

The emerald damselfly can be seen from mid- June to late September amongst rushes and sedges beside still waters. They have a one year life cycle.



# NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES

Daytime in the park offers spectacular stomping grounds, countless activities and opportunities for fun whatever the weather. If you stay with us overnight, then a whole new world of adventure opens up as nocturnal wildlife comes out. Immerse yourselves and your family in the sights and sounds of nighttime nature with a truly memorable animal detective experience.

The Beacons is home to an abundance of bird life, insects, amphibians and mammals that love the dark thanks to the diversity of our habitats. There are so many places to explore our park's nocturnal world – we've put together just a few to get you started.

## 2. Llangasty bird hide

Visit Llangasty bird hide on the southern shores of Llangorse Lake in summer at dusk and you'll hear reed warblers and other birds calling across the water. Reed warblers are a summer arrival from Africa and the reed beds fringing the lake are filled with their song.

Enjoy a truly immersive nature experience as you watch water birds out on the lake, spot duck species, maybe catch a glimpse of an otter or two and hear owls calling. Keep your eyes peeled for a rare appearance of these mysterious birds of prey – you might be lucky and see them swoop by as they hunt.

On calm, balmy summer evenings dazzling dragonflies can be seen chasing their insect prey on the wildflower-rich shores of the lake. If you listen carefully you may be able to hear their wings beat as they whizz by.

### GREAT FOR:

all-year-round bird-spotting,  
dragonflies, swans and maybe even  
an otter

### NEAREST VILLAGE:

Llangorse

### FIND OUT MORE:

[www.breconbeacons.org/poi/town-village-llangorse](http://www.breconbeacons.org/poi/town-village-llangorse)



# BRECON BEACONS

OUR NATIONAL PARK

Otters can be found in and around most of the waterways in the Brecon Beacons National Park. The otter is a naturally shy creature, emerging from cover around dawn and dusk

## Other fun things to do at Llangasty bird hide

- o Llangasty is a superb place for a botanical nature trail, hunting for wildflowers – you'll find a great variety of plant-life in the mosaic of wet and dry habitats that surround the lake.
- o Let's go boating – hire a small rowing boat and take it out to watch wildfowl on the lake.
- o Go in search of the huge oak trees near Llangasty bird hide, which were probably planted when Queen Elizabeth I was on the throne around 450 years ago.

## BECOME AN ANIMAL DETECTIVE

Animals leave behind lots of signs that can help you sight them. Footprints, depressions in the earth and grasses, and poo! For example, did you know otter poo is sweet-smelling like fresh hay or jasmine tea?

Be prepared to scout for the signs of animals with a few simple items... Create your own mammal detective kit – all you need is a magnifying glass, a notebook and a footprint chart to get started.

### FIND OUT MORE.



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## Brecon Beacons National Park Wildlife Locations

1. Llangorse Lake
2. Llangasty Bird Hide
3. Brecon Beacons National Park Visitor Centre
4. Brecon Promenade
5. Talybont Reservoir Bird Hide

