

Powys, Mid Wales

Take a trip to Wales and an adventure through Mid Wales and Powys is a must. Powys is by far the largest county in Wales with rolling green landscapes, spectacular valleys and impressive mountains. Encompassing the historic counties of Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire and most of Brecknockshire, as well as the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Two thousand square miles of breath-taking scenery and views along with idyllic market towns, there is a lot to explore and discover.

Pen Y Fan

Pen Y Fan is the highest peak in south Wales, standing at 886 metres (2,907 ft) above sea-level. Situated in the Brecon Beacons National Park, it is a popular destination for walkers. Pen Y fan roughly translates as "top spot".



DAYS OUT

Elan Valley dams and reservoirs

The dams and reservoirs of the Elan Valley offer a wonderful backdrop for cyclists, walkers and photographers. The reservoirs are a chain of man-made lakes created from damming the Elan and Claerwen rivers. They were built to supply regular clean water to Birmingham.



The Brecon Beacons National Park

The Brecon Beacons is full of grassy moorlands, heather-clad escapements and Old Sandstone peaks, softened by weather and time. Carved out in the Ice Age, it covers over 520 square miles.

There is so much to do in the National Park, from walking and hiking with trails covering over 100 miles seeing glacier lakes, waterfalls, castles and stunning views or something a little less energetic like fishing on the River Usk, where both trout and salmon can be found. There is pony trekking through thousands of kilometres of bridleways and Mountain biking in the Black Mountains, with 14 trails catering for the "hardcore" to the family friendly routes. Canoeing along the River Wye or caving in one of Europe's longest cave networks.

The Brecon Beacons have some of the UK's darkest skies and are perfect for stargazing. Staying out overnight and, if there are clear skies then constellations, distant planets and meteor showers can be seen.

PLACES TO STAY

Fforest Fields Caravan & Camp Site, Builth Wells

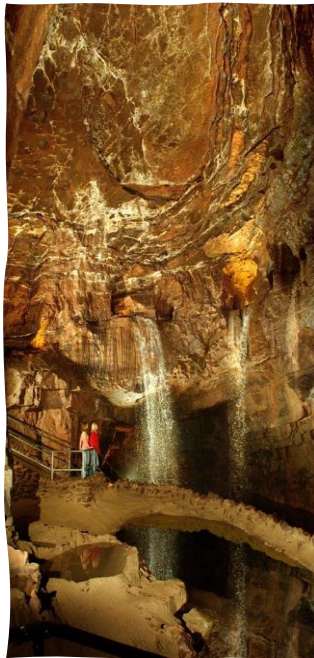
An award-winning, family-run caravan and camping site set amid the countryside of mid Wales, "a stunning campsite in a cracking location, great facilities and lovely people". Two lakes on site for paddleboarding, kayaking or fantastic walks in the surrounding countryside and spectacular views. We have stayed at Fforest Fields numerous times over the years and always found it welcoming and friendly, ideal for getting away from it all.



PLACES TO VISIT

National Showcaves Centre of Wales

On the edge of the Brecon Beacons, north east of Swansea, the National Showcave Centre has been voted as Britain's Finest Natural Wonder. A 17 kilometre cave system with three exceptional caves to experience – Dan-yr-Ogof, Cathedral Cave and Bone Cave offering a unique caving exploration adventure. Explore and discover the twisting passageways and caverns and visit the world's largest collection of life-size dinosaur models.



TOWNS TO VISIT



Newtown, Powys

Newtown is the largest town in Powys and sits either side of the River Severn. The origins of the town can be dated back to 1279 when Edward I granted his ally Roger De Mortimer permission to build a market town in the area. The motte and bailey fortification can still be seen today.

The town saw massive growth in the 19th century when Newtown became a centre of the textile industry, mainly due to the Montgomeryshire Canal. Spinning, weaving and quilt making produced great wealth in the area.

Take a visit to the Newtown Textile Museum.

SEE THIS

Pistyll Rhaeadr

Means "spring of the waterfall" and is a waterfall 4 miles from the village of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant in Powys. It is regarded as one of the Seven Wonders of Wales and is a site of Special Scientific Interest.



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