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INTRODUCTION

This cruising map and guide has been created by the team at Beas Boats to help you to get the most out of your holiday while you explore the picturesque Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal. The aim is to ensure that this is a beautiful canal offering much to explore at a leisurely pace rather than feeling the need to rush to either end of the waterway.

To help you plan your trip this guide provides
cruising times between villages and moorings along with sugges
places of interest.

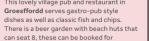
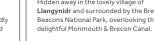
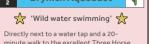
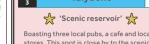
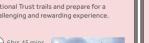
coloured cards and we suggest that you spend extra time enjoying the features in preference to attempting long hours cruising.

Beacon Park Boats being uniquely positioned in the centre of the canal in a perfect location from which to explore the area in either a weekend or mid-week break, week long or ideally two weeks or longer. You can see on the map that the locks and tunnel are concentrated together in one area, making this canal perfect for the newcomer, as it is possible to cruise south from our base, without encountering a lock or tunnel, if that is your preference.

We hope you find enjoyment and interest
using our map and guide to the Monmouthshire and Brecon C

with thanks,

Alasdair and the Beacon Park Boats Team

162 The Wellington	167 The Gurkha Corner	165 Three Horse Shoes	165 Royal Oak	145 Star Inn	154 Coach & Horses	149 The Red Lion	116 Old Rectory Hotel	115 Horse Shoe Inn	115 The Vine Tree	103 Bsaufort Arms	103 The Towpath Inn
"Historic Building" Set in the centre of the market town of Brecon and is one of most historic buildings. This hotel and pub serves a local Water Borey brewery style menu. Note: Dogs not friendly   <p>01874 625251</p> <p>10 min walk from basin</p>	"Nepalese food" Eat in or take away, this Gurkha restaurant serves authentic Nepalese food, with the choice of fresh herbs and spices. Located in the heart of Brecon. Note: Dogs not friendly   <p>01874 610877</p> <p>10 min walk from basin</p>	"Gastro-pub style" This lovely village pub and restaurant in Greenfield serves gastro-pub style dishes as well as classic fish and chips. There is a beer garden with beach huts that can be used. There can be booked for an alfresco dining with beautiful views.   <p>01874 665677</p> <p>Walk from Brynryd Cove</p>	"Family run pub" This family run pub in Pencelli is a nice place to eat with home-cooked food. There is a variety of dishes available. From kids to locally sourced apple pie. Morning for the canal seats can be booked at the rear of the pub.   <p>01874 656576</p> <p>Moor outside</p>	"On the canal" Conveniently located on the canal by bridge 143. Walk down the canal by bridge 145 and into the pub. A friendly staff will greet you, serving both food and drink. It also has a large garden area you can use.   <p>01874 676655</p> <p>Moor nearby</p>	"Old coaching inn" Hidden away in the lovely village of Llanygynydd is Brecon National Park, overlooking the delightful Monmouth & Brecon Canal.   <p>01874 750245</p> <p>20 min walk including site</p>	"Friendly local pub" Set in Llanygynydd, The Red Lion is a short walk across stone walls, the towpath and over a main road from bridge 129. A friendly local pub serving pub food.   <p>01874 750275</p> <p>500m walk down steep hill</p>	"Wonderful setting" Set in Llanguatlog, a short walk from the canal and over the bank, this wonderful setting holds weddings, as well as serving good food with a range of drinks.   <p>01874 810751</p> <p>10 min walk from base</p>	"Welsh-Japanese pub" A charming and traditional pub located in the charming village of Llanguatlog. Chief Fyfehead's dishes are served with authentic Japanese street food as well as home-baked Welsh cakes. There are only 10 seats to try.   <p>01874 832255</p> <p>Half mile walk from base</p>	"19th Century Coaching Inn" Set in Llanguatlog and around a 15 minute walk from the Brecon Park Boat Basin. This 19th century coaching inn offers wonderful food, with both inside and outside dining. Note: Dogs outside only   <p>01874 832277</p> <p>3 min walk through village</p>	"Beer garden" This recently refurbished pub in Gilwern has a good choice of meals, with a beer garden located on the main. Pops for a drink or some traditional Welsh pub food. Note: Dogs outside only   <p>0770 154771</p> <p>Moor outside</p>	"Family friendly pub" A family friendly pub situated in Gilwern. Thursday-Sunday for coffees, cakes and cream teas, beer, wine, Welsh gins and open house. There is a canal side seating and a courtyard garden with only heated boats.  
"Promenade stroll" At the Brecon Basin, walk through town and meet the river promenade. Follow the path to Brecon Basin and look out for the West Wales foot bridge. Follow the canal to the bend. Go further to meet the Gurkha walking trail.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>24.27km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"Twin peaks" Begin the walk from Brecon, approaching the town Brecon 'Crym' and 'Tal' Yafar from the North. Follow the National Trail path and prepare for a challenging and rewarding experience.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>24.27km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"Wild water swimming" Directly next to a water tap and a 10-minute walk to the excellent Three Horse Shoes pub, a perfect opportunity to wild water swimming. There are also a variety of Country houses and hotel.   <p>0 hrs 15 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>2.6km</p>	"Scenic reservoir" Boasting three local parks, a cafe and local shops, this spot is close by to the scenic Tal-y-bont reservoir. 4.5 minute walk to the reservoir. Go along the path or extend your walk around the reservoir for another two hours.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"Stunning view" Enjoying some of the historic, narrow and through forested regions to arrive at the impressive reservoir. Go along the path or extend your walk around the reservoir for another two hours.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"Quiet spot" Moor next to 135 in Llanygynydd where you can enjoy with water, a 5-minute walk to the Coach and Horses pub and closely to the 11th century river bridge where you can take a swim.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"11th century river bridge" Moor just before 131 in Llanygynydd where you can enjoy with water, a 5-minute walk to the Coach and Horses pub and closely to the 11th century river bridge where you can take a swim.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"Regal estate" Cut through the estate via the public permeable path, passing the old stable houses and over the gate bridge. Follow the path into the river path, and the river. Check the Glaston Estate Facebook page for temporary closures.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"Easy going river walk" From the boatshouse, walk down the towpath, through Llanguatlog village, to meet Crockwell and the La River. Cross the bridge and turn left into the river path, stroll as far as you like before heading back to base.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"For the explorer" A challenging ascent from the boatshouse in Llanguatlog, leading to a peaceful of natural wilderness along the Escarpments. Follow the river path and take the left-hand cave on this unforgettable hike.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"Remarkable cycle" The end of the farm track leads to a secluded waterfall and further beyond, to the historic Ironworks. One of the better of the Ironworks. One of the better of the Ironworks. One of the better of the Ironworks.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>3.85km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	
"End of the canal" Moor here at the end of the canal and stock up on food and drink. This is a good place to have a picnic or a theatre performance or take one of our recommended walks. Water point and shower block are nearby.   <p>0 hrs 45 mins</p> <p>24.27km</p> <p>9.8km</p>	"200 yards walk" While moored in Brecon Marina the Aldi supermarket is										

<p>98 Talarn Y Bont</p> <p>'Country pub'</p> <p>The Talarn Y Bont, formerly the Bridgend Inn, is a lovely country pub close to the village of Gwrlan.</p>  <p>01875630720 5 minutes walk</p>	<p>95a The Crown</p> <p>'Luxurious hotel'</p> <p>A thriving pub and restaurant situated in Penrhygwyll. Visit here for a delicious Sunday lunch and enjoy the quiet surroundings with view here nearby.</p>  <p>01873 853514 10 mins taxi from Wharf</p>	<p>95a The Angel Hotel</p> <p>'Luxurious hotel'</p> <p>A luxurious 4 star hotel located in the centre of Abergegnog. Providing a warm, friendly environment in a truly residential setting. Book ahead for a memorable dining experience and the essential evening afternoon tea service.</p>  <p>01875 817222 40 mins taxi from Wharf</p>	<p>95a Spice Lounge</p> <p>'Indian restaurant'</p> <p>Indian restaurant offering sit-in dining and takeaways. As the foot of the hill when mooring at Llanfoist.</p> <p>Note: not dog friendly</p>  <p>01875 855720 15 minutes walk</p>	<p>84 Goose & Cuckoo Inn</p> <p>'Old-school pub'</p> <p>This old-school pub near Llanoer has a great selection of ales and spirits from across the UK and a menu that changes seasonally.</p>  <p>01875 800277 40 mins walk + steep NH</p>	<p>72 Goytre Arms</p> <p>'Cosy lounge'</p> <p>This large village pub has a restaurant which adjoins a cosy lounge, with a bar and pool table to the rear. Complete with a play area for children and outdoor area for adults. Fully close to Goytre Wharf. Note: not dog friendly</p>  <p>01875 800576 20 minutes walk</p>	<p>65 Horseshoe Inn</p> <p>'Delightful local pub'</p> <p>A delightful local pub located in Mamhlid. This is a real must when cruising South Wales.</p>  <p>01875 800442 30 minutes walk</p>	<p>55 Horse & Jockey</p> <p>'Fantastic beer garden'</p> <p>This lovely restored pub is just off the canal near Penrhygwyll, with a fantastic beer garden, surrounded by open, landscaped fields. There is a wide selection of food and drinks and the host occasional events! Note: dog friendly at bar tables only</p>  <p>01495 767223 20 minutes walk</p>	<p>48 Open Hearth</p> <p>'A real treat'</p> <p>The Open Hearth, close to Southern Basin, is on the canal, with home cooked food and real ales. It's a real treat and a very convenient location. This family run pub has a friendly atmosphere and welcomes all.</p>  <p>01495 767152 Door directly outside</p>
<p>95a Llanfoist</p> <p>'Bicorne Mountain'</p> <p>30 minutes walk into the historical market town of Abergegnog with its Norman castle. For the adventurous, follow the 19th century railway up Bicorne mountain, exploring the iron trails.</p>  <p>01875 855720 30 minutes walk</p>	<p>95a Norman Ruin</p> <p>'Visit the castle'</p> <p>Visit the old site of Abergegnog town and the historic castle built by the Normans in 1087 AD. Follow the old curtain wall of the castle and pop into the Abergegnog museum, exploring the iron trails.</p>  <p>01875 855720 30 minutes walk</p>	<p>95a Bicorne</p> <p>'Tough climb to forge'</p> <p>Take the tarmac road up the gorge from Llanfoist, following the path that industry took through the long lying works of the Bicorne mountain. Take in views of Abergegnog and head straight across to the ruined Glendaffry Forge at Bicorne.</p>  <p>UNESCO World Heritage Site</p> <p>The shaded region adjacent to Llanfoist and Gwrlan celebrates the famous Blaenau waterworld world heritage site, which is widely known to be the birthplace of the modern industrial revolution.</p> <p>01875 855720 30 minutes walk</p>	<p>Pub booking tips</p> <p>To check pub websites, use the supplied QR codes with your phone camera:</p>  <p>Chef's menus, opening days and hours change regularly. Book ahead to avoid disappointment, as pubs along the canal can become very busy.</p> <p>Star recommendations are Alastair's personal view. Remember the chef can resign at any time, so please make your own informed judgement.</p>	<p>74 Goytre South</p> <p>'Amongst the oak trees'</p> <p>Fit up with water from Goytre Wharf and head down to the bend amongst the oak trees before bridges 7 & 1. More here will be available once we have access to a short walk to Goytre Arms public house.</p>  <p>01875 800576 20 minutes walk</p>	<p>National Park</p> <p>The Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal passes through the Brecon Beacons National Park, recently renamed Brecon Brycheiniog, which is pronounced 'Brayn's eyes bruch-y-neigh'. This Welsh name translates as 'The Peaks of Brycheiniog's Kingdom'.</p>  <p>01875 800576 20 minutes walk</p>	<p>56 Folly View</p> <p>'Wildlife jump'</p> <p>The Victoria built this folly today as an amusement to be enjoyed on a day out. Tailor it to the log of the hill and enjoy impressive views over Penrhygwyll and its surrounding areas.</p>  <p>01495 767223 20 minutes walk</p>	<p>46 To Newporth</p> <p>'Nature walk'</p> <p>Continue from Southern Basin onto the now redundant section of the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal. Observe how nature has reclaimed the lock flights, on your way to Newport town.</p>  <p>01495 767152 20 minutes walk</p>	

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The map illustrates the Brecon Beacons Canal route, starting from Brecon and ending at Newport. Key locations and features include:

- Locks and Bridges:** Brecon Lock, Pencilly Lock, Talybont on Usk Lock, Llangynidr Lock, Llangattock Lock, Gilwern Lock, Govilon Lock, Llanfoist Lock, Llanover Lock, Goytre Lock, Pontypool Lock, and Southern Basin Lock.
- Historic Canalways and Tramways:** A section showing the Brecon Beacons Canal and its connection to the Brecon and Merthyr Tydfil Canal, with a focus on the historic canalways and tramways.
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