THE DRAMATIC
HEART OF WALES

DIFFICULTY:

Some Exertion

DISTANCE:

8.8 km / 5.4 mi

ALLOW:

2 hours and 45 minutes

HABITAT:

Urban / Woodland

START POINT:

Rhyslyn Car Park

RICHARD BURTON TRAIL

This walk offers a interesting mix of culture, history and dramatic views. Start at Rhyslyn car park and head along the top road, turning left over the aqueduct, a landscape feature in itself. The majority of the walk is easy and accessible for all, apart from some steps which take you down past the school to the road below. At this point the steps could be avoided by turning left and then left again onto the cycle path, which you can follow to the portrait bench shown on this leaflet.

The birthplace of Richard Burton is the valleys in microcosm. Information panels are located along this route, providing points of interest on Richard Burton, his childhood and career. Although he moved to Taibach at the young age of two, Pontrhydyfen is significant as his birthplace and was frequently re-visited by the star during his Hollywood career.

Wildlife Watching: Along the length of the walk are remnants of former coal workings, now a haven for wildlife. Pioneer plant species, particularly mosses can be seen throughout. Interesting plants include Ploughman's-spikenard and Southern Marsh Orchid. In the summer, butterflies such as Ringlet can be seen.