

3 Trip on a Steam Train – Brecon Mountain Railway

For a great day out why not take a trip on a vintage steam locomotive across this narrow gauge heritage railway that runs beside Pontsticill and Pentwyn Reservoirs.

The former Brecon & Merthyr junction railway takes you through beautiful scenery into the Brecon Beacons National Park along the full length of the Taf Fechan Reservoir to Dol-y-Gaer. At Pontsticill you can visit the cafe, admire the view across the water to the peaks of the Brecon Beacons and go for a ramble alongside the reservoir. There is also a play area here for children.

On your return to Pant, visit the workshop where old steam locomotives are repaired or follow the new footpath to a picnic site which has an amazing panoramic view of the valley.



Sample Itinerary

10.00 am	Arrive for morning or day out at Pant Station.
11.00 am	Train departs. (there are several departures daily - timetables can be found at www.breconmountainrailway.co.uk/timetable)
11.35 - 11.55 am	Stop at Pontsticill Station for refreshments.
11.55 am	Train returns to Pant Station for lunch and departure or alternatively remain at Pontsticill for lunch and a walk. Return on later train.
2.35 pm	Train returns to Pant Station – visit the workshop.
3.30 pm	Depart for home.



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Where is it? Brecon Mountain Railway – Pant Station is on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park, 3 miles/5km north of Merthyr Tydfil and south of Pontsticill reservoir. Follow the train symbol on the brown signs from the A470 and A465. OS Grid Reference: Explorer Map OL12 or Landranger Map 160 - SO 059 097.

Facilities at Pant Station:

- Licensed Café • Gift Shop • Picnic Area • Toilets (including disabled facilities) • Large free car and coach park • One railway carriage has been designed to carry wheelchairs. There is an internal ramp from the booking office to the gift shop and platform.

Facilities at Pontsticill Station:

- Snack Bar • Picnic Area • Play Area • Toilets.

Opening times: Pant Station opens at 9.30am from Easter to October 31st. The railway is open every day from 1st June to 31st August. During the remaining months there are a few days when the railway is shut. There are special reduced fares for groups and school visits – advanced booking is required. A special service operates in December where Father Christmas will meet the train and distribute presents to the children.

Public Transport: Train - nearest mainline station is at Merthyr Tydfil 3 miles / 5km to south.

Bus - Beacons Bus Service

(Bank Holidays & Sundays throughout the summer. Tel: 01873 853254) - see the Transport pages at www.visitbreconbeacons.com and bus route 35 from Merthyr Tydfil.

www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables/35jan08.pdf
Bike - NCN 8 runs close by.

Nearby Attractions: Garwnant Visitor Centre (10), Central Beacons mountain range including Pen y Fan and Corn Du, Penderyn Quarry Line, Taff Trail (5).



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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