

Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival 2024



Walk Name: Butterfly Habitat on Oldcastle Downs

Charge: £5 per adult

Walk Details:



OVERVIEW

Explore the Kingdom of the High Brown Fritillary Butterfly. While the butterfly won't be flying at this time of year, the walk will be an opportunity to explore Old Castle Down SSSI and the important mixture of flora that is essential to the success of the butterfly in this area. The High Brown Fritillary has declined 96% in its distribution and in Wales only a single colony remains. The species is now restricted to the Old Castle Down and Cwm Alun area in the Vale of Glamorgan, leaving it highly vulnerable to extinction. The butterfly won't be visible at the time of the walk but you will learn lots about the species and the habitat management including the importance of conservation grazing. Limited places available (25). Note this is a stop and talk walk.

Distance / terrain: 2 miles, fields some steep climbs

Date: Sunday 8th September 2024

Timing: Start: 10.00 **Return approx.** 12.00

Leader: Dot 07471 191669

Hospitality: Several venues for refreshments in nearby St Brides Major

JOINING

Meet at: St Brides Major (First cattle grid at entrance to village) CF32 0SA

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Bring: Water. Wear Strong shoes.

Restrictions: No unaccompanied children under 18. No Dogs

TRAVEL

Driving and Parking: Free on-road parking in St Brides Major. Please park responsibly.

Public Transport: Regular bus service. Contact. <https://traveline.cymru>

Booking Link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/valeways/t-vvqmkpx>