

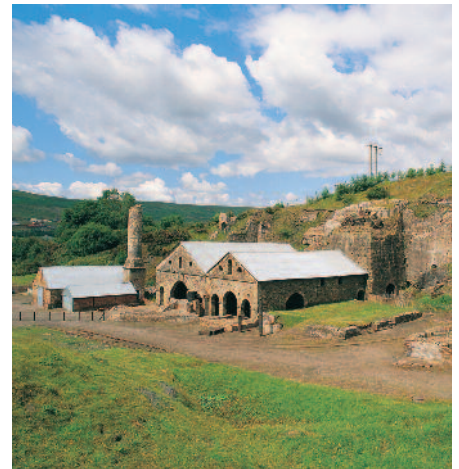
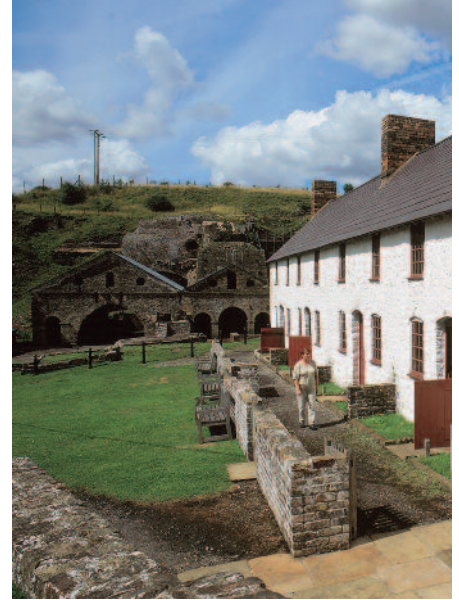
8 Historical Places – Blaenavon Ironworks & Heritage Centre

For a fascinating insight into the life and times of workers during the early years of the Industrial Revolution why not visit Blaenavon Ironworks.

The site is home to one of the best preserved 18th Century ironworks in Europe and comes complete with furnaces, cast houses, a magnificent water balance tower, cupola furnace and ironworkers cottages.

Following on from the recent BBC Wales 'Coal House' series visitors now have the chance to step inside the furnished workers cottages at Stack Square and visit the newly recreated 'Company Shop' as it might have looked in 1840.

At the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre learn about World Heritage Sites and why a Welsh mountain landscape became one.



Sample Itinerary

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| 10.00 am | Arrive at Ironworks. |
| 10.15 am | Explore Ironworks, Cottages and Exhibition. |
| 11.45 am | Visit World Heritage Centre, Blaenavon. |
| 12.30 pm | Enjoy lunch at Heritage Centre, local pub or picnic. |
| 1.30 pm | Depart for home or visit Big Pit Mining Museum (Itinery No. 11) or further exploration of Blaenavon town, Cordell Museum, Keepers Pond etc. |



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Where is it? Blaenavon is south east of Brynmawr and north of Pontypool. Via A4043, follow signs to Big Pit Mining Museum and Blaenavon Ironworks. Explorer Map OL 13 or Landranger Map 161:SO 249 092. Contact: 01495 792615 or go to www.cadw.wales.gov.uk or Blaenavon World Heritage Centre on 01495 742333 or visit www.world-heritage-blaenavon.org.uk

Facilities: Free admission. Substantial remains of five early blast furnaces and associated workers' housing, dating from the late 18th Century onwards. Two of the cottages are furnished, other cottages in the row contain an exhibition and models of the site and surrounding landscape. A leaflet with information on the cottages and photographs can be downloaded from the Cadw web site. There are toilets and a shop on site.

Disabled parking is permitted within the site, but the surface is uneven. The main car park is some distance away and across the road. The Blaenavon World Heritage Centre has a Café, Gift Shop.

Tourist Information centre where a PDA tour of Blaenavon can be hired free of charge. There are toilets, car and coach parking available.

Ironworks opening times: April to October: 10am – 5pm daily. November to March: Friday and Saturday 9.30 – 4pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm. Last admission 30 minutes before close.

Heritage Centre opening times: April to September:

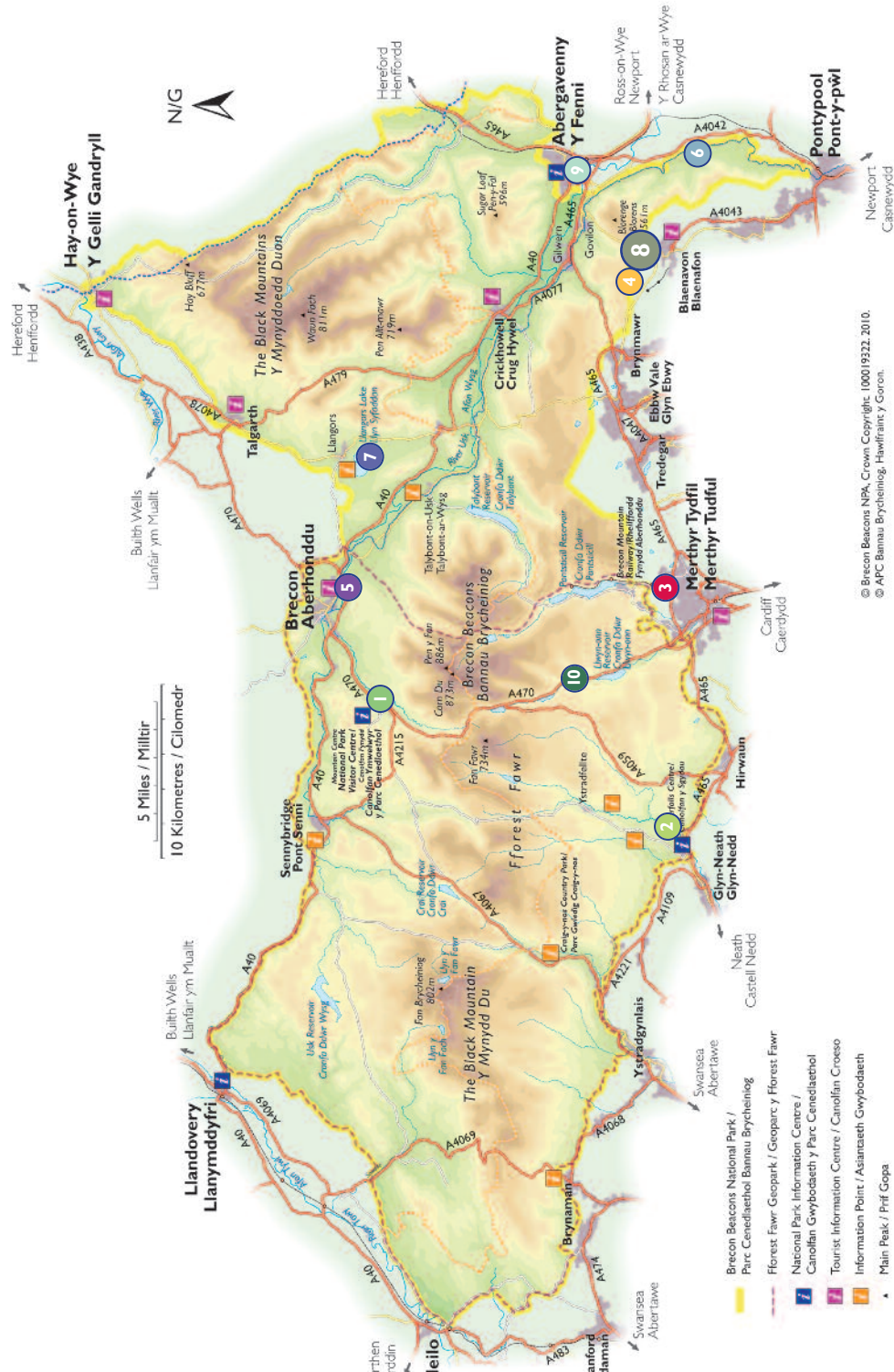
Tuesday - Sunday 9.00am - 5.00pm, Bank Holidays and October to March: 9.00am - 4.00pm. Closed Christmas Eve to New Years Day.

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).

Stagecoach service from Newport & Abergavenny. www.stagecoachbus.com or Tel: 0870 6082608.

By Bike - NCN 46 runs close by and there are cycle stands on site.

Nearby Attractions: Abergavenny Castle & Museum(9), Cordell Museum, Keepers Pond, Big Pit National Coal Museum(4), Pontypool and Blaenavon Steam Railway.



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- 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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