

Talybont Mountain Bike Routes.

The Tramway

From hub: [Talybont on Usk](#).

Distance: 8.9 km, 5.5 miles.

Difficulty: Green. ([Learn about gradings](#))



This is a short jaunt into the forest overlooking Talybont reservoir. It follows the Taff Trail, going out, then climbs up a forest road to return on the Brinore Tramway descending gently back to Talybont.

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Talybont Forest

From hub: [Talybont on Usk](#).

Distance: 17.7 km, 11.0 miles.

Difficulty: Blue. ([Learn about gradings](#))

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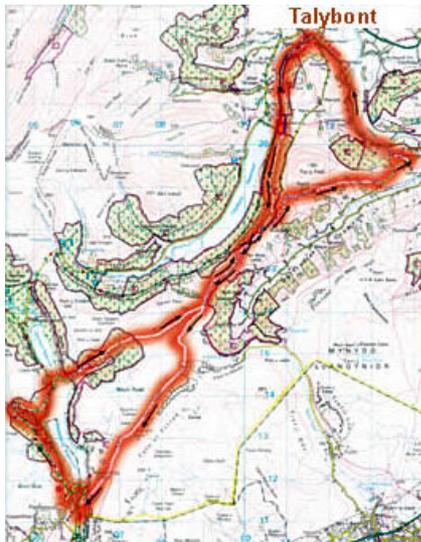
This makes use of the Taff Trail to take you away from Talybont. The Brinore Tramway takes you a short way up into the forest before you descend to the shore of Talybont Reservoir. Crossing over the dam wall you make your way to the other side of the valley and some very hilly riding in Talybont forest and its surroundings. Apart from the climbs, you are rewarded with some fine descents, ranging from fast fire roads to rocky and slippery sunken roads.

Pontsticill Crossover

From hub: [Talybont on Usk](#).

Distance: 33.8 km, 21.0 miles.

Difficulty: Red. ([Learn about gradings](#))



This figure of 8 shaped route is tougher than it looks on the map. The initial climb takes you up nearly 400m! From here on, though, its downhill all the way to the halfway point of Pontsticill village. The route should only be undertaken in clear weather as this section is rather featureless and navigation can be difficult. After Pontsticill you choose between the Taff Trail forest route, or a cruise on the road alongside Pontsticill Reservoir. Now its time to go off-road and up again back to the crossing of the figure of 8. Now its down again all the way to the Usk Valley and a few kilometres on the road back to Talybont.

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