



# Gilwern and Clydach

*Where Nature and Industrial Heritage Collide*

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## Distance and Timings

Length of Walk: 6 miles - 9.8km

Approximate time taken to walk route: 3 hours

## References

Start: Car park, High Street, Gilwern (Grid Reference: SO 249 147)

Ordnance Survey map: OS Explorer 1:25 000 Sheet OL13 Brecon Beacons National Park (Eastern Area)

## Facilities Available

Public toilets on the junction next to the Beaufort Public House

Pubs and shops in Gilwern Village

Free parking in Gilwern Village car park

Bus numbers 3 (Abergavenny to Brynmawr) and X4 (Abergavenny to Cardiff) stop in Gilwern

## Accessibility / Terrain

No of Stiles: None

Most of the route is on level lanes and tracks.

However, there is a very steep ascent above the Devil's Bridge, and steps in several places.

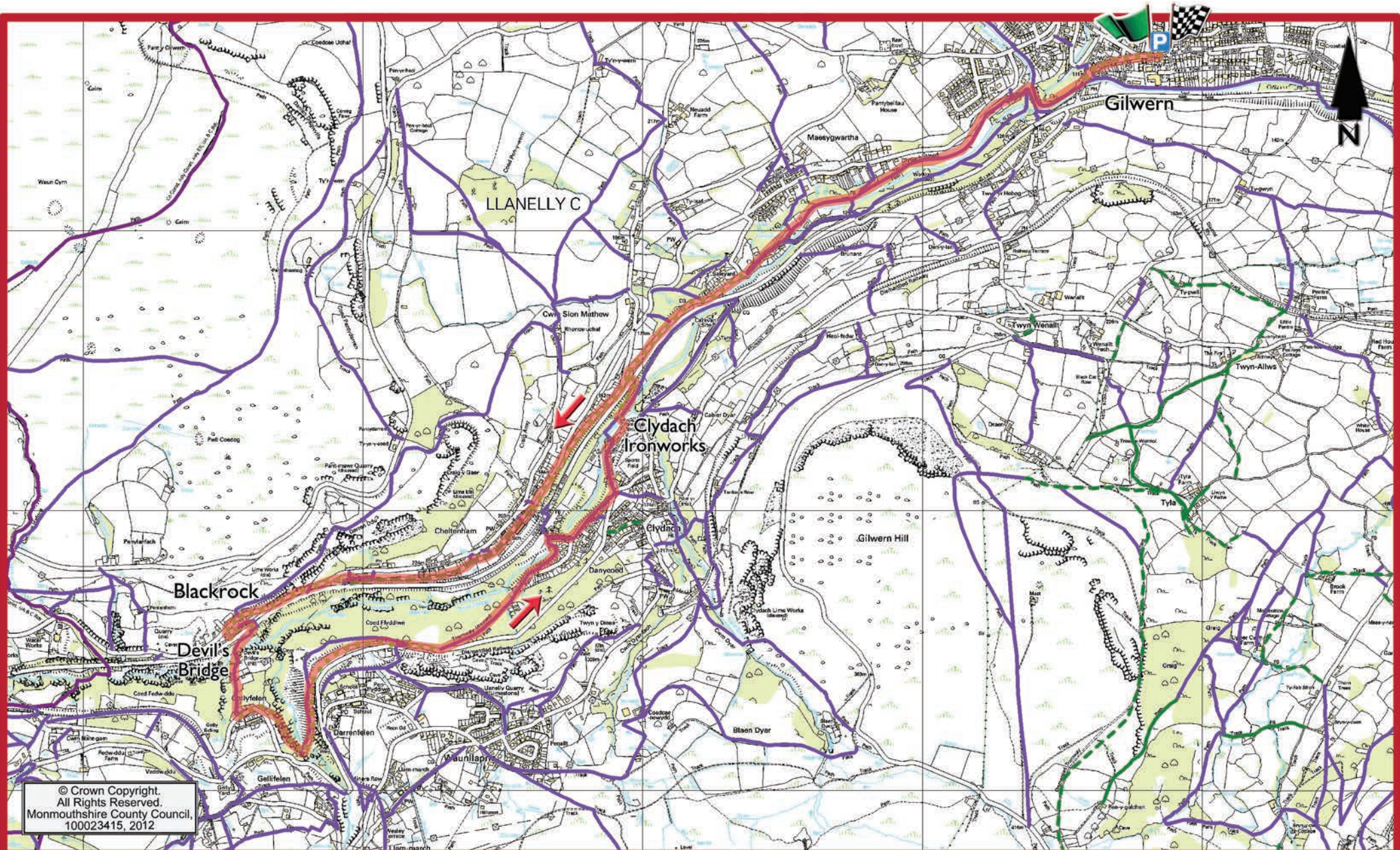


## Brief Route Details / Points of Particular Interest

The route leaves Gilwern and follows the canal, riverside and minor roads gradually climbing up the Clydach Gorge. At Blackrock the route goes under the A465 and crosses the Devil's Bridge then ascends the steep wooded hillside. From there it contours around the hillside following the disused railway line, now cycle way, before descending an old incline to the old Clydach Iron Works and rejoining the outward path.

Points of interest include much evidence of this area's industrial heritage such as Clydach Iron Works and its cast iron bridge. In contrast the route takes in the Cwm Clydach National Nature Reserve with its stunning beech woodland and waterfalls.





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