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Day at the Lake - Llangorse near Brecon

Llangorse Lake is the largest natural lake in the southern half of Wales and was created by glaciers during the last Ice Age.

The lake is fed by water running off the surrounding hills and is home to a diverse range of plants and animals. The lake is also home to a 9th Century artificial island, known as the Crannog which has a small accessible visitor centre in the style of a thatched, round house.

The grassy common alongside Llangorse Lake is a popular picnic site and often grazed by horses, sheep and sometimes cattle. It is the ideal place to mess about in boats, take a gentle stroll or watch the bird life. Enjoy the Lake Trail which runs from the western end of the lake to Llangasty Church. The route is mostly flat and is stile-free with way marks and information boards at various points. For those wishing to have a go on the water there are permits for water sports including sailing, rowing and canoeing available at the Lakeside Shop.



Sample Itinerary

- 10.30 am Arrive at Llangorse Lake.
- 10.45 am Enjoy some water based activities on the lake or head off for a leisurely walk around the Lake Trail (50 mins each way).
- 12.30 - 1.30 pm Picnic lunch or lunch at the restaurant.
- 1.45 pm Explore other areas of the site such as the replica Crannog and shop.
- 2.30 pm Depart for home via Brecon for some afternoon shopping and refreshments.



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Where is it? Llangorse Lake is signposted on the B4560 halfway between Talgarth and Bwch and from the A40 1.5km east of Brecon. Explorer Map OL13 or Landranger Map 161 - SO 128 275. Nearest main town: Brecon. Follow the brown tourism signs for Llyn (Lake).

Facilities: There's a shop and National Park Information Point stocking a host of local information, a cafe and toilets, a bird hide and an attractive viewing platform with displays about the Crannog and the wildlife that can be seen. Toilets, including disabled access, are close to the road leading to the lake. Visitor parking is close to the edge of the lake. Boat hire and fishing are available. Please see www.llangorselake.co.uk or Tel: 01874 658226. There are tarmac and hard surfaced paths leading over the common and to the edge of the lake.

Opening times: Access to the lakeside and adjacent common ground is free and open all year round. Lakeside Camping and Caravan site is open from Easter (April) until end of October.

Public Transport:

By train – nearest station is Abergavenny which is approximately 14 miles away. www.thetrainline.com
By bus - Beacons Bus Service (Bank Holidays & Sundays throughout the summer: Tel: 01873 853254 – see the Transport pages at www.visitbreconbeacons.com) stops at the Lakeside restaurant.

Nearby Attractions: Llangorse Multi Activity Centre, Brecon Cathedral, National Park Visitor Centre (1), Hay on Wye.



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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