Approximate distance: 4.5 miles
For this walk we’ve included GPS marker points as an option, should you wish to follow them.

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A circular walk from Pentyrch, through Coed y Bedw Reserve up to the summit of Garth Mountain.

1. Lewis Arms, Pentyrch
51.53101° N, -3.29720° W
Make your way along Heol Goch road and turn right onto Cefn Bychan. After 450 metres turn left down a steep path through woods.

2. Track towards Coed y Bedw reserve
51.53312° N, -3.29146° W
Cross the road and head over the stile into the field opposite towards Coed y Bedw reserve and follow the track through two gates towards the reserve.

3. Coed y Bedw Reserve
51.53565° N, -3.28891° W
At the second gate veer right towards the woods and climb a stile into the reserve with its ancient woods and streams.

4. Morgan Thomas’ ruined cottage
51.53558° N, -3.28691° W
This cottage belonged to Morgan Thomas, a mine owner and poet who lived here 100 years ago. The area is steeped in legends and ghost stories.

5. Pine forest
51.53868° N, -3.27569° W
This short section through tall pine trees makes a nice change of scenery from the deciduous woodlands of Coed y Bedw.

6. Georgetown
51.539342° N, -3.274631° W
Arriving at some colourful terraced houses, walk down hill from Georgetown and turn left, walking up the road into Gwaelod y Garth.
7. Gwaelod y Garth
51.54641° N, -3.27602° W
Take a left turn before the Gwaelod-y-Garth Inn and head up a steep road. Keep left and as you gain height the views open up.

8. Garth Mountain track
51.54249° N, -3.28476° W
Follow the route marker sign, turn right and head up a steep hillside track through ferns and bracken towards the mountain.

9. Towards a false summit
51.54583° N, -3.28235° W
The final push leads you up a steep, grassy track towards a shoulder on the ridge with magnificent views over Cardiff and the Bristol Channel.

10. Garth Hill burial mounds and summit
51.54325° N, -3.29438° W
Veer left and then walk straight to the summit and trig point, passing one of four Bronze Age burial mounds, which date to around 2000 B.C.

11. Return to Lewis Arms, Pentyrch
Head south down the Ridgeway Walk, crossing over a minor road onto Mountain Road. Turn left and walk down into Pentyrch and back to the pub.