

# Blorenge High Level Walk

## DISTANCE

4 miles / 6.4 kms

## TIME

2 hours

## GRADE

Mostly level, but rough under foot and few 'escape routes'. Only attempt this walk in good weather.

## STARTING POINT

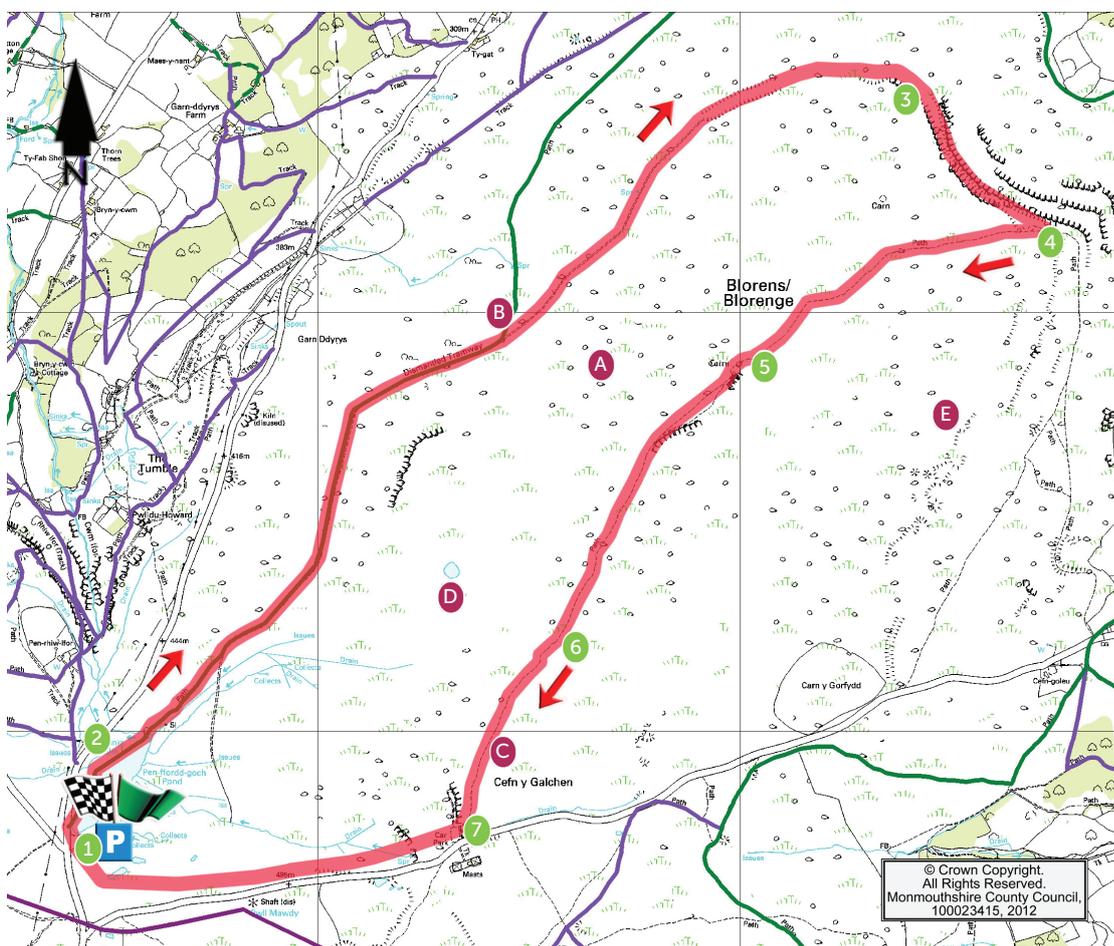
Keepers Pond Car Park

## THE ROUTE

- 1 From car park, take surfaced path to west (left) of the pond
- 2 At the northern end of the pond join the track heading north east and follow this for one and a half miles around the shoulder of the hill
- 3 (Optional) at a small disused and overgrown quarry, take a path that forks off to the right; this joins a wider track just before the northern summit of the Blorenge
- 4 Alternatively, continue on the same track until just past a small building and here turn right on a track leading towards the northern summit of the Blorenge
- 5 Continue on the same track to the southern summit
- 6 Continue along the same track to the Foxhunter car park.
- 7 From the grave of Foxhunter (behind a seat visible from the car park) a footpath leads westwards back to Keepers Pond

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- A The origins of the Welsh name for Blorenge – Blorems have been lost
- B The path here follows the route of a tramway, constructed to take limestone from the quarries on Blorenge to the iron-works at Blaenavon and to transport iron from Blaenavon to the canal wharf at Llanfoist
- C The quarries here supplied limestone for industrial use at Blaenavon and for the limekilns at Llanfoist, where it was turned into lime fertiliser
- D The top of Blorenge is protected for its landscape and nature conservation qualities. The heather moorland supports Red Grouse
- E During the last ice age, the Punch Bowl held a glacier which flowed into the larger Usk Valley glacier



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