

DARK SKY DISCOVERY EXPERIENCES

A starry night sky is one of the most spectacular sights nature has to offer, bringing you closer to the vastness of the universe and the wonders of space.

The skies above our park are some of the darkest in the world – with truly world-class stargazing opportunities, remarkable backdrops, fascinating landmarks and points of interest. We're proud to have achieved the prestigious International Dark Sky Reserve status, which makes us a renowned destination for dark sky discovery.

Whether you're finding nebulae with friends, picking out planets with the kids or contemplating the skies on a stargazing date, our fantastic range of dark sky discovery experiences will suit beginners and experts alike.

So many adventures await you on a clear night in the park. Look up and you'll see the Milky Way, the constellations, bright nebulae, clusters and more... Why not make your next getaway a trip to the stars and prepare to be dazzled?

Here are just a few of the stunning places you can explore the delights of the night sky.

10. Llangorse Lake

Llangorse Lake is the largest natural lake in South Wales and home to a rich diversity of bird and animal life.

Skygazing here is a truly immersive nature experience, where you'll be surrounded by the sounds of nocturnal activity as otters, voles and water-birds go about their nightly business.

Surrounded by a patchwork of green hills, fields, meadows and hedgerows, Llangorse is a truly beautiful spot with plenty of space to set up telescopes. It lies in a flat hollow formed by glacial action, with good horizons and all-round visibility.

There is so much to see and do in the Brecon Beacons National Park with plenty of places to stay, go to:

 www.breconbeacons.org

GREAT FOR:
AN IMMERSIVE
NOCTURNAL NATURE
EXPERIENCE FOR
ASTRONOMERS OF EVERY
LEVEL

NEAREST VILLAGE:
LLANGORSE

COORDINATES:
SO 127270 N 51.56.07 W
03.16.13

LIMITING MAGNITUDE:
6.24

BRECON BEACONS

OUR NATIONAL PARK

WHAT KINDS OF DARK SKY OBJECTS CAN YOU SEE WITH A...

SMALL TELESCOPE: If you can get hold of a small scope, a world of double stars, nebulae and smaller open clusters will open up to you. See the double cluster in Perseus and the many clusters in Auriga and Cassiopeia. View planetary nebulae such as the Dumbbell Nebula in Cygnus and the Ring Nebula in Lyra, as well as brighter emissions like the Orion nebula. With a small telescope, the Moon and planets reveal their wonders – the rings of Saturn, the clouds of Jupiter and its four largest moons, Uranus and Neptune and the phases of Venus and Mercury, plus globular clusters such as the great globular cluster in Hercules.

Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog Brecon Beacons National Park



★ Lleoliadau Awyr Dywyll

1. Cronfa Ddŵr Wryg SN 835285 N51.56.58 W03.41.55
2. Cronfa Ddŵr Crai SN 886210 N51.54.52 W03.35.12
3. Ffynnydd Llanddewi Nant Hodi SN 288278 N51.56.41 W03.02.11
4. Hay Bluff SO 239373 N 52.01.43 W03.06.34
5. Canolfan Ymwehely y Parc Cenedlaethol (Canolfan Ffynnydd) SN 978264 N51.56.02 W 03.28.40
6. Pen Rhiw Ddu SN 730192 N51.51.13 W03.50.31
7. Caring Common SN 668193 N51.51.12 W03.56.02
8. Parc Gwledig Craig y Nos a Chastell Craig y Nos SN 840161 N51.50.16 W03.40.29
9. Mynydd Rwy Fâi SO 268167 N51.50.30 W03.03.34
10. Llyn Llangors SO 127270 N51.56.07 W03.16.13

★ Dark Skies Locations

1. Usk Reservoir SN 835285 N51.56.58 W03.41.55
2. Crai Reservoir SN 886210 N51.54.52 W03.35.12
3. Llanthony Priory SO 288278 N51.56.41 W03.02.11
4. Hay Bluff SO 239373 N 52.01.43 W03.06.34
5. National Park Visitor Centre (Mountain Centre) SN 978264 N51.56.02 W 03.28.40
6. Pen Rhiw Ddu SN 730192 N51.51.13 W03.50.31
7. Caring Common SN 668193 N51.51.12 W03.56.02
8. Craig-y-nos Country Park and Craig Y Nos Castle SN 840161 N51.50.16 W03.40.29
9. Sugar Loaf Mountain SO 268167 N51.50.30 W03.03.34
10. Llangorse Lake SO 127270 N51.56.07 W03.16.13

☀️ Lleoliadau Machlud Haul

1. Cronfa Ddŵr Wryg SN 835285
2. Cronfa Ddŵr Crai SN 886210
3. Hay Bluff SO 239373 Maes Parcio Stone Castle
4. Canolfan Ymwehely y Parc Cenedlaethol SN 978264
5. Pen Rhiw Ddu SN 730 190 Maes Parcio' olygfan
6. Mynydd Pen y Fâi SO 268167
7. Llyn Llangors SO 127270
8. Cooks Hill SO 160283 Cilan ger golygfan Mynydd Llangors
9. Cilan Bwlch SO 132224
10. Golygfan Blaen Onneu SO 156170

☀️ Sunset Locations

1. Usk Reservoir SN 835285
2. Crai Reservoir SN 886210
3. Hay Bluff SO 239373 Stone Castle Car Park
4. National Park Visitor Centre SN 978264
5. Pen Rhiw Ddu SN 730192 Look out Car Park
6. Sugar Loaf Mountain SO 268167
7. Llangorse Lake SO 127270
8. Cooks Hill SO 160283 Lay by Mynydd Llangorse viewpoint
9. Bwlch Ialyby SO 132224
10. Blaen Onneu Viewpoint SO 156170

