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Taff Trail near Brecon

The Brecon Beacons has many different cycling routes for people of all ages and abilities.

You can bring your own bike, perhaps using the Beacons Bus trailer or hire one locally. Some local companies will even take you and your bikes to different start points across the Park – see overleaf. The town of Brecon (just north of the Brecon Beacons themselves) is an ideal base as it forms the starting point of 3 routes for novice to more experienced mountain bikers.

Taff Trail to Brynich Lock -This traffic free section of the Taff Trail, starts from the car park at Brecon Canal Basin and follows the well-surfaced tow path of the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal for 3 easy miles down to the first lock at Brynich. Look out for the life size sculpture of a man with his horse drawn tram which depicts the history of this section of the canal. Enjoy looking for water birds such as ducks, herons and kingfishers as you ride easily along the canal side. At Brynich you may get the chance to see narrow boats navigate the rise and fall of the small lock. There are picnic tables at the side of the lock and additional ones just a few hundred metres away on the other side of the lane. Looking down river from the bridge you can see Brynich Aqueduct crossing the Usk.



Sample Itinerary

11.00 am	Arrive in Brecon – unload or collect hire bikes.
11.15 - 11.45 am	Explore the visitor welcome point at Brecon Canal Basin.
11.45 - 12.15 pm	Cycle the Taff Trail to Brynich Lock.
12.15 - 1.00 pm	Picnic lunch at Brynich Lock or return to Brecon.
2.00 pm	Further exploration of Brecon town.



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Where is it? Brecon Canal Basin is situated next to Theatr Brycheiniog and forms the terminus of the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal which packs in six locks, five lift bridges, a tunnel and several aqueducts in its 35 miles. Turn left off the Watton and follow signs for the theatre. Explorer Map OL12 or Landranger Map 160 - SO 045 284.

Facilities: There are toilets and a cafe situated in the theatre. Public toilets, including disabled access toilets are in the town centre car park. Brecon benefits from a wide range of shops, pubs and cafes and places to stay. Bikes are available to hire from: Bikes and Hikes, Biped Cycles, Ride & Hike. For additional information call Brecon Tourist Information Centre on 01874 622485. For more routes and maps visit www.cyclebreconbeacons.com and www.mtbbreconbeacons.com.

Opening times: Taff Trail to Brynich Lock - no restrictions although occasionally, canals, rivers and towpaths may close for maintenance or emergency work. Visit www.waterscape.com for more details.

Public Transport:

By train – nearest station is Abergavenny.
By bus - Beacons Bus service (Bank Holidays & Sundays throughout the summer: Tel 01873 853254 - see the Transport pages at www.visitbreconbeacons.com). Stagecoach.
By Bike – NCN 8 runs close by.

Nearby Attractions: Brecon Cathedral, South Wales Borderers Military Museum, Brecknock Museum and Art Gallery, Brecknock Farmers Market.



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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