

# QMD Walks

## Fan Nedd Circular

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**Relevant Maps include: OS OL12 (1:25); OS LR 160 (1:50); Harvey Brecon Beacons (1:40); Harvey Brecon Beacons East Superwalker XT25 (1:25) & Harvey Brecon Beacons West Superwalker XT25 (1:25)**

**Distance: c. 14 miles**

**Going: Demanding. Some rough ground. PRow and FPs not always clear. Route finding necessary. Some steep and slippery ground. River crossings may be tricky in spate**

1. Start at CP SN927164. Where track reaches fence going towards stream TL along fence up FP to road. At road TR CB 355. At end of forestry on LHS SN924167 cross into OA and follow FP (may not be visible) CB 315 to 643m ring contour SN913179. **NOTE:** There are a number of FPs but there is a good FP following boundary stones on CB 303; at SN913174 BR CB 360 to go up spur.
2. At 643m ring contour follow FP CB 002 to Fan Need trig point SN913184. From trig point continue on FP CB 010 to cairn and JNCT SN914188. TL CB 292 and follow FP to descend into cwm then BR on FP CB 360 to fence JNCT at Bwlch y Duwynt SN902196. TR along FP alongside fence CB 030 over 604m ring contour SN905201, on to 592m ring contour SN906211, and then FP CB 050 to trig point on Fan Bwlch Chwyth SN912216. Return to Bwlch y duwynt.
3. From Bwlch y Duwynt TR CB 305 along FP to join track SN901197. TL along tack CB 238 and continue to fence JNCT SN897194. **EITHER** continue along track until c. SN886187 then TR across rough ground CB 343 to join FP SN884189 along edge of ridge. **OR** BR CB 255 to FP along edge/ridge and continue CB 255 along edge/ridge BR with FP at SN885189 keeping edge on RHS. FP continues to follow edge and BL along edge and BL again rough CB 190 to come to trig point on Fan Gyhirych SN880190.
4. From Fan Gyhirych follow FP CB 150 to descend to track SN884187. BL slightly to keep on FP on high ground CB 140 and then BR slightly CB 177 on FP to Fan Fraith SN887183.
5. Descend Fan Fraith CB 215 to wall SN885180. Handrail wall CB 190 to wall JNCT SN884176. Cross wall on LHS and handrail wall CB 140 to find crossing. Cross rough ground CB 178 to track SN885169.
6. At track TR CB 235 and almost immediately TL at JNCT SN884169 to cross fence (gate) onto track CB 135. Follow track coming round to CB 180 to wall SN886161 and TL CB 125 and handrail wall to crossing. Cross wall and cross short stretch of

rough ground to Beacons Way running parallel to wall and TL CB 125 along Beacons Way.

7. Follow Beacons Way to fence corner SN908143 and leave OA. BL along Beacons Way CB 035 and follow to FB across Need Fechan SN911148. Continue along Beacons Way CB 035 back to road. TR on road and return to CP.
8. **NOTE:** The area below Fan Fraith around Carreg Cadno and along the Beacons Way back to Need Fechan is packed with ancient ruins and features such as standing stones. The Beacons Way follows a Roman Road from Nedd Fechan and on the RHS as you reach the forestry there is an old standing stone with inscriptions on it.

## **Glossary**

BL - Bear Left

BR - Bear Right

CB - Compass Bearing

FB – Footbridge

FP - Footpath. Usually marked on 1:25 but not on 1:50

JNCT - Junction (paths/tracks cross/join)

OA – Open Access

PRoW - Public Right of Way. Usually marked on 1:25 and 1:50

Quad bike track - Two parallel lines going across the fell made by continued use by quad bike

RHS – Right hand side

LHS – Left hand side

TL - Turn Left

TR - Turn Right

Track - A wide track that looks suitably for 4x4 vehicles