

# Monmouthshire & Brecon



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## Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal

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The canal meanders its way through the Brecon Beacons National Park for 36 miles with remarkable diversity of scenery and countryside often following the magnificent River Usk.

This canal is considerably quieter than others, as it is isolated from the main canal network. It is arguably one of the most picturesque canals as it offers glorious views of the Brecon Beacons along the way. The canal clings to the mountainside and brings about its uniquely shallow levels.

Goytre Wharf itself, the name meaning 'place in the woods', was once used to supply coal to the nearby estate. Lime kilns remain as well as an aqueduct dating from 1812. There is a licensed restaurant at the Wharf and is a popular place for visitors.

Pontymoile at one end of the canal was once a place thriving with activity with its warehouses and neighbouring industry and is now a convenient mooring place for Pontypool Leisure Centre with its swimming pool and dry ski slope. Between here and the interesting old market town of Brecon at the other end the canal passes close to many delightful towns and villages worth visiting:

Moor at Llangattock and visit Crickhowell a wonderful Georgian town, with excellent shopping and good food. The name is from the Anglicised form of Crug Hywel, the rampart and ditch stronghold of Hywel Dda – now known as Table Mountain, which overlooks the town.

The town has a 13th century castle and a 17th century bridge (with more arches on one side than the other!)

Picturesque Talybont-on-Usk rests below the Central Brecons between the Usk and the Canal. Nearby Talybont Reservoir offers bird watching, trout fishing and easy walks to the waterfalls at Blaen y Glyn.

Brecon is a charming old market town and one of the most historic settlements in Wales. Brecon is a popular holiday destination, affording some of the best views of the Brecon Beacons themselves and Pen y Fan – the highest point in Southern Britain at 886m.

There is something for everyone as Brecon is home to a cathedral, theatre, cinema, castle ruins and stunning Georgian architecture. Brecon is a great place to explore the National Park with walking routes, cycle hire and ponytrekking all available.



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# short breaks



Weekends: Friday to Monday (3 nights)  
Midweek: Monday to Friday (4 nights)

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You can choose a leisurely lock-free cruise with fine views along the dramatic Usk Valley by turning below the lock at Llangynidr village, or if you want the experience of locking the boat, you can turn just above the first lock.

## Talybont-on-Usk & return

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This trip takes you further up the canal climbing 5 gorgeous locks passing through the Ashford Tunnel to the village of Talybont-on-Usk where you can still see the Wharf with its lime kilns and the old tramroad up the side of the mountain.



Keen hikers will use their boat as a floating base, with easy access to a huge number of walks and routes all along this canal.