



Bench Seating



**Walk Category:**  
Medium - Level 2

**Route Number:**  
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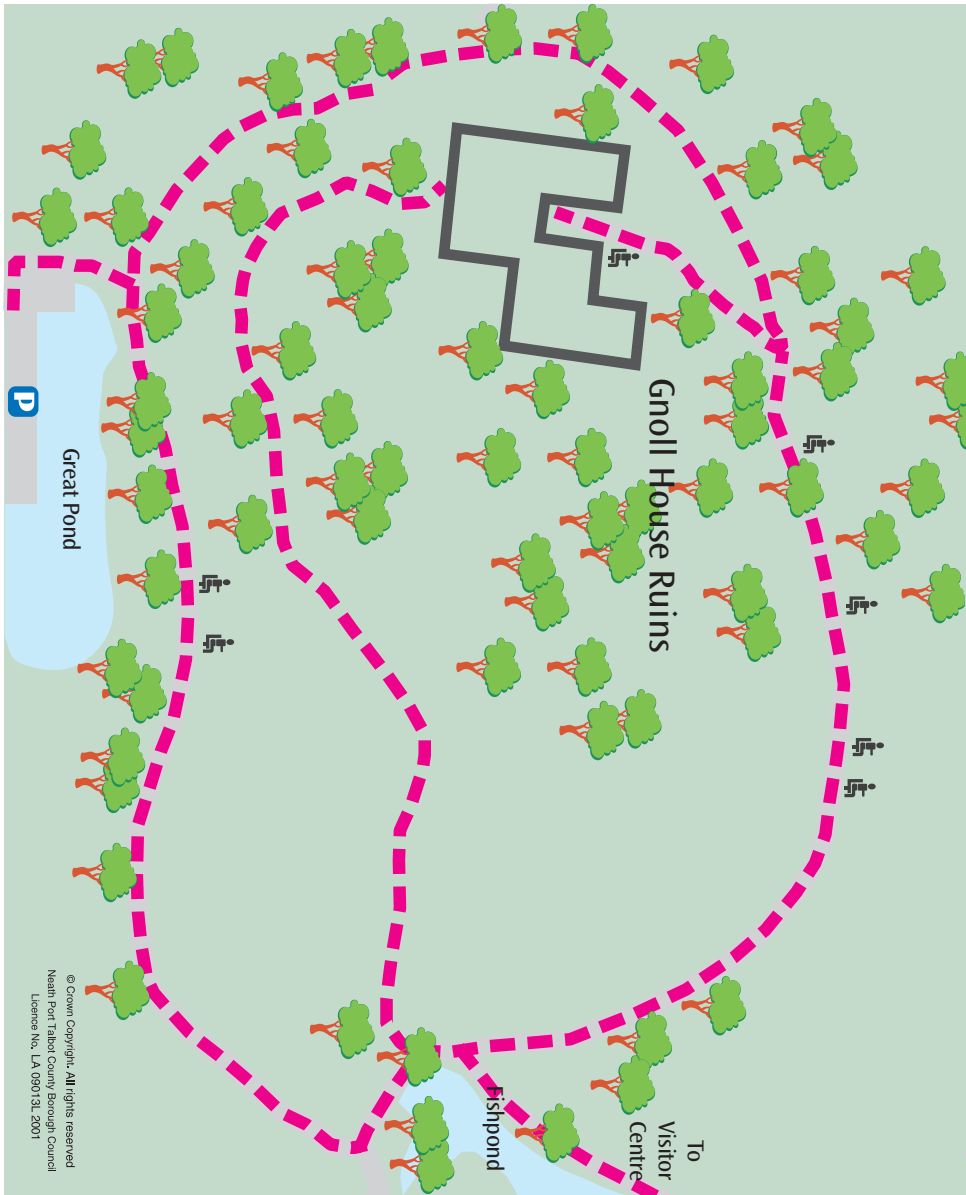
**Start Point:**  
Great Pond or the Fishpond

**Condition:**  
Fairly even underfoot with a short unsurfaced section

**Distance:**  
1500m (total)

**Time:**  
30mins overall

**KEY:-**



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## Around the Ruins Gnoll Estate Country Park

### About the walk

This is a level 2 walk through parkland and the arboretum within the grounds of the Gnoll Estate Country Park.

It is a circular route that starts from either the Great Pond (Bottom Pond) or the Fishpond. It is best to follow the route in a clockwise direction as this avoids the strenuous climb from the Great Pond to the Fishpond.

Most of the path has either tarmac or a stone surface, but there is a short unsurfaced section.

The walk takes you past the terrace walls with their huge buttresses - the oldest surviving construction on the Estate. It crosses what was once a walled garden where the remains of the fives court can be seen. Unfortunately, all that remains of the house are the cellars and the foundations.

Sir Humphrey Mackworth created the two ponds (together with the Guinea Pond) at the beginning of the 18th Century in order to provide a source of power for his extensive metalworking industries, some of which were sited along the Gnoll Brook.

Start at the Visitor Centre and follow the circular route marked  on the map. The route is signposted as   along the way.

### Facilities

The park offers a number of facilities and amenities, including toilets, which are accessible to disabled visitors. There is a cafe, outdoor seating area, children's play area and reception area where information and advice can be obtained from visitor centre staff.

### Location

From the A465 at Neath follow the brown signs for the Gnoll Estate.

### More information:

The Estate is open all year and offers free entry and car parking.

The Visitor Centre opens at 10am daily and closes at 4.30pm during the winter, 7pm in summer. For more information telephone the Visitor Centre on 01639 635808.

Bus Service - No. 153 / 163 Victoria Gardens to Fairyland Estate.



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