

# *Tawe Trekkers' Black Mountains Weekend - 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010*

Join us for a weekend of walking and high jinks in the beautiful Black Mountains on the Eastern Edge of the Brecon Beacons. We have booked 22 places and the trip is open to Tawe Trekkers, Black Country Walkers, and anyone else who would like to come along! If the trip appeals to you, please send your money as soon as you can (details below).

## *Accommodation and Pub*

We will be staying in the bunkhouse next door to The Castle Inn near Talgarth in the Black Mountains. The Castle Inn is a traditional pub with a cosy atmosphere (and log fire!), and our bunkhouse, housed in a 200 year old converted barn, is a short stumble away. The sleeping quarters have been renovated and include 22 beds, modern showers and toilets, and central heating.

Pillows and fitted sheets are provided, so all you'll need to bring is a sleeping bag/duvet and towel.

The pub is ideally located for walk routes, and is the starting point for our first day's walk (this should save us some driving, and time).

There is a car park opposite the pub for our wagons.



The bunkhouse comprises of two rooms, one sleeping 12 and the other 10. If we have a fairly equal split of males/females then we'll have a boys' room and a girls' room.

We have visited this bunkhouse and checked it out before booking, so can assure you of the quality! We also ran a very successful trip at the same place at the beginning

of last year; people had a lot of good things to say about the accommodation and the area – hence the return visit!

### *Transport and Directions*

The Castle Inn is situated in the county of Powys, in the Black Mountains, on the Eastern side of the Brecon Beacons National Park. You'll find it on the A479 between Cwmdru and Talgarth and it will take around 1 ½ hours driving from Swansea, and 2 hours from Birmingham.

Tawe Trekkers: If you need - or are able to provide - a lift, please contact me, Doug, and I will do my best to coordinate transport.

### *Walks (Provisional Plans)*

The walks below are based on those we did during the last stay at The Castle Inn, but we might change them for this trip for a bit of variety – so please treat these suggestions as provisional. The routes may change, but we will aim to keep the distances and difficulty about the same so people know what they're letting themselves in for!

#### ***Saturday – Waun Fach***

This walk includes the summit of Waun Fach, views in all directions (from Pen y Fan to Lord Hereford's Knob), the iron age fort of Castell Dinas, and an exhilarating switchback ridge.



Difficulty: Moderate

Length: 7 miles/4 ½ hours

Leader: Emyr (07846879210)

Start time: 0930h from The Castle Inn

## *Sunday – Mynydd Llangorse*

This circuit of Mynydd Llangorse provides superb views for remarkably little effort. The path is tree-lined at times and there are spectacular views over Llangorse Lake to the line of the Brecon Beacons.



Difficulty: Easy

Length: 5 ½  
miles/3 hours

Leader: Doug  
(07766652837)

Start time: 1000h from  
the bottom of Cockitt  
Hill.

The start point is  
approximately 4 miles  
from the bunkhouse

and more detailed directions will be provided on the weekend as necessary.

## *Food (and Drink)*

Although there is no kitchen, the pub serves home cooked food at a reasonable price, and the costs quoted include a cooked breakfast. There is also cereal/toast, etc available, and a vegetarian version of the cooked breakfast.

The pub does a range of very good quality meals including venison steaks and burgers!

The fact that there is no kitchen will make it difficult to make sandwiches, etc. However, my advice would be to either make sandwiches before you go (and leave them somewhere cold around the bunkhouse), or bring items that don't need refrigeration (crisps, nuts, fruit, canned stuff you can open on walks and eat with a fork, etc).



The pub has real ales on tap. Not sure which they'll be as they change all the time, but the choice in the past has been very good.

Quality wines are also available, again at a reasonable price. The landlord follows his taste buds and buys the stuff he likes (claiming his own taste is fairly reliable and that most people tend to agree with him!).

## *Payment*

Now for the maths bit; concentrate...

$$2 \times \text{Board} = 2 \times \text{£}12 = \text{£}24$$

$$2 \times \text{Breakfast} = 2 \times \text{£}5 = \text{£}10$$

$$\text{Total} = \underline{\underline{\text{£}34}}$$



Please post cheques for £34 made payable to Doug Morgan to me:

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32 Eaton Crescent  
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...as soon as possible please. It helps us to know numbers in planning the trip and we also need to pay a deposit to the bunkhouse.

With two groups it's possible that the trip will fill up pretty soon, so it will be first cheques received, first served.

## *Outline Itinerary*

### ***Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept:***

Arrive at The Castle Inn in the evening. Dinner in pub at around 2000h. Drink in pub 'til late.

### ***Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:***

Have breakfast at 0830h, ready to begin the Waun Fach walk at 0930h. Finish walk at approx. 1600h. Optional trip to Crickhowell or Talgarth for an hour or so before returning for dinner in the Castle Inn at 2000h. Drink in pub 'til late.

### ***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept:***

Have breakfast at 0900h, pack up and leave for the short drive to the Start point of the Mynydd Llangorse walk for 1000h.

## *Lifts*

People are sorting their own lifts out but if you are left without an idea of how you're getting up there and don't know who else you can ask please call me, Doug.

## *Further Details*

If there's anything you think I haven't covered, or anything you're not sure about please don't hesitate to give me a call or drop an email to the TT inbox.

Please note these details are subject to change.

Doug's phone number: 07766652837

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*A view of Mynydd Llangorse*

**...See you there!**

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