

# Welcome to the Brecon Beacons National Park



# The First National Parks



## NATIONAL PARKS

Britain's breathing spaces

0 100km



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# National Parks in the UK

- The Peak District National Park was the first- created in 1951
- The Brecon Beacons National Park was created in 1957



# National Parks in Wales



# What is a National Park?

- A large area of countryside managed by a National Park Authority- a public body which is funded by Government.
- An area of historic and beautiful landscape.
- The land is owned by a range of people and organisations



# Why National Parks?



- Conservation: history, culture, wildlife, natural beauty.
- Inform and Educate: promote public enjoyment and understanding
- Enhance well-being of local people

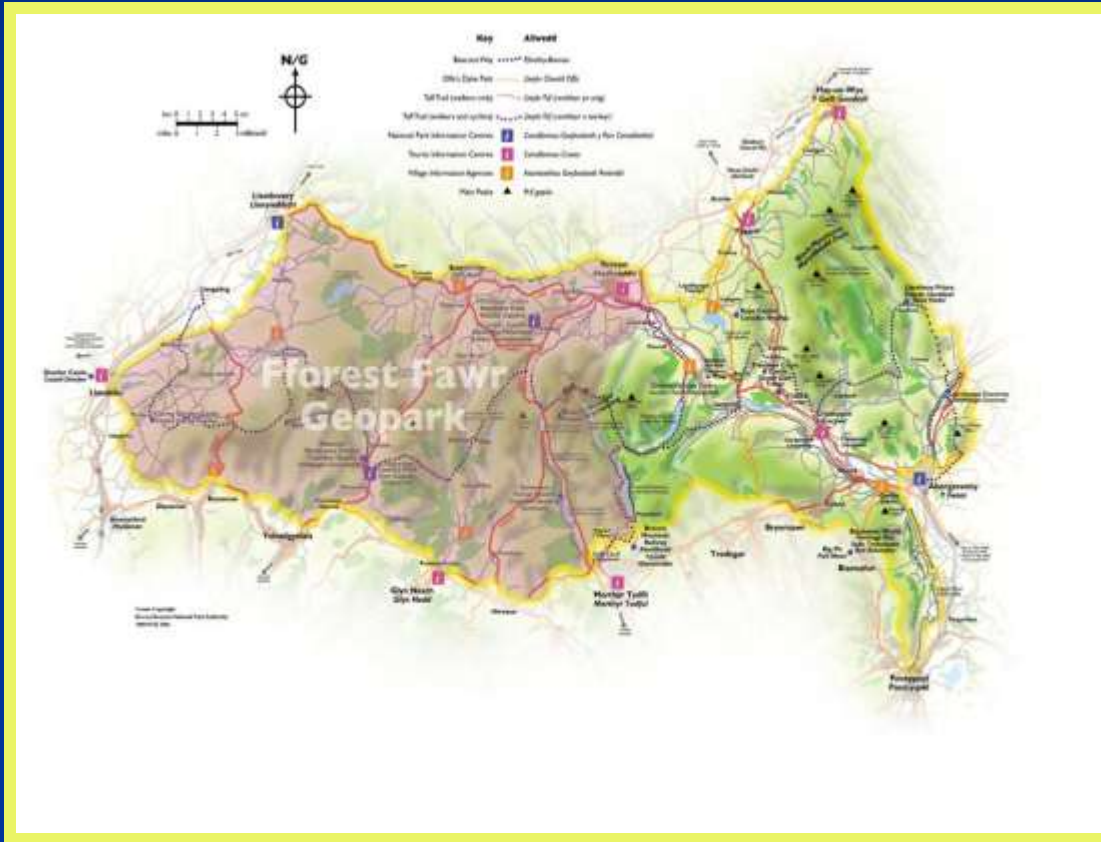


# The Brecon Beacons National Park



# Fforest Fawr Geopark

The western area of the Park has been designated a Geopark because of its unique geological history and contribution to our industrial development.





# Brecon Beacons Facts

- Population = approximately 33,000 people
- More than 90% of land is given over to farming/ forestry
- Nearly 1 million sheep
- Farming and tourism are the main industries in the Park
- The National Park gets 3.9 m visitors a year



# Habitats and Biodiversity

Lakes and  
reservoirs



Mountains  
and  
moorland



Rivers



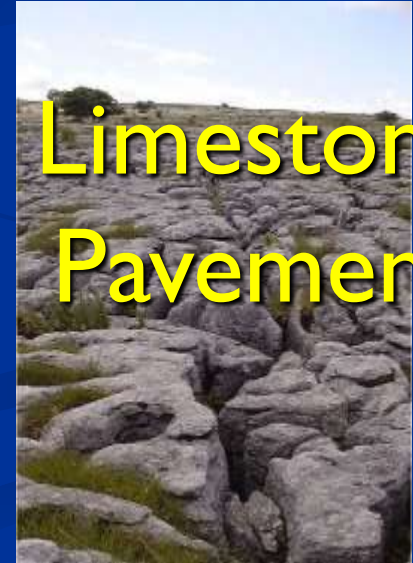
Woodland



Farmland



Limestone  
Pavement





Buzzard

Red Kite or Buzzard? Which is which?



Red Kite





# Lapwing





**Sundew**



# Polecat







**Otters**



**Purple Saxifrage**



**Ley's whitebeam – a tree that only occurs in the National Park ... and nowhere else in the world !!!!**



# Historic Places







# Activities in the Brecon Beacons



# National Park Destinations

■ Waterfalls Country	154,189
■ National Park Visitor Centre	142,167
■ Garwnant Visitor Centre	111,000
■ Pen y Fan (National Trust)	110,000
■ Craig-y-nos Country Park	97,808
■ Dan-yr-Ogof Showcaves	82,000
■ Llangorse Common	75,000
■ Carreg Cennen castle	19,650

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# Examples of NP user groups

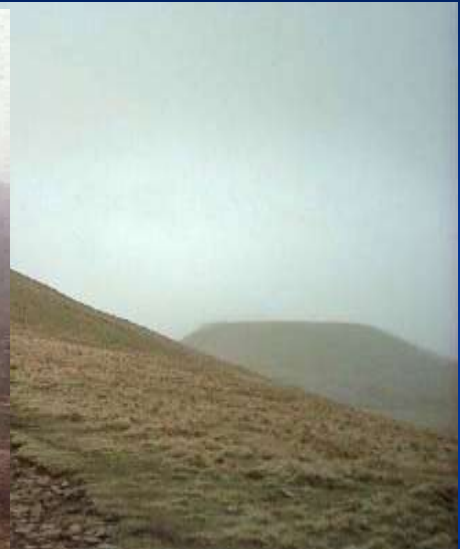


# Threats: Transport



# Threats: Walkers

## Erosion





# Threats: Off-roading



# Threats- climate change

- National Parks influence 10% of Britain's land area, 20% in Wales
- They are vulnerable to climate change because of their locations- high mountains, coasts, water





# Park Management-Wardens



Hedge Laying



Dry Stone Wall



# Park Management- Wardens





# Planning and Development



# What is Sustainable Development?

Improvement  
of lifestyles and  
wellbeing



Preserving natural  
resources and  
ecosystems on  
which we and  
future generations  
depend.

“Living for today with the future in mind”



# Sustainability in the National Park

- The National Park Authority aims to be as sustainable as possible and to encourage others to do the same.



Our 3 main Centres  
have all received an  
Eco- Centre Green  
Flag

# Sustainable Development Projects in the National Park

- Sustainable Development Fund-financially supports projects that develop ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living within the National Park
- Big Green Challenge
- Talybont on Usk sustainable village.



National Parks are a protected landscape.

"We do not inherit the world from our parents,  
we borrow it from our children."