



Bannau  
Brycheiniog

# Outdoor Learning in Bannau Brycheiniog National Park

For Primary, Secondary and Higher Education



# Outdoor Learning

Our education days provide an opportunity to enhance the core purposes and develop the areas of learning and experience of the Curriculum for Wales.

- Expressive Arts
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Health and Well-being
- Humanities
- Science and Technology
- Languages, Literacy and Communication.

Activities also incorporate opportunities to develop cross curricular skills outlined in the Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) and Digital Competency Framework (DCF).

Cost: £6 per pupil  
Minimum charge: £75 per group  
10AM - 2.30PM

Contact our Education Team for more information and to tailor your visit.

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## National Park Ambassador Schools

We have a range of engaging Primary School resources to support teachers to embed outdoor learning within the school.

Help your pupils become confident using their school grounds, local area and their National Park. Become a National Park Ambassador School today!

Scan the QR Code below to learn more about our Ambassador Schools programme:



<https://bannau.wales/learning/ambassador-schools>

# National Park Visitor Centre

Libanus, LD3 8ER

Our Visitor Centre near Libanus offers panoramic views across to the Central Beacons. The Centre provides easy access to a mountain experience and extensive grounds, while also within close reach of facilities including a classroom, outdoor play area, café, toilets and Changing Places pod.



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# Craig-y-Nos Country Park

Penycae, SA9 1GL

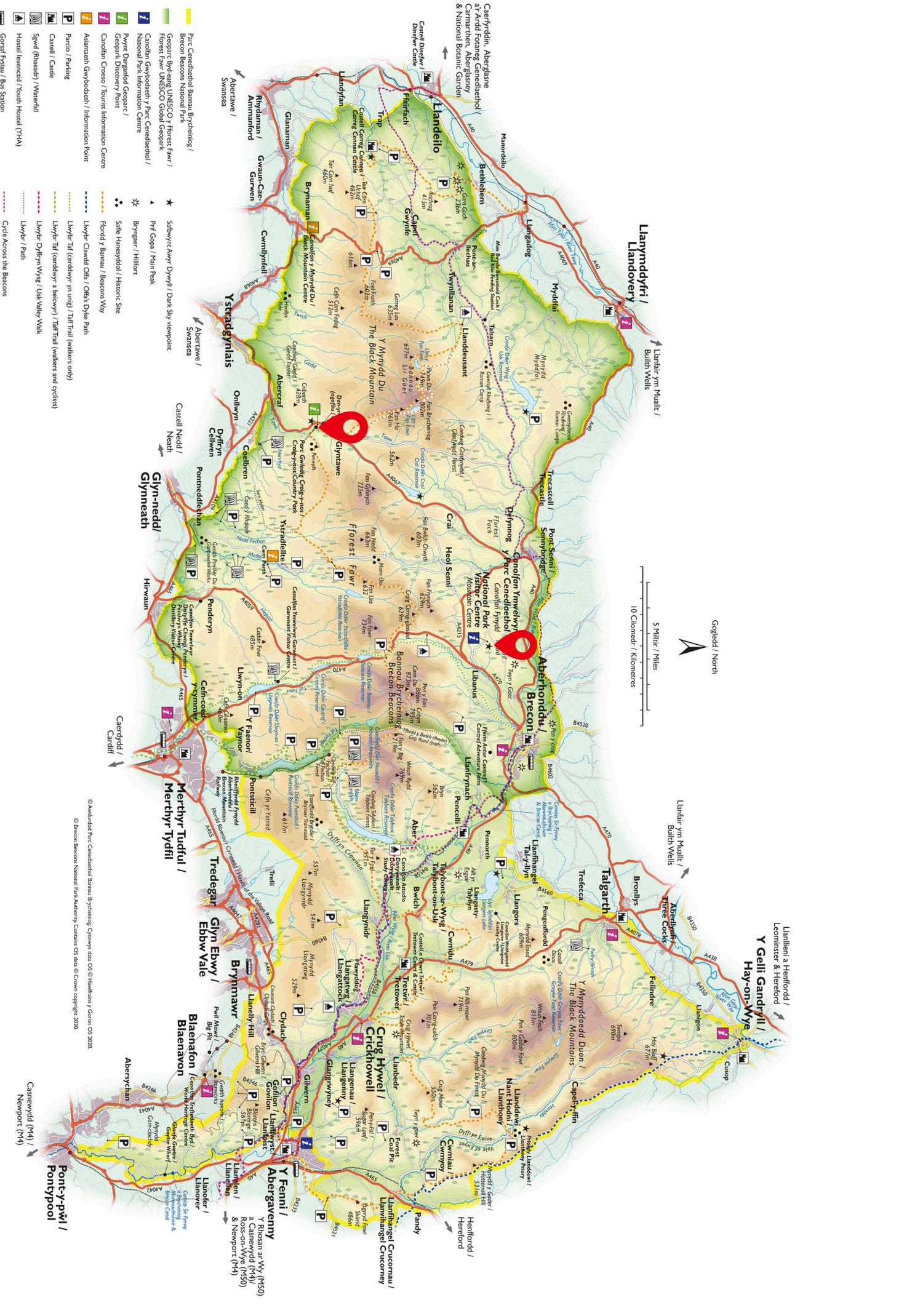
Craig-y-Nos Country Park is in a sheltered location just off the A465 in the upper Swansea valley. This 40 acre site is the perfect place to explore with woodlands, meadows, rivers and upland all within easy access of indoor and outdoor teaching spaces.



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# Fforest Fawr Geopark

A park within a park, Fforest Fawr Geopark covers the western half of the National Park. A UNESCO Global Geopark, Fforest Fawr is not just about rocks and geology - our geopark celebrates the area's history and archaeology, the natural and human life within its boundaries.



Gogledd / North



5 Millier / Miles  
10 Cilmerid / Kilometres

- Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park
- Geoparc Byrd-eang UNESCO y Forest Fawr / National Park UNESCO Global Geopark
- Canolfan Gwybodaeth y Parc Cenedlaethol / National Park Information Centre
- Pwynt Darganfod Geoparc / Geopark Discovery Point
- Canolfan Cwrsos / Ffônfrin Information Centre
- Astudiaeth Gwybodaeth / Information Point
- Parcno / Parking
- Castell / Castle
- Sgwrs (Rhaeadr) / Waterfall
- Hotel (Rhaeadr) / Youth Hostel (YHA)
- Gorllwng Pysiau / Bus Station

- ★ Sarnywyr Awyr Dywyll / Dark Sky viewpoint
- ▲ Prif Gasa / Main Peak
- ★ Brynager / Hillfort
- ★ Safle Hanesyddol / Historic Site
- Ffordd y Bannau / Beacons Way
- Llwybr Cwlad Offr, Offr's Dyke Path
- Llwybr Tâl (cenddwyr yn unig) / Taff Trail (walkers only)
- Llwybr Tâl (cenddwyr a belediwr) / Taff Trail (walkers and cyclists)
- Llwybr Dyffryn Wylg / Ullk Valley Walk
- Llwybr / Path
- Cycle Across the Beacons

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Casnewydd (M4) / Newport (M4)

# Discovery Days: Courses



## Progression Steps 1-3 (Primary)

### Woodland Animals and their Homes

Who lives here and what do they need to survive? Pupils will investigate habitats for creatures to live and thrive.

### Nature Art

Ignite your senses with the sights, sounds and smells of Y Bannau Brycheiniog. These hands on, active sessions allow learners to explore and develop their creative and imaginative skills. Activities are accessible for all and promote a greater connection with nature and wellbeing.

### Myths and Legends

This interactive day allows learners to discover one of the Myths and Legends of Bannau Brycheiniog. Having listened to the 'Lady of the Lake' learners will retell and sequence the story using natural objects and their creativity. Combined with an exciting walk into the dramatic, ancient landscape, learners will be inspired to create their own myth or legend.

### Iron Age Peoples Day (Visitor Centre only)

A hands on learning day both indoors and out. With a variety of resources pupils will learn about the Celtic way of life using artefacts, clay, corn grinding, badge making and more. Pupils will walk to a hill fort to learn about the history of this area.

### Discovery Walk

Discover one of Wales' three National Parks and find out why Bannau Brycheiniog is a protected landscape. On this guided walk experience our outstandingly beautiful area first-hand. This walk takes in varied terrain, historic sites and panoramic views. There is an opportunity along the route to discuss and experience the challenges in managing this protected area for the benefit of wildlife and people.

### Map and Compass

Through careful study of local and OS maps, learners will be introduced to basic map and compass skills. Spatial thinking is developed allowing learners to visualise locations through understanding the symbols that represent the physical world. Pupils will then implement these navigational skills in the surrounding area.



### **Orienteering - Craig-y-nos only**

Develop problem-solving skills and collaborative decision making while orienteering around our beautiful Country Park. Pupils will learn how to orientate a map using landscape features and use a key to understand map colours and common symbols. This is an exciting outdoor activity which exercises both body and mind.

### **Investigating Rivers - Craig-y-nos only**

Learners will visit the stunning upper Swansea valley and Tawe catchment. Using fieldwork equipment learners will measure and collect data from the upper and middle courses of the River Tawe. They will have the opportunity to compare how the river changes.

With the increasing threat of climate change, learners will observe how we are managing flooding and increasing biodiversity by creating natural river management methods.

Available March to October.

### **Investigating Trees and Woodland Habitat**

Through investigation and interactive games, learners will explore native woodlands. Working collaboratively, learners will use ID charts, equipment and numeracy skills to carry out fieldwork, measuring height, age and carbon store of trees.

### **Shelter Building**

Challenge your class to work collaboratively to use their problem-solving skills and critical thinking to build a shelter. Learners will be given the resources to create their shelters using a variety of knots promoting both gross and fine motor skills.

### **Bug Hunting and Pond Dipping**

Get active and hands on in the fresh air and discover what lives in the contrasting habitats of our National Park. Using a variety of fieldwork skills learners will identify, record, classify and compare species. We also look at food chains and use data to understand more about the creatures which make their home in the National Park.

### **Geocaching**

With this activity, learners are introduced to Bannau Brycheiniog, notable Welsh explorers and navigation skills. During this engaging activity, learners will develop their map and digital technology skills (using GPS units). Learners will develop their understanding of position, direction and distance to work together to locate hidden caches.



# Secondary School Visits

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## **Fieldwork Study (Craig-y-nos only)**

Learners will carry out fieldwork in the upper and lower courses of the River Tawe. Learners will discover how the National Park is using natural methods to reduce the impacts of flooding and climate change. Learners will have the opportunity to collect and analyse the data from the Natural Resource Wales flood warning stations. This vital data informs and improves flood management in the area. Learners will find out more about our #LoveOurRivers campaign.

## **Transition and team building days**

Supporting resilience, confidence and well-being, outdoor activities include shelter building, orienteering, geocaching, mindfulness, art and sensory activities. These days help develop life skills whilst also building a better understanding of the people, places, nature, water and climate of our National Park.

## **Visitor Management in the National Park**

Investigate the importance and challenges of visitors to the National Park. Learners will explore the impacts of visitors to the National Park, undertaking a variety of fieldwork to gather data including a footpath erosion study. Discuss how farming, past, present and future, has shaped the landscape. Discover how the National Park is working towards nature recovery and Net Zero targets for 2035.

## **Glaciation Study Fieldwork**

Join our Geopark Development Officer at Craig-y-nos Country Park and in the upper Swansea valley. Under expert guidance, learners undertake a variety of fieldwork to understand how glacial processes have shaped the land.



# School Outreach

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## Discovery walks in Bannau Brycheiniog National Park

Our Education Team can support guided walks in suitable locations in the National Park including the Waterfalls area and the Black Mountains. Contact us for more information.



# Residential Centre for Outdoor Learning

YHA Brecon Beacons, LD3 7YS

Nestled near the Talybont on Usk reservoir with immediate access to the Taff Trail, bridleways, footpaths and hills, Danywenallt is a converted farmhouse which provides a wonderful base for our high quality residential courses.

## Activities

- Welcome to the National Park
- Team building games
- Survival team challenge
- Upland hill walk
- Sensational stroll
- Geocaching
- Map and compass
- Canal and river walk

Food and housekeeping provided by the YHA. Stay for 2 nights or longer.

## Cost

Activities cost per day:  
£15.00

## Contact

Contact the Education Team for more information and to tailor your visit:

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# Further Information

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## Transport Funding

We have funding available to help support schools in Wales with their transport costs for a visit to one of our Centres.

Funding is available on a first come first served basis, for Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority led activities only and is calculated on the basis of the school's Free School Meals percentage.



For further information on our learning centres, education resources and outreach programme please contact our Education Team. We are happy to discuss learning requirements with schools to ensure that you get the most from your visit.

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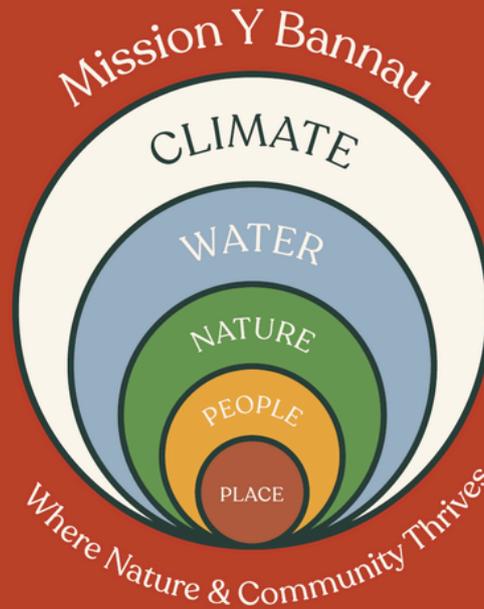
or visit our website:  
<https://bannau.wales/learning/>

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# Y Bannau

The Future



## Five inter-connected missions



### Climate

Reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions across Bannau Brycheiniog National Park by 2035.



### Water

Clean, safe, resilient, plentiful water resources and water environments by 2030.



### Nature

Nature positive Bannau Brycheiniog National Park by 2030.



### People

Living, working, visiting safely, equitably and sustainably.



### Place

Beautiful, thriving and sustainable places. Celebrated for their natural and cultural heritage, now and forever.



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