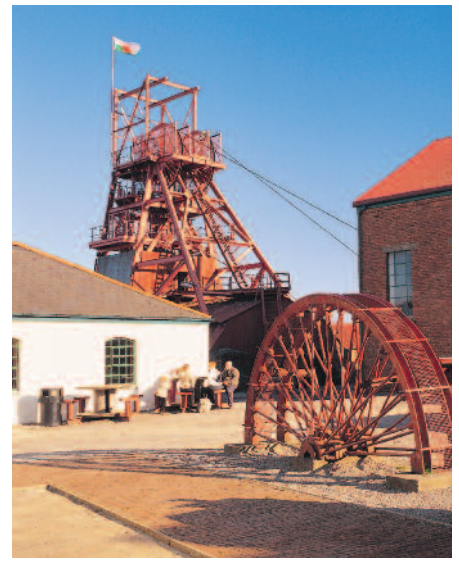


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## Historical Places – Big Pit National Coal Museum

Enjoy an exciting day out at Big Pit National Coal Museum which is situated within the Blaenavon World Heritage Site and is part of the former Big Pit Colliery.

Experience the world famous tour which takes you 300 feet underground with a real miner to see what it was like for the thousands of men who worked at the coal face. On the surface you can visit the original colliery buildings including the Fan House, Blacksmith's Forge, and Stables and winding Engine House. The Pithead Baths have also been restored showing where miners began and ended their shifts. You can also visit the traditional mining exhibition in the Baths building and take a virtual tour through a modern mine.



### Sample Itinerary

- 10.15 am Arrive at museum.
- 10.30 - 11.00 am Underground guided tour of mine.
- 12.15 pm Lunch.
- 1.00 pm Explore museum exhibitions and original colliery buildings.
- 2.00 pm Experience virtual tour of a modern mine.
- 2.30 pm Depart for home or visit Blaenavon Ironworks (Itinerary No.8).



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**Where is it?** Big Pit is signposted from Blaenavon. Blaenavon is south east of Brynmawr and north of Pontypool. Explorer Map OL 13 or Landranger Map 161: SO 249 092. Contact Big Pit: 01495 790311 or go to [www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/bigpit](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/bigpit) or Blaenavon World Heritage Centre on 01495 742333 or visit [www.world-heritage-blaenavon.org.uk](http://www.world-heritage-blaenavon.org.uk)

**Facilities:** Free admission. Guided underground tours, multimedia tour of a modern coal mine, museum exhibitions, canteen/restaurant, coffee shop open during peak season and a gift shop offering souvenirs and books. Toilets are on all levels except underground. Free coach and car parking. Big Pit is open daily between 9.30am and 5pm. Underground tours run every 15-20 mins from 10am to 3.30pm and last about an hour. Please check for winter opening times: Tel: 01495 790311.

**Planning your visit:** Children need to be over one metre tall to go underground and any children under 16 years old should be accompanied by an adult at all times. Groups of 10 or more and wheelchair users should book in advance for underground tours. An access guide is available by phoning 01495 790311.

**Public Transport:** By bus - Beacons Bus Service B5, B12, B15 (Bank Holidays & Sundays throughout the summer: Tel: 01873 853254) – see the Transport pages at [www.visitbreconbeacons.com](http://www.visitbreconbeacons.com). See also

[www.traveline-cymru.info](http://www.traveline-cymru.info) or call 0871 2002233.

Stagecoach Red & White X30 service runs daily from Newport (service runs directly to Big Pit from Mar-Nov) [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) or Tel: 0870 6082608. By Bike - NCN 46 runs close by.

**Nearby Attractions:** Abergavenny Castle & Museum (9), Blaenavon World Heritage Centre (8), Blaenavon Ironworks, Pontypool & Blaenavon Steam Railway.

### Itinerary Locations

- 1 Brecon Beacons National Park Visitor Centre
- 2 Waterfall Country
- 3 Brecon Mountain Railway
- 4 **Big Pit National Coal Museum**
- 5 Taff Trail, near Brecon

- 6 Goytre Wharf, near Abergavenny
- 7 Llangorse Lake, near Brecon
- 8 Blaenavon Ironworks & Heritage Centre
- 9 Abergavenny Castle & Museum
- 10 Garwnant Visitor Centre



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