

FACTFILE / FFEIL FFEITHAU:

- In about 1785, "the mechanical genius of Cyfarthfa - Watkin George, built what was accounted to be the largest water wheel in the country, 50 feet in diameter with the power of 50 horses, it could move 25 tons of water a minute."
- "Watkin's Ironworks produced so much iron for cannon and weapons that in 1802 Lord Admiral Nelson visited the works
- Cyfarthfa was initially the largest ironworks in the world until it was overtaken by Dowlais Ironworks in the mid 19th Century. (See Great Peak, Dowlais for details.)

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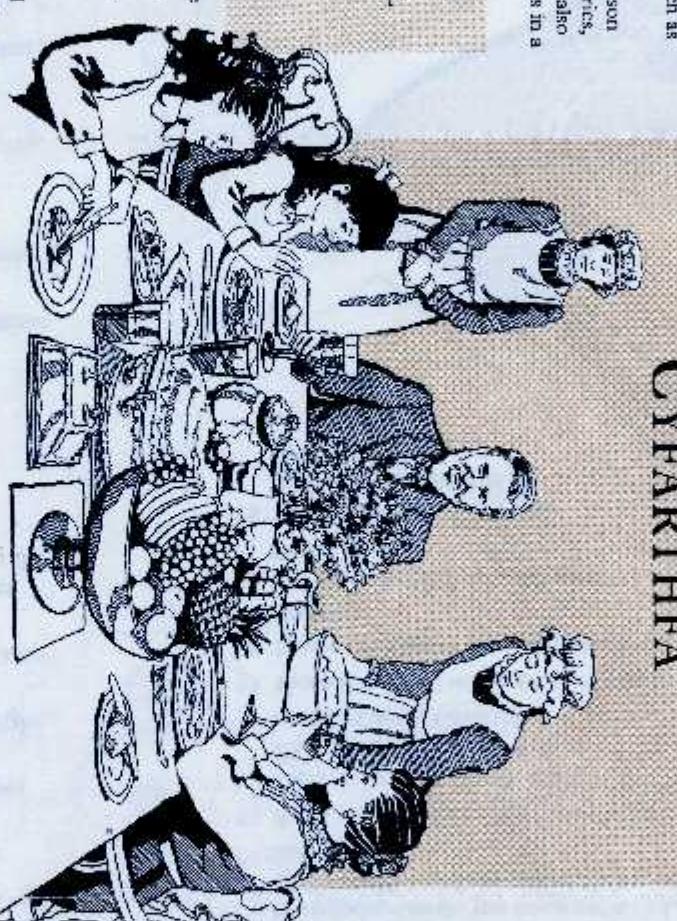
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Trail

CYFARTHFA

Distance: 3 miles (5km) Time: 1 hr.

The Trail starts at the entrance to Cyfarthfa Castle Museum and Art Gallery.

Pellter: 3 milltir (5km) Amser: 1 awr

Mac'r llwybr yn dechrau wrth y fynedfa i Amgueddfa ac Oriel Gelf Castell Cyfarthfa.

- 1 Facing the Castle turn left.
- 2 At the end wall of the Castle take the middle gravel track into the woodland.
- 3 At a fork in the track continue upwards to your right.
- 4 On reaching the metal boundary fence turn right. Continue ahead on tarmac road.
- 5 Take the next track on the right in front of a row of pine trees.
- 6 Continue downwards turning right at the next fork in the path passing the holding ponds on the left.
- 7 Cross stream, turn sharp left uphill.
- 8 When the path hits a tarmac road turn left.
- 9 Exit the grounds to your right.
- 10 Turn left taking the next turning left to view Gwaelod-y-Garth House then rejoin the Trail (NB beware of cars, short section of road without pavement).
- 11 Continue straight ahead down towards the main road.
- 12 Turn right aiming for Pandy Clock Tower opposite Cyfarthfa Castle main entrance.
- 13 Turn right into Castle grounds.
- 14 Turn left immediately below the playground.
- 15 At the far end of the lake follow the path around to the right.
- 16 Turn right up the hill back to the Museum and Art Gallery.

- 1 Gan wynebu'r castell, trowch i'r chwith.
- 2 Ar ddiwedd mur y castell, cwch ar hyd y llwybr graean canol i mewn i'r coed.
- 3 Mewn ffwrch ar y llwybr, cwch yr nesaf i fyny i'r dde.
- 4 Wrth gyrraedd y ffens derbyn felol, trowch i'r dde. Ewch ynllawn ar hyd y ffordd darmac.
- 5 Cwch ar hyd y llwybr nesaf ar y dde o flaen rhos o goed pîn.
- 6 Ewch yn eich blaen i lawr gan droi i'r dde wrth y llorch nesaf yn y llwybr, heibio i'r llynoedd dal ar y chwith.
- 7 Crocswch y nant, trowch yn union i'r chwith i fyny'r rhiw.
- 8 Pan ddaw'r llwybr at y ffordd darmac, trowch i'r chwith.
- 9 Allan ar y dde.
- 10 Trowch i'r chwith ar ôl y tro nesaf i'r chwith i Dŷ Gwaelod-y-Garth, yna ewch yn ôl i'r llwybr (DS cadweli lygad am goft, darn byr o ffordd o heb balmant).
- 11 Ewch yn eich blaen i lawr at y ffordd.
- 12 Trowch i'r dde ac anelu at Dŵr Cloc y Pandy gyferbyn â phrif fynedfa Castell Cyfarthfa.
- 13 Trowch i'r dde i mewn i dir y Castell.
- 14 Trowch i'r chwith yn union islaw'r cac chwarae.
- 15 Ym mhent pellaf y llyn, dilynwch y llwybr i'r dde.
- 16 Trowch i'r dde i fyny'r rhiw yn ôl at yr Amgueddfa a'r Oriel Gelf.

There are many interesting historical features along the trail, some of which have information plaques attached to them.

Mae yna nifer o nodweddion hanesyddol difyr ar hyd y Daith, rai ohonynt a phlasiau gyda nhw.

Notes:

- Distances and times are approximate and do not include stops.
- Where suitable for walking, surfaces may be wet and muddy.
- Maps are not to scale and routes are not waymarked.
- Use this trail with care, being aware that the forestry land and built up areas are working environments.

Guidelines:

- Rhai brif yw'r holl cerchiadau a'r amserau a nod ydynt yr erthygl o amser trwm.
- Gwaelod-y-Garth yw'r adas oherwydd gall y tu fed yn wylbyr i'r holl trwm.
- Nid yw'r trwmion ar middu'n y llwybr o weith eu marcio.
- Defnyddiwyd y Llofnod yn Ofisys a Chofreithiadau i'r coedwigaeth i'w gorfodol adeiladol ynglamor gwaith.

