

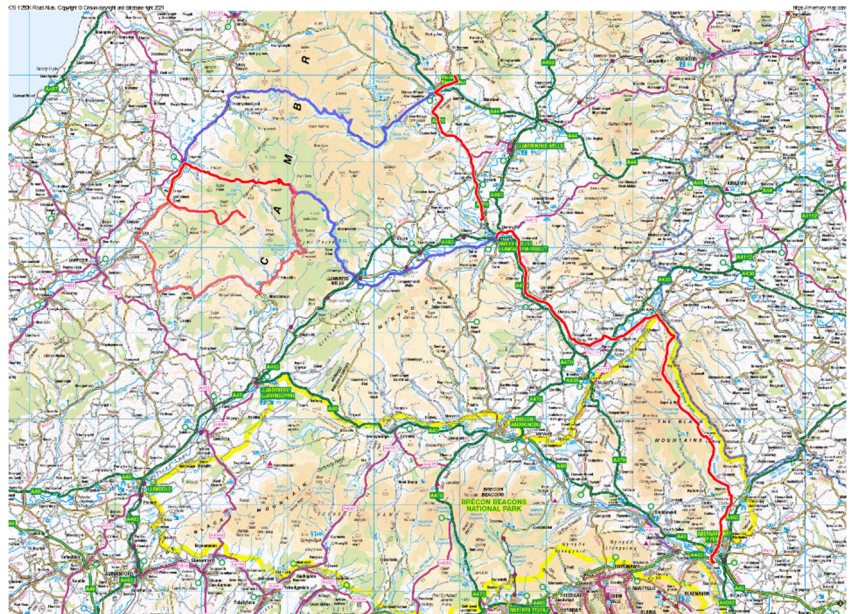
# CTC Coventry mid-Wales Tour 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

This is a similar tour to last year's mid-Wales tour with the objective of completing some parts of the route that we were unable to do last year. The tour has been planned round the use of trains at the start and finish of the tour and has an optional first day taking in the magnificent Gospel Pass in the Black Mountains.

We will use a variety of accommodation ranging from a Premier Inn in Abergavenny, an inn in Builth Wells, two isolated youth hostels and a bunk house near Rhayader. Bedding is provided in all the accommodation but we will be buying food en route to cook at the hostels. There is no electricity in one of the hostels so e-bikes are not appropriate and you should bring a battery backup device for charging electronic devices, as well as a torch for navigation around the hostel after dark.

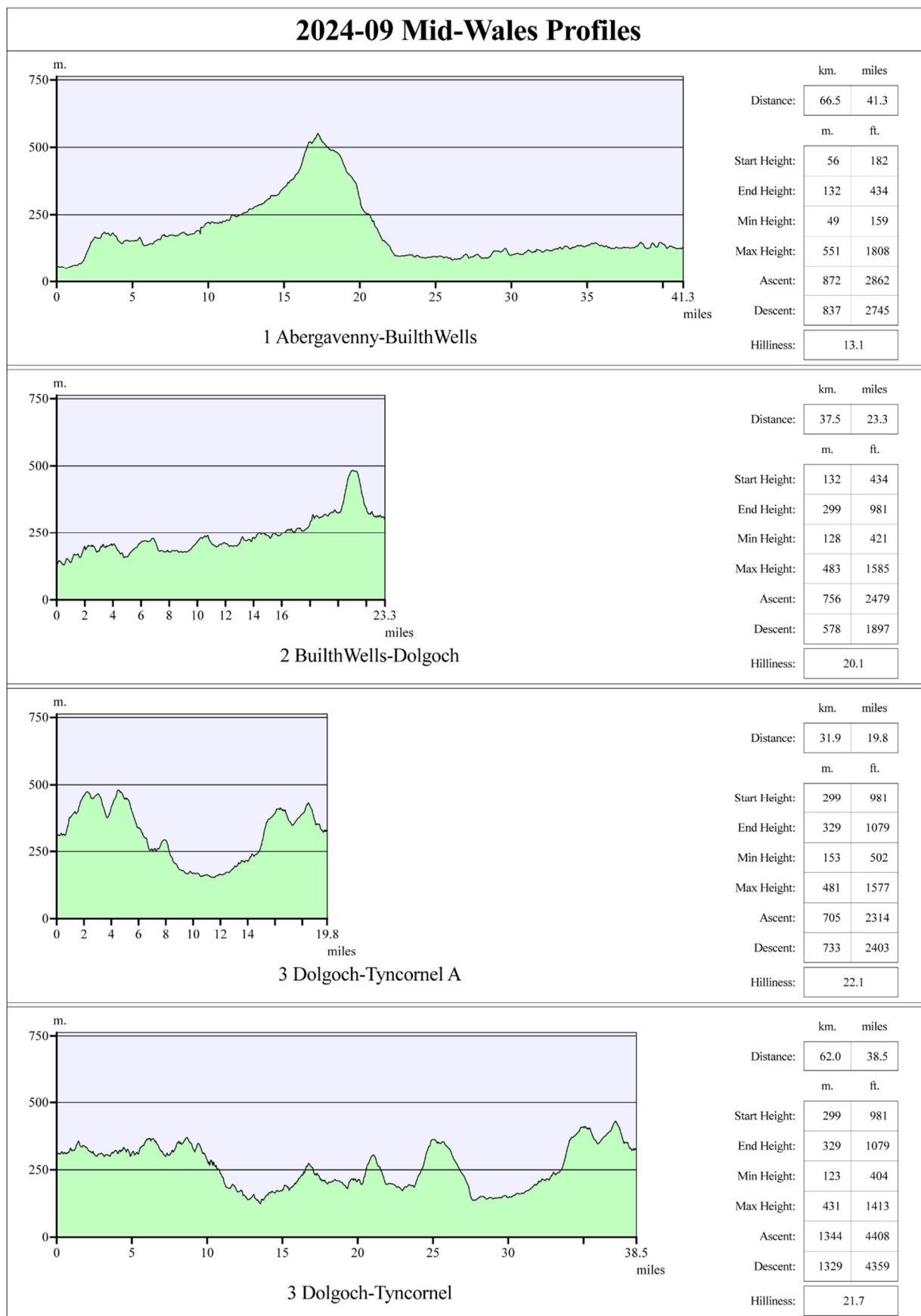


1. Train to Abergavenny and stay at the Premier Inn.
2. Ride the highest tarmac road in Wales over the Black Mountains, via Hay-on-Wye (world renowned town of books), to an inn in Builth Wells. Optionally you could take the train to Builth Road and meet the group at Builth Roads – not many trains available on Sundays.
3. Magnificent River Irfon valley and Devil's Staircase to Dolgoch Hostel.
4. Preferred route via Lynne Brienne Reservoir, but there is a shorter alternative to Tyncornel Hostel.
5. Ride to Rhayader via the Claerwen Reservoir service road.
6. Short ride to Builth Road for trains home.

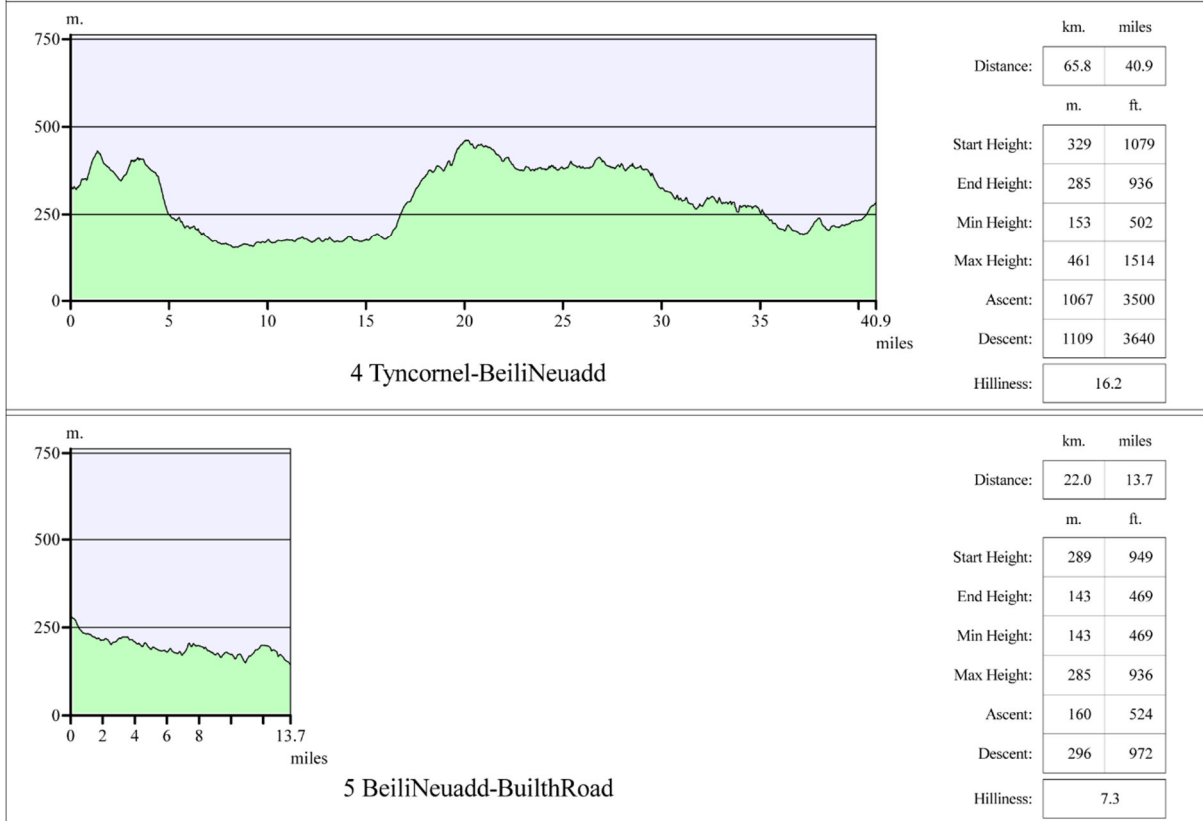


You can check distances and climbing from the profiles shown below, but you should bear in mind that cycling in the mid-Wales area is quite tough and you shouldn't make a direct comparison with cycling in Warwickshire.

The tour will be limited to 8-riders and I need to finalise numbers by 7<sup>th</sup> February to ensure we can secure the scarce accommodation in this remote area. To allow flexibility for anyone joining the tour at Builth Wells, I will ask you to book your own accommodation in Abergavenny and on the trains (see below) but I will book all the other accommodation for which I will require a £50 deposit, payable after I've confirmed your place on the tour.



## 2024-09 Mid-Wales Profiles



**Train times** according to May timetable as October times are not yet available. They give us an idea of frequency, which is important as we may have to stagger our journeys - it may not be possible for everyone to travel on the same train.

Saturdays: Coventry to Abergavenny changing at Birmingham New Street and Hereford.

10:06 – 13:04, 10:45 – 14:06, 11:45 – 14:56, 12:45 – 16:12, 13:45 – 17:08, 14:45 – 18:13

Sundays: Coventry to Builth Road changing at Birmingham International and Shrewsbury

09:38 – 14:02, 14:06 – 18:14

Thursdays: Builth Road to Coventry changing at Shrewsbury and Birmingham International

07:59 – 12:08, 11:22 – 15:08, 14:01 – 18:08, 16:36 – 20:23, 20:35 – 00:28

Please let me know if you are planning to join the tour at Abergavenny, or at Builth Wells.