# Ancient Tracks and Hill Forts

## Date: 16th March 1985

## Distance/Ascent: 22.2 miles, 2745 feet

## Leader: Gwyn Howells

## Route Description:

* Start in Brecon (SO 046 285). Streets to the bridge over the River Usk. Path north-west along the north bank to the road at (SO 037 289).
* Take the road west then bridle path north-north-west past Pennant Farm to the track junction at (SO 011 299). Take track north to minor road.
* Road eastwards via Cradoc to (SO 028 309), path south uphill to summit of Pen-y-Crug Hill Fort.
* Bridle path southeastwards to join B4520 at (SO 042 296). Road south into Brecon, passing through Brecon via cathedral, old paths and streets to B4062 at (SO 049 288).
* Bridle track via Slwch Farm to Ty’n-y Caeau Youth Hostel.
* Road south via Groesffordd then east to The Highgrove at (SO 098 279).
* Path across fields to road at (SO 103 275).
* Bridle path over Pen-y-Commin to road at (SO 107 259).
* Road east through Pennorth to bridle path/Roman road at (SO 114 260).
* Bridle path up north ridge of Allt yr Esgair summit then down south ridge to join A40 at (SO 142 225). A40 south-east to Bwlch (pub stop).
* Minor road east to Tremynfa, field paths via Tre-graig to road at Greenhill Farm.
* Road short way south to Gaer. Track and path eastwards to Tretower (visited castle and ancient Manor house).
* Road south to Heol-draw then field path beside stream to A40 at (SO 191 201).
* A40 east to (SO 202 197) then riverside path to Crickhowell. Through streets to car park.

## Weather: Cool/cold breeze all day – clear and very sunny all day – warm in sun and magnificent views all day- snow on ground to start but thawing during day.

**Participants:** Gwynn Howells, Nick & Julia Kaye and friend Clive Marchant, Andrew Clabon, Gerry Jackson, Ron Dix, Keith Bennet, Roger Blake, Peter Lewis.