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Walk 9 – Tal y Fan Grade – Strenuous Start point – Village Pub or Cae Coch Time – 3.5 hours/2.5 hours Distance – 8Km/5mils or 5.2Km /3.25 mls

If you are doing the walk from the village then start at the pub and follow the instructions below (bullet points).

If you want a shorter version then you can drive up to Cae Coch and park your car up. To get there drive up out of the village through 2 gates until you reach a T junction. Turn right and drive for about 1Km. Where the road turns sharpish left, park up. Follow the instruction from here.

Walk description – A strenuous walk with a bit of a relentless start up hill out of the village but well worth the effort for the superb views over to Anglesey, the Great Orme and if you are lucky the Isle of Man and the Lake District. Make a day of it and take a picnic for the top.

Make sure you take adequate warm clothing, waterproofs and good shoes. The weather on the tops can be very different from the village.

- From the pub walk up the village and at the road junction turn right.
- Walk up the steep hill for about 1Km until you reach the Youth Hostel on your left.

- The road now turns into a track. Follow the track and go through a gate. Pass the ancient burial chamber on your right and then go through 3 further gates. After about 1Km you will reach a surfaced road.
- You are now at Cae Coch-cottages on your right.
- Walk straight ahead along the road for about 75m and then go over the stile to your right.
- Walk straight ahead through a lot of gorse by the obvious path till you come to a wall and go over the stile.
- Again carry on up the obvious path and carry on walking for about 500m till you come to a wall on your right. Go over the stile.
- Carry on walking till you come to another wall and go over the stile.

The views open up over to Anglesey and the Menai Straight at this point.

- After the stile turn right and make your way up the hill keeping the boundary wall to your right. There are many paths up so just choose what suits you and have fun scrambling up to the summit marked by a triangulation point (white pillar) over the wall.
- *The views here are tremendous. You have the Conwy valley and river, the Carneddau mountains and the sea scape. Enjoy.*

- Now continue along the summit ridge keeping the wall to your right. If the weather is ok it's a delight bumbling along the top. You may need to veer away from the wall at times as there are some steep rocky sections you may not feel comfortable negotiating.
- After 1Km the route drops off very steeply.
- Veer left around some steep rocks then carry on down the hill again keeping the wall to your right.
- After 500m you will see a metal gate to your right. **For those going back to Cae Coch go through this gate and follow the obvious path/track through several gates all the way back to Cae Coch cottages and your car.**
- If you are walking back to the village ignore the gate and carry on to the wall and over the stile.
- Walk straight ahead and keeping the wall to your right carry on downhill for 400m to a derelict wall going left.
- Turn left and follow the wall until you come to another derelict wall that cuts across at an angle. Turn right and follow this wall until you come to a very distinct farm track.
- Follow this down to a gate and go over the step over stile to gain access to the surfaced road.
- Turn left and walk back down the village to the start.
- **Note:** Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this guide. Users are responsible for their own safety and partake in the walk at their own risk. The author accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever .