DIRECTIONS TO THE "NEW CAR PARK" at Twmbarlwm

The general meeting place for Cymdeithas Twmbarlwm Society events on the mountain is what we refer to as the "New Car Park" or "The Car Park on the Common below the Tump". The car park is an ideal starting point as it is only half a mile to the summit (albeit very steep) - or half a mile up onto the ridgeway where the walking then becomes quite level for miles.

The car park is situated at the end of Mountain Road which is a single track country lane leading up from Risca Comprehensive School and Leisure Centre. There are quite a few passing places but you should take the road slowly and be prepared for oncoming traffic.

Take Junction 27 (Highcross) off the M4, take the B4591 towards Risca, follow road for 2 miles, just after the second roundabout you will see a sign for Risca Leisure Centre - turn right here onto Pontymason Lane - follow the road for about 1 mile.

You then come to a mini roundabout which marks the vehicle entrance into the school - go straight over the roundabout

100 yards after the mini roundabout turn right into Mountside and follow the lane.

150 yards up this lane you come to a T junction - this is Mountain Road - turn left.

Just follow this road - after about 1.5 miles you go over a cattle grid which we regard as the entrance to our mountain.

Carry on for another half mile and you will see a stone cairn welcoming you to Twmbarlwm - and behind it is the tarmac, circular car park.

You can go no further - get out and enjoy the scenery.

NOTE: There is no vehicle route from the Cwmcarn side of the mountain to the Risca side.

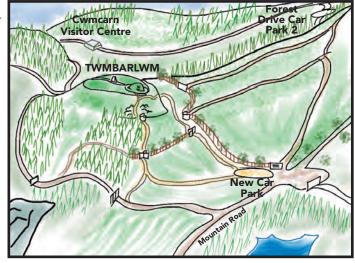
The illustration below gives an idea of the paths you can take from the car park to the top.

If you prefer real maps you will require Ordnance Survey maps Landranger 171, OS Explorer

152 or Pathfinder 1300 - and the OS grid references are ST 24390 92660 or long lat. 51.627654, -3.093715)

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