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**What a Result!**

In the last 2 years over 10,000 learners have had fabulous outdoor experiences with the National Park Education Service, so why don’t you book a school trip with us now and find out what makes the National Park so special!

**Interested in visiting the Brecon Beacons National Park?**

**WHY NOT COME AND ENJOY ONE OF OUR MOST POPULAR NATIONAL PARK STAFF LED ACTIVITIES:**

**Educational Guided walk:**
Choose from a selection of different walks in the National Park adaptable for all abilities ranging from a gentle stroll across Mynydd Illtyd Common to an energetic walk to the top of Pen-y-fan taking in spectacular scenery along the way.

**Early Peoples’ Day**
An action-packed day studying the early settlers in the National Park, including a walk to an Iron Age Hill Fort. Enact a battle scene between the Romans and Celts, experience daily life as Celts and finally enjoy a feast to celebrate the fruits of your labour!

**Minibeast Hunting**
Come and discover the amazing life going on below your feet when you go on a woodland minibeast hunt and be amazed by how many creatures inhabit the rivers and streams. Best time to visit for this course is Spring & Summer.

**Sensational Stroll:**
Use your senses to build a relationship in feeling and understanding of the natural world.

**Mynydd Illtyd – a threatened environment?**
A case study investigating the biodiversity, visitor pressure, farming and the effects of climate change on this fragile and protected environment. Fieldwork and practical activities help students consider its importance and how it can be managed sustainably for the future.

**Investigating Autumn in the National Park**
Enjoy the spectacular autumn colours at Craig-y-nos Country Park and investigate how animals prepare for and survive the winter. Conduct experiments in the outdoors, take readings and record results. Then build on the knowledge and experience gained to refine techniques and results. Have fun using games to investigate sustainability and food chains. Learn about how people affect the environment and what we can do to look after it.

For a full list of courses run by the National Park Authority please visit our website at: [www.breconbeacons.org/learning/book-your-visit](http://www.breconbeacons.org/learning/book-your-visit) or call us on: 01874 620463.
Open Evening for Teachers

Want to learn more about teaching in the outdoors and what we have to offer?

Why not attend our open evening on the 29th September at Craig-y-nos Country Park.

The informal evening will begin at 4:30pm with refreshments and will last about an hour—you are welcome to stay longer if you wish to find out more.

After a brief introduction to the National Park, you will then have the opportunity to experience at first hand a selection of our educational outdoor activities, including a minibeast hunt and Earth Walk™ lead by a BBNPA Education Officer.

We will also discuss curriculum links and how these outdoor experiences can enhance your class topic, bringing learning to life.

To reserve your place or for more information please contact:

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Visit our website here:  http://www.breconbeacons.org/learning

Make a bug box with the assistance of your teacher or adult supervisor

Overview

Make a bug box for insects and give nature a helping hand within your garden. Using easy-to-find scraps of timber, old bamboo canes and old branches, it will cost you very little and provide the perfect habitat for beneficial insects such as spiders, ladybirds, lacewings and bees.

Can be made all year round Should take around 2 hours to complete

How to make your bug box

1. Make a simple box using scraps of untreated timber approximately 2cm thick. You will need four pieces of wood of equal length for the sides and one square piece for the back. Nail them together, leaving the front end open.

2. Cut hollow canes such as bamboo into short lengths to fit in your bug box. You could also drill holes in pieces of wood or branch, making your holes different sizes to suit different insects.

3. Fit the canes and wood into your box. Insects aren't fussy so you can make your box as rough and ready as you like.

4. Drill a hole into the back of your box and fix it on to a fence or arch using the self-tapping screw.
STAY CLOSE—Residential Educational visits in the National Park

Originally a farm house set in the heart of the Brecon Beacons, Danywenallt was first established as an Educational Residential Centre with the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority in 1977.

In 2004 the National Park Authority went into partnership with the YHA and has continued to grow and deliver an excellent educationally based service.

The centre continues to offer a wide range of activities to suit all groups and ages, offering residential visits from 2-5 days.

Set in the Talybont valley the Centre is surrounded by mountains, woodland, farmland and beautiful scenery offering a great location for children to enjoy and discover the great outdoors in a safe environment.

For more information on the centre, the courses offered, prices and location please visit: http://www.breconbeacons.org/learning/learning-centres or call us on 01874 620463 or email educationdept@breconbeacons.org

Investigating the National Park: places, environments and issues.

YHA Danywenallt National Park Study Centre, Talybont on Usk, Brecon LD3 7YS
Tuesday 5th October 2010
9.30 – 3.30

Aimed at KS2 teachers who wish to teach about National Parks and sustainability with a focus on the Brecon Beacons. An opportunity to support your planning, meet curriculum requirements and explore activities, resources and ideas to take back to school.

Participation in this FREE placement will enable teachers to:

- Learn about resources to investigate the Brecon Beacons National Park
- Support in preparing for a day out of the classroom.
- Gain hands on practical experience of a selection of KS2 courses run by the Park
- Learn about using the National Park as an outdoor classroom.

Participants should be prepared for outdoor activities—bring waterproofs and boots

To book your place please contact Carole Gledhill / Roland Wear – Careers Wales, The Lindens, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys. LD1 5EQ
Tel: 01597 – 825898   Fax: 01597 - 823988
Friday 24th - Sunday 26th September
Llandovery Sheep Festival 2010

Llandovery Market Square and Castle Fields

Events include:
* National Rare coloured Breeds mart
* Weaving/Spinning Demonstrations
* Sheep Shearing, Sheep dog trials competition
* Guided ‘drovers’ walk ‘Golden Shears’
* Royal Welsh Show winning mime act
* Opportunities to learn more about where wool comes from
* Local food including Baaa BQ!
* Themed local ales

Plus much more! Lots to see, do and find out! For more information see: Llandovery Sheep Festival. Suppported by Brecon Beacons National Park Authority in partnership with Llandovery and District Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday 25 September
10:00-13:30: Up the Allt – Guided Walk

A circular walk up through woodland looking at the National Park's work on the public rights of way to the top of the Allt, used by Iron Age settlers and Romans onwards, for one of the best viewpoints in the National Park, followed by an opportunity to lunch by Llangors Lake. Bring a packed lunch if you would like to do this!

Length, Grade & Ascent: 5.3m / 8.5km, Moderate, 230m.
Meet: Llangasty Village Hall (SO 122257). No charge.
Leaders: National Park Rights of Way Assistant, Avril Barnes and National Park Warden, Howard Morgan. Please phone us on 01874 623366 for more details and to let us know you are coming to help us give you a safe and enjoyable experience.

Saturday 2 October
Brecon Beacons Food Festival - Family Friendly Event

A great day out for the family with over 50 local food stalls in the Market Hall, Brecon.
For more details call Andrew Powell on 01874 624979.

Saturday 2 October: 11.00-15.00: Talybont’s Industrial Heritage – Guided Walk

Use towpaths and tramroads to take in stunning views of the Talybont and Usk Valleys. Accompanying the walk will be local historian John Jones who will provide an entertaining and fascinating insight into the rich cultural heritage of the area.

Length & Grade: 6m / 9.7km, Moderate.
Meet: Henderson Hall, Talybont on Usk (SO 112228).
Leaders: National Park Warden, Sam Ridge and National Park Rights of Way Assistant, Avril Barnes.
Please phone us on 01874 623366 for more details and to let us know you are coming to help us give you a safe and enjoyable experience.

Saturday 9 October
19:00-21:30 : Stargazing - Family Friendly Event

Cost: Adults £5.00, Children £3.00
Cardiff Astronomical Society will once again be hosting an evening of stargazing at the Visitor Centre. If skies are clear their telescopes will be focused on interesting phenomena in the night sky, or if cloudy there will be a range of talks and demonstrations indoors. Price includes parking and a light meal of soup and a roll. The event will run whatever the weather! Our stargazing events are very popular, so booking is essential.
For more information and to book a place contact us on 01874 623366.
**Saturday 9 October**

**09:30-16:30: Photo Friendly Wonderful Waterfalls – Guided Walk**

Have you been on a walk with friends, family or in groups where you have carried your camera all day and not taken a single shot? Wish you had more time to take some photos along the way without holding up the group? Well this walk is for you. Please note that this is not a photography course, but a walk where you have time to stop and take photos along the way. More experienced participants are encouraged to share ideas along the route so others can benefit and take away some rewarding images. The walk is open to all ages (12 yrs+) and levels of experience, whether it is the first time you have taken a camera out, whether you are an amateur, enthusiast or a pro. Participants can use any camera they wish whether it be digital or film, a point and shoot compact or SLR.

**Booking essential** as spaces are limited. Please phone 02920 408262.

**Length & Grade:** 7m / 11.5km, Energetic.

**Meet:** Waterfalls Centre, Pontneddfechan (SN 900 075).

**Leaders:** National Park Volunteers, Giles & Debbie Taylor

Please phone us on **01874 623366** for more details and to let us know you are coming to help us give you a safe and enjoyable experience.

**Geopark Event**

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**Sunday 10 October**

**09:45-15:30: Nordic Walking Day – Guided Walk**

Come along and have some fun trying out this enjoyable activity and take part in the largest Nordic Walking day in the UK with Age Cymru's International Nordic Walking Instructors at the National Park Visitor Centre.

**Booking Essential. Cost:** £3 per person or £5 for 2 people. For more details and to book a place call **01591 620689**.

These are partnership events between Age Cymru and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. Car parking charges apply.

**Geopark Event**

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**Saturday 16 October**

**10:00-17:00: A Beacons Circuit – Guided Walk**

Take in all the ‘high points’ of the Beacons on this walk over the tops of Corn Du and Pen y Fan, taking in the Tommy Jones’ Obelisk, the Upper Neuadd Reservoir and Craig Fan Ddu and learn a little about the glacial formations and local history along the way.

**Length, Grade & Ascent:** 10m / 16km, Strenuous, 800m.

**Meet:** Storey Arms car park on the A470, 8 miles south of Brecon (SN 982 203).

**Leaders:** National Park Volunteers, Wayne Qualter and TBC

Please phone us on **01874 623366** for more details and to let us know you are coming to help us give you a safe and enjoyable experience.

**Geopark Event**

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**Thursday 21 October**

**14:15-16:30: Brecon Town Past and Present – Family Friendly Guided Walk**

A town walk, visiting sites of distinction, discovering Brecon’s fascinating past and residents of renown. No dogs please.

**Length / Grade:** Approximately 2 miles / Access for all.

**Meet:** Canal Basin, Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon. Small charge for parking.

**Leaders:** National Park Volunteer Peter Brock and National Park Rights of Way Assistant, Avril Barnes.

Please phone us on **01874 623366** for more details and to let us know you are coming to help us give you a safe and enjoyable experience.

**Geopark Event**

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**Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 October**

**10:00-16:00 every day: Arts and Crafts Fayre - Family Friendly Event**

Free entry. Come and browse a wide selection of arts and crafts at the National Park Visitor Centre throughout the school half term. Many are made locally, and all are individually hand-made pieces to treasure. Car parking charges apply. For more information contact us on **01874 623366**.
Sarurday 23 to Sunday 31 October
Move to the Beat: Brecon Arts Week

Artbeat Brecon will be holding workshops, meet the artists, private views, music, and open studios during this week of art celebrations. Two additional events will also be held for the George Melly Sculpture Appeal - a 3D model of the proposed sculpture to celebrate the life of George Melly and his connection with Brecon will be unveiled and there will also be a fundraising art auction featuring the cream of contemporary and Welsh artists.

Sunday 7 November
09:00-13:00: Remembrance Day visit to a Wellington Bomber Crash Site – Guided Walk

A visit to the crash site of a Wellington Bomber R1465 for a Remembrance Day commemoration, followed by lunch at the Travellers’ Rest in Talybont-on-Usk. Please come suitably equipped for variable weather conditions.
Booking essential on 01591 620689. Please note that a deposit of £5 will be required for lunch.
Length, Grade & Ascent: 5.3m / 8.5km, Energetic, 490m.
Meet: Pont Blaen y Glyn car park (SO 063170).
Leaders: National Park Volunteer, Paul Derrick, Giles and Debbie Taylor.
Please phone us on 01591 620689 for more details and to let us know you are coming to help us give you a safe and enjoyable experience.

Monday 8 November to Friday 12 November
Autumn Colours and Fragrances – Guided Walks

Come and enjoy four days of superb walking in the stunning scenery of the Brecon Beacons with experienced leaders. Return from your walk to traditional Welsh cooked food in the cosy and friendly atmosphere of YHA Danywenallt National Park Study Centre a charmingly converted Welsh farm house, nestling below the Talybont Reservoir.
Prices: single £280 or twin £258 for four nights all inclusive
For more details call 0870 770 6136

Saturday 11 December to Monday 3 January
10:00-16:00 every day: Arts and Crafts Fayre - Family Friendly Event

Free entry. Come and browse a wide selection of arts and crafts at the National Park Visitor Centre throughout the school half term. Many are made locally, and all are individually hand-made pieces to treasure. Car parking charges apply. For more information contact us on 01874 623366.

For further listings of upcoming events please visit: