RHS for 40 YDS (36m). TR after wooden gates to ST (FPS Cwmyoy 0.8 Km). X ST & X FLD (010°) to LMG. Thru & SO for 40 YDS (36m) & BL (310°) to river, SMG & FB. Thru SMG & X FB to 2nd SMG. Thru & SO for 10 YDS (9m) & follow LH FLD edge (010°) to LMG & ST. X ST to RD & TL (FPS). **(GR SO 301 232)**
9. In 160 YDS (146m) reach T-JCN. TL to pass telephone box on LHS. SO on RD for 100 YDS (91m) to stone ST on LHS (FPS Llanthony). X ST & immediately TR. Descend on narrow path to meet fence coming in on L. BR & follow fence on LHS to ST (WMS), X ST & AH (330°) for 60 YDS (54m), X small stream to ST on LHS. X ST to reach SMG (WMS). Thru & X FLD (290°) to ST. X ST to RD (FPS Llanthony). **(GR SO 296 234)**
10. X RD to wide TK opposite & SO on TK. In 115 YDS (105m), when main TK BR, SO to LMG & ST (WMS). X ST & X FLD (330°) on faint TK. In 180 YDS pass LMG on the RHS. SO for a further 220 YDS & follow RHS FLD edge to reach LMG & ST (WMS). X ST & follow RH FLD edge to LMG. Thru & SO (345°) with hedge on RHS to LWG & ST (WMS). X ST & follow LH FLD edge to ST (WMS). X ST & follow LH FLD edge (river on LHS) to ST (WMS). X ST & descend to concrete TK. X TK to ST opposite (WMS), X ST & descend steps to wide TK (WMS Llanthony). TR on TK to pass house on RHS & X bridge to RD (FPS Llanthony). **(GR SO 290 243)**
11. X RD & TR **(REMAIN ON LHS OF RD)**. In 530 YDS (484m) reach 2 x LMG & ST on RHS **(GR SO 290 247)** (FPS Llanthony). X ST & X FLD (050°) to SMG, thru & X FB to 2nd SMG (FPS Llanthony). Thru & X FLD (035°) to ST. X ST (BL to avoid boggy ground) & X FLD (050°) to ST (WMS Llanthony). X ST & X FLD (050°) to LMG & ST (WMS). X ST & small stream & X FLD (050°) thru gap in hedge (FPS Llanthony). Ascend FLD (050°) to pass large tree on the LHS. SO (045°) to farm ruins (WMS Llanthony). **(GR SO 298 256)**
12. BR to pass thru ruins & BL on TK to X small stream (FPS Llanthony). X FLD (020°) to WMS (Llanthony), X small stream & X FLD (010°) to LMG & ST (FPS). X ST & TR for 5 YDS then TL to

X small stream & X FLD (020°) to ST (WMS). X ST & ditch, X FLD & follow RH FLD edge (ignore LMG on RHS). X small stream & thru hedge into FLD (hidden WMS on RHS). Follow RH FLD edge to LMG & ST (FPS Llanthony (020°)). X ST & X FLD (000°) with sunken TK on RHS. At end of sunken TK ignore LMG on RHS. SO (020°) to farm on wide grassy TK to LMG & ST (FPS Llanthony). **(GR SO 299 265)**

13. X ST & SO (040°) with farm buildings on the LHS. SO on farm TK to reach ST next to LMG (FPS Llanthony). X ST & follow LH FLD edge to ST (FPS Llanthony). X ST & SO to LMG, thru to 2nd LMG & ST (WMS) (ignore LMG on the RHS). X ST & follow LH FLD edge, X small FB (ignore ST on LHS) & follow LH FLD edge to reach LMG & ST in FLD corner (WMS) (ignore ST & LMG higher up in FLD). X ST & small FB, keep fence on LHS to WMS on LHS (ignore ST on LHS). SO (320°), X small stream to ST (FPS). X ST & X FLD (310°) to LMG & ST (FPS). X ST & X small stream (**slippery**) into FLD & SO with large trees on RHS to fence (FPS Llanthony). SO to follow RH FLD edge down to muddy TK. BR & X small stream & SO on TK (320°) & ascend, X small stream to LMG & ST (WMS). **(GR SO 293 273)**
14. X ST & X FLD (310°) to join stony TK for 400 YDS (365m) to 2 x LMG's (FPS). Thru to RD. SO on RD (**FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC**) for 270 YDS (246m) to reach blue Llanthony sign on LHS. SO along RD to reach entrance of Llanthony Priory. TR uphill on access RD & follow wall on LHS as it BL to SWG & LWG (FPS Hatterrall Hill). **(DRINKING WATER TAP AVAILABLE OUTSIDE TOILET BLOCK IN CAR PARK OFF TO THE R)** Thru SWG & TR on TK with wall & priory on RHS to LWG & SWG (FPS). Thru SWG & SO on wide TK (050°) then (080°) for 210 YDS (192m) to large tree stump (FPS All Routes). TL (330°) to SWG & LMG (FPS Hatterrall Ridge). Thru SWG & up FLD (355°) to open gateway (FPS Hatterrall Ridge). Thru & uphill (350°) to ST (FPS Hatterrall Ridge), X ST & small FB to 2nd ST. X ST & ascend (325°) to WMS & TK. X TK & SO (340°) to ST (FPS). X ST to notice board on LHS & up for 130 YDS (118m) (305°) then (355°) to a cluster of small trees on RHS. **(GR SO 287 287)**
15. BR at trees (045°) on wide path. In 40 YDS (36m) X remains of ruined wall & small stream. BL (350°) & SO on main path. In 100 YDS (91m) BL (290°) passing small gorse bush on the LHS & up for 50 YDS (45m) to join minor stream on LHS. BR (035°) & uphill for 300 YDS (274m). **(GR SO 288 291)**. BL (360°) for another 300 YDS (274m) where path becomes gravelled for a short period. SO for 230 YDS (210m) to a pile of stones. **(GR SO 289 296)** SO on gravelled path for 120 YDS (109m) to T JCN with pile of stones on LHS & small stone WMS on RHS passing thru

DIGITAL CONTROL ZONE 1 – GR SO 289 296

16. TR on TK (**now on ODP**) for 1.5 miles (2.4km) to trig point on LHS. **(GR SO 305 279)**. SO on main TK & after 1000 YDS (914m) reach X TK & small stone WMS passing thru

DIGITAL CONTROL ZONE 2 – GR SO 308 270

17. TL onto path, (**leaving ODP**) initially (050°), then BL to follow obvious path downhill (000°). In 600 YDS (548m) fence joins on RHS. Continue descent with fence on the RHS to reach TK. TL on TK & follow fence on RHS to fence corner. TR & descend to LMG & ST. **(GR SO 309 279)**
18. X ST & descend on enclosed path between fences. At fence corner on LHS, BL to LMG & ST. X ST & X FLD (030°) to join LH FLD edge downhill to reach ST in bottom LH corner (WMS). Thru & SO & follow LHS FLD edge to reach LMG. Thru & SO downhill & follow LHS FLD edge

to reach LMG between breezeblock walls. Thru to reach 2nd LMG. Thru to reach 3rd LMG. Thru & SO thru farmyard (farmhouse on the RHS) to reach LH LMG. *(Permission granted by Cayo Farm owner for entrants to walk along concrete TK, thru campsite to stream)* Thru & downhill on concrete TK to reach cattlegrid. X & SO thru campsite to reach stream. SO & after 5 YDS TL up steps to SWG. Thru & BL up steps & follow RH FLD edge uphill to LMG & ST. X ST & X TK, SO to reach X TK. TR between houses to reach RD. TR & follow RD to reach **Longtown Village Hall. (GR SO 323 288).**

Longtown Village Hall
Total Distance 16.7 miles (26.9km)
Opens 1340 Hrs – Closes 1745 Hrs

Stage 3: Longtown Village Hall to Pandy Village Hall
5.8 miles (9.3km) & 652 ft (198m) ascent

19. From Checkpoint, TL to RD. TR & follow RD for 700 YDS (640m) **(FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC)** to reach RD JCN on LHS. TL (Crown Pub on RHS) to reach RD JCN. TR & after 150 YDS (137m) reach LMG & ST on LHS (FPS). X ST & follow LH FLD edge to reach FB. **(GR SO 328 283)**
20. X FB to reach SWG. Thru & TR. X stream & BL up broad path to reach LMG. Thru and follow LH FLD edge (stream on LHS) ignoring LWG on RHS to reach LMG. Thru & uphill to reach LMG. **(GR SO 331 281)**
21. Thru & BR to enter FLD. On entering FLD BL (120°) uphill to reach large oak tree. SO uphill (110°) to reach LMG in top RH corner of FLD. Thru & after 10 YDS (9m) TR to reach double LMGs (WMS). Thru & uphill (initially 160°) & remain on TK & after 220 YDS (201m) reach LMG (WMS). Thru & after 30 YDS (27m) TL (WMS) uphill following LH FLD edge to reach LMG. **(GR SO 336 276)**
22. Thru to TK & TL & follow TK up & around bend to reach LMG (barn on LHS). Thru & remain on TK passing house. TK becomes metalled. When TK turns L (large wooden pylon) TR leaving TK to reach LMG (FPS) passing thru

DIGITAL CONTROL ZONE 3 – GR SO 341 271

23. Thru & follow LH FLD edge to reach LMG. Thru to LH LMG. Thru & follow LH FLD edge to reach LMG (WMS). Thru & follow LH FLD edge downhill to reach LMG. *(Permission granted by landowner to walk direct to the RD – This is not a right of way)* Thru & follow LHS FLD edge to reach gap in bottom LH corner of FLD. Thru & follow enclosed grassy TK to reach LMG. Thru to reach RD. **(GR SO 342 263)**
24. SO & follow RD **(FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC)** to reach RD JCN. BL & follow RD to reach RD T JCN. TR & follow RD for 1.7 ml (2.7km) to reach bridge over river. **(GR SO 335 233)** X bridge & after 40 YDS (36m) reach ST in LH hedge. X ST & SO to reach FB. X FB to enter FLD. TR & follow RH FLD edge (river on RHS) to reach broken ST. X ST & follow RH FLD edge to reach TK. SO on TK (sewage station on the LHS) to reach RD (FPS). **(GR SO 335 226)**
25. TL **(FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC)** & pass under railway bridge to reach main RD (A465) & pavement. TR & remain on pavement for 330 YDS (301m). At far end of row of cottages on the RHS, BR into minor RD towards red telephone box. **(DO NOT STAY ON A465)** Follow lane **(FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC)** for 500 YDS (457m) to reach RD JCN (A465). TR on RHS pavement and after 330 YDS (301m) reach bus stop. SO (RD JCN to Wern Gifford opposite) &

after 120 YDS (109m) X main RD (A465) **VERY CAREFULLY** to KGT opposite. Thru to reach Pandy Village Hall. (GR SO 332 213)

Pandy Village Hall
Total Distance 22 miles (35.4km)
Opens 1450 Hrs – Closes 2025 Hrs

Stage 4: Pandy Village Hall to Guide Hall, Abergavenny
7.3 miles (11.2km) & 1299 ft (395m) ascent

26. Return to KGT. Thru to RD (A465). X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & TL. After 150 YDS (137m) reach RD JCN (Rising Sun Pub on the RHS). X RD & SO along enclosed path & emerge to reach RD (cottages on the RHS). SO & after 35 YDS (32m) TL to reach RD (A465). X RD **CAREFULLY** & up steps set back in hedge (FPS) to reach SMG. Thru & after 5 YDS (4m) (WMS) reach path T JCN. BL & follow meandering path thru orchard generally downhill which then curves R (WMS off to the LHS) to reach WMS on the LHS. TL to reach FB. X FB (WMS) to reach path T JCN. (GR SO 329 208)
27. TR to reach path JCN (WMS). SO & follow LHS FLD edge to reach hard packed TK (WMS). SO to reach LWG (WMS). Thru & SO uphill (substantial wall on the LHS) (*now on BW*). TK will BL uphill (substantial barn on the LHS). As TK BR (barn on the LHS), SO along enclosed path. Just before path starts to descend, BR to reach KGT (BW WMS). (GR SO 328 202)
28. Thru & SO (170°) to join & then follow LHS FLD edge to reach SMG next to LMG (WMS). Thru & SO & follow LHS FLD edge to reach SMG next to LMG. Thru & SO & follow LHS FLD edge to reach SMG next to LMG (WMS). Thru & SO to reach SMG next to LMG (WMS). Thru & SO (100°) & downhill to reach SMG (WMS). Thru & into woodland to reach FB. X FB & follow path thru woods to reach SMG (WMS). (GR SO 334 196)
29. Thru & BR (120°) uphill to join & then follow LHS FLD edge to reach FB. X FB to reach SMG (BW WMS). Thru & SO passing WMS to reach SMG next to LMG (BW WMS). Thru & SO (140°) uphill to eventually join & then follow LHS FLD edge passing BW WMS to reach SMG next to LMG (BW WMS & FPS). Thru to RD (GR SO 337 192)
30. TR & after 0.3 ml (0.5km) reach driveway of 'The Steppes' on the LHS. TL leaving RD to reach ST (BW WMS). X ST & BL into FLD. Follow RHS FLD edge to reach ST next to LMG (BW WMS). X ST & SO (100°) to reach ST next to LMG (BW WMS). X ST & TR uphill & follow RHS FLD edge to reach ST next to LMG & tree (BW WMS). X ST & SO uphill & follow RHS FLD edge to reach SWG next to LWG (BW WMS & FPS) (GR SO 333 186)
31. Thru & BL initially (140°) & after 30 YDS (27m) path will BR uphill (160°) & after 50 YDS (45m) reach path fork. Fork L (170°) with fence on the LHS. Path will level out between bracken to reach grassy X TKS. (GR SO 334 183)
32. TR (250°) steeply uphill to reach path T JCN (WMS). TL uphill steeply to reach path T JCN on Skirrid summit ridge. TR uphill to reach Skirrid summit.

DIGITAL CONTROL ZONE 4 – GR SO 330 183

33. Leave summit by retracing steps & follow spine of hill generally in a southerly direction & after 0.6 ml (1km) reach wooden fence. BL down steps & path will enter wooded area. Down cobbled section (**CAREFUL – SLIPPERY WHEN WET**) to reach path T JCN (WMS). BR downhill remaining on main path to reach SWG next to LMG in dry stone wall on the LHS

(BW WMS). Thru & SO downhill to reach X TKs (WMS). SO downhill passing bench to reach X TKs. SO downhill to reach path T JCN (WMS). BL downhill to reach SWG next 2 x LWGs. Thru & SO along enclosed TK to reach gap in LH hedge close to end of TK. TL thru gap to reach car park. **(GR SO 328 164)**

34. SO to reach SWG next to LWG at far end of car park. Thru & SO & thru gap in hedge to reach RD (B4521). SO to reach Skirrid Farm entrance. X RD **CAREFULLY** to ST next to LMG (FPS). X ST & emerge into FLD & follow RHS FLD edge uphill to reach ST next to LMG. X ST & TL into enclosed path to reach RD (BW WMS & FPS). **(GR SO 332 160)**

TR & follow RD to its end. SO passing between national derestriction signs & down TK. As TK TR, SO to reach ST (WMS & FPS). *(Now entering golf course. Please give way to golfers as you X several fairways)* X ST & SO (240°) across fairway to reach BW WMS. SO into trees downhill to reach BW WMS. B slight L (220°) across fairway towards electricity pylon to reach WMS. Immed after shed, BL into trees to reach BW WMS. SO (200°) across fairway to reach WMS at end of line of trees passing thru

DIGITAL CONTROL ZONE 5 – GR SO 325 153

35. SO across fairway & enter trees via wide path (WMS) **(DO NOT ENTER CARAVAN SITE VIA GAP IN HEDGE)**. Thru trees to reach ST next to LMG (FPS). X ST to reach RD **(GR SO 323 152)**
36. SO to reach ST (BW WMS & FPS). X ST & SO across fairway to reach BW WMS. Enter trees & SO passing BW WMS to reach 2nd BW WMS. BR (220°) & across fairway to reach BW WMS in trees. SO (220°) & across fairway to reach WMS. Thru trees to reach BW WMS & back of golf tee. SO to reach ST. X ST & TR to reach RD (FPS) *(now leaving golf course)*. SO along RD & follow RD for 0.9 ml (1.4km), ignoring RD JCNS & under RD subway & railway bridges & follow LHS pavement when available to reach RD T JCN. **(GR SO 308 150)**
37. TL & as pavement ends X RD to verge opposite & face oncoming traffic. Ignore Clifton RD JCN & pavement will start on the RHS *(now leaving BW)*. Follow pavement to reach RD T JCN & pedestrian Xing. **(GR SO 305 149)**
38. X RD to pavement opposite & TL. At 3rd RD JCN on the RHS (Park Ave), TR & X RD to LHS pavement. At 2nd RD JCN on the LHS (Park Lane) & immed before speed camera sign BL leaving RD to reach KGT. Thru & enter Bailey Park. SO & after 10 YDS (9m) reach path T JCN. BR & follow path past Abergavenny Petanque Club to reach path T JCN (green railings opposite). TL & follow path to reach band stand on the LHS. TR & X FB & immed TL thru green SMG into car park. BL to return to Guide Hall. **(GR SO 299 145)**

Guide Hall, Abergavenny

Total Distance 29.3 miles (47.1km)

Opens 1625 Hrs – Closes 2345 Hrs

Congratulations on successfully finishing Cymoedd Sir Fynwy!