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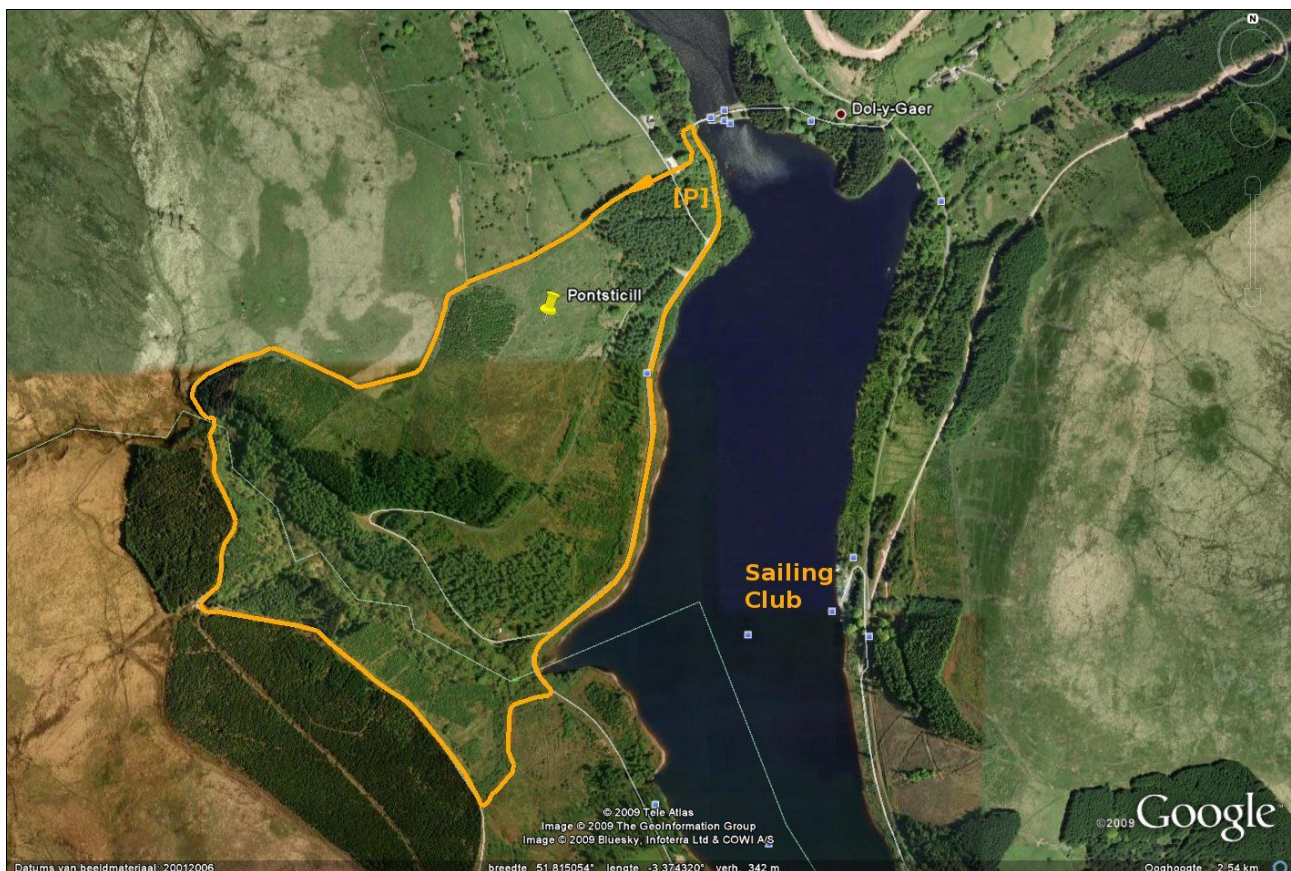
Parking lot – Bridle Road – Reservoir – Parking lot

Starting point: Parking lot at the dam between Pontsticill Reservoir and Pentwyn Reservoir, reached from the A470 / Merthyr Tydfill towards “Mountain Railway” (road signs) and at these drive on towards “Pontsticill Reservoir” (road signs towards “Talybont”). At a Y-fork where the ongoing road goes on left bound, straight on (right and then after 100m park left. [Merthyr Tydfill, Wales – Great Britain]

Distance: 5 km

Difficulties: Minimally marked: make sure to bring a hiking map! Generally good paths, but sometimes overgrown as well. Difference in height about 75m.

Why worth it?: Quiet forest paths with a beautiful view of the large reservoir “Pontsticill Reservoir”. From the lake also a view of the “Brecon Beacons”.



ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

From the parking lot towards the dam, but right beforehand in the turn before the dam go left and up a small path. Cross the asphalted ongoing road (“Taff Trail”) next and follow the “Bridle Road”. Up past the timber line we reach a fence. We pass through and follow the path left. We keep following the timber line (keeping the forest to our left) until we reach steps across a fence. Cross it and then go down towards the right and cross a bridge (partially asphalted bike and hiking path).

We follow this broad path in South, South-East direction for a while until we see a path left going down the mountain. Here we have a direct line of sight to the “Sailing Club” at the opposite side of the lake. Pay attention: it seems like this path is only used sporadically and consequently is overgrown with high bushes. In principle keep going North-East and eventually we then end up on the asphalted ongoing road. Follow this left (North) back to the parking lot. For some part we can

partially walk besides the water.

Tour done in 2006

Difficulty measurement:

- **1** short walk across even terrain. Distance till 5km across (asphalted/paved) roads in good condition.
 - **2** walk with several small climbs, till a distance of 10km, mainly roads in good condition.
 - **3** a longer walk till 15 km. Climbs and off-road routes possible. Good physical condition is necessary.
 - **4** long walk till 25km. Climbs and off-road routes highly probable.
 - **5** very long walk till 40km (or more). Climbs and off-road routes very likely.
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