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Dark Sky Festival

20 September 2025

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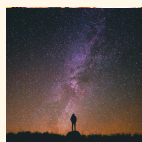


Discover the wonders of our Dark Sky Reserve

Join us for our annual celebration of all things celestial in the heart of Bannau Brycheiniog National Park.

On Saturday 20 September our Visitor Centre in Libanus will come alive with a full day and evening of inspiring talks, activities, stargazing sessions, and immersive planetarium experiences - all set against one of the best backdrops for dark sky discovery in the UK.

Whether you're a seasoned astronomer or simply love the beauty of a starry sky, our Dark Sky Festival offers something for everyone.



Friday 19

8PM

Astrophotography

£65

Spend the night under the stars with experienced astrophotographer, Dafydd Wyn Morgan. Participants will visit three locations to photograph different compositions with the Milky Way and other celestial objects.



Friday 19

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Saturday 20

7.30PM

Bat Walk in Brecon

£10

Listen to the bat calls with Little Wing Ecology's Yvette Amos. Watch them fly, forage and hunt. Learn about Welsh bat species and why dark spaces are so important for these essential creatures.



10AM

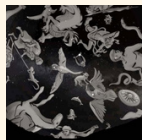
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1.30PM

Guided Walk to Twyn y Gaer

£10

Discover the stories of our landscape on this two-hour guided walk to visit Twyn y Gaer, site of an Iron Age hillfort. Enjoy stories of the land, learn about local flora and fauna, and take time to soak in the stunning scenery.



11AM

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3PM

Myths and Legends in the Sky

£7.50

Uncover the timeless myths and stories of the stars passed down through generations. Learn to identify major constellations, discover the meaning of the zodiac and how our ancestors used the sky to understand their world.

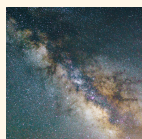


11.30AM

The Harvard Computer

£6

Expert Talk with Stephen Webber, Cardiff Astronomical Society. This is the untold story of the women whose hard work and dedication led to numerous discoveries in the world of astronomy at the end of the 19th century.



12PM

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2PM

The Night Sky in Autumn

£7.50

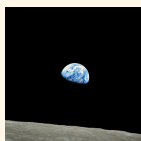
As the days of summer become just a memory, you can look forward to the longer nights of Autumn. Join us in this presentation as we show you how to recognise the constellations, the Milky Way, planets and much more.



12.30PM Journey to the Moon

£6

Expert Talk with Wayne Jones Heads of the Valleys Astronomical Society. Arguably mankind's greatest ever achievement. This is the story of that incredible journey and the people involved.



1PM

Journey Around the Solar System

£7.50

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4PM

Planetarium show. Using state-of-the-art computer graphics, we will visit all 8 planets and view them in wonderful immersive detail. Discover our position in the cosmos and be amazed at the beauty and wonder of our own planet as a speck in the vast expanse of space.



1.30PM

Telescope and Binocular Surgery

£1

Telescope and binocular surgery with Andrew Lohfink, Usk Astronomical Society. There'll be information on how to get the most from your equipment, as well as advice on what to buy to best suit your needs.

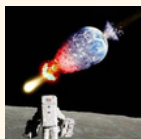


2.30PM

The Mystery of Meteorites

£6

Did you know the great majority of meteorites are of the same age - around 4.6 billion years old! Lynda Patchin, Usk Astronomical Society, will showcase real meteorite specimens explaining how they help us understand the formation of our solar system.

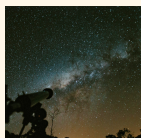


3.30PM

Surviving Armageddon

£6

Armageddon, the End of Days, the final extinction of humanity...or is it? Philip Wallace, Cardiff Astronomical Society, looks at why impact events are deadly, the odds of them occurring, and how we might be able to cling tenaciously to life after all.



7PM

The Ultimate Stargazing Event

£20

Join us for a three-part adventure across our universe. Be transported in our much-loved planetarium, where constellations and ancient legends come alive. Hear from our expert speakers and explore the night sky alongside our astronomers using powerful telescopes.

Programme

All Day Events



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We've got a jam-packed day of exciting, free activities, perfect for the whole family!

10AM - 4PM Nature by Night (ages 3 - 12)

Learn about our magical dark skies and unique nocturnal wildlife. Create your own camouflaged moth or take part in our Silhouette Spotter Challenge!

Solar Gazing

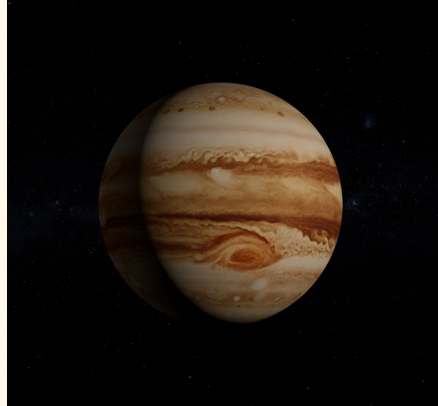
Discover our nearest star with Cardiff Astronomical Society and Bridgend Astronomical Society. Solar telescopes will be set up to view the sun safely (weather permitting).

11AM - 4PM Hedgehog Helpline

Hedgehogs used to be a familiar visitor to our gardens, but there's been a dramatic decline of 95% since the 1950s. Learn from the team at Hedgehog Helpline about how you can help protect this important species.

Carmarthen Cameras

The experts from Carmarthen Cameras will be providing advice and guidance on telescopes, cameras, binoculars and more!



National Park Visitor Centre

You'll always find a warm welcome at our National Park Visitor Centre. The team of friendly and knowledgeable Information Officers are on hand all year round to help you make the most of your visit to Bannau Brycheiniog National Park.

Getting here

The Visitor Centre is just 5 minutes off the A470 at the village of Libanus. When you enter the village look out for the brown directional sign for the National Park Visitor Centre. The nearest post code is LD3 8ER but make sure you follow the signs as you get closer.

Facilities include a café, toilets, children's play area, gift shop, parking and EV charging.

Ticket price does not include parking.

Booking Information

Tickets for all events can be booked online.

Visit [www.bannaubrycheiniog.org/events](https://bannaubrycheiniog.org/events) or scan the QR code below to find out more and book.



<https://bannaubrycheiniog.org/event/dark-sky-festival-2>

For more information on our Dark Sky Festival, please contact the National Park Visitor Centre:

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