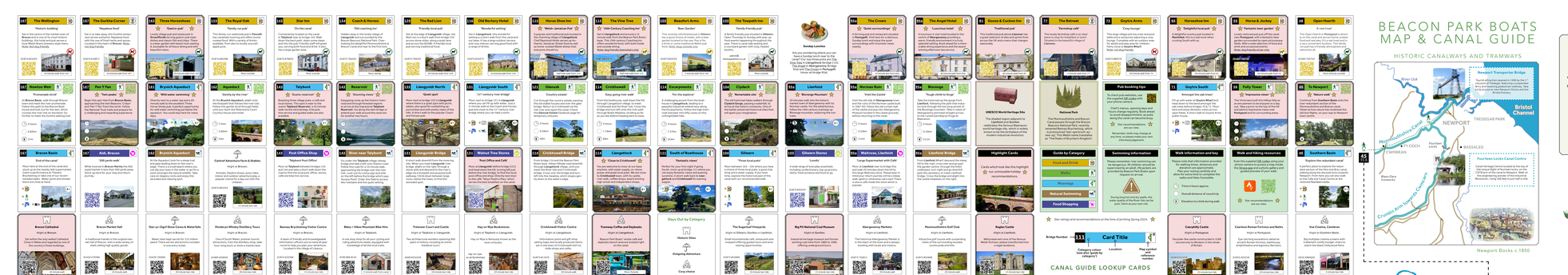
A1
The Wellington
Historic building
Set in the centre of the market town of Brecon, this former Corn Exchange building is the hotel where you can enjoy a drink, a meal or stay overnight.
Tel: 01874 623261
www.thewellington.wales
A2
The Dunkirk Corner
Vegetarian food
Eat in or take away, this Quirky restaurant serves delicious food from around the world. Make sure you leave room for one of their delicious cakes.
Tel: 01874 622891
www.dunkirkcorner.co.uk
A3
Three Horseshoes
Gastro-pub
Lovely village pub and restaurant in Llangynidr, serving food all day. Real ales and decent food and wine. There is a beautiful garden and a children's play area. Is bookable for al fresco dining and for meetings.
Tel: 01874 730395
www.3horseshoes.co.uk
A4
The Royal Oak
Family run pub
This family run waterside pub in Pencelli serves delicious food all day. Real ales, Ciders, Wines, a wide variety of spirits and soft drinks.
Tel: 01874 665214
www.royaloakpencelli.co.uk
A5
Star Inn
On the canal
Conveniently located on the canal towpath, the Star Inn is the ideal stop for a drink, a meal or a snack. Open all day, serving both food and drink. It also has a large garden and...
Tel: 01874 730395
www.3horseshoes.co.uk
A6
Coach & Horses
Cosy pub
Hidden away in the lovely village of Llangynidr, this cosy pub is the ideal place to stop for a drink, a meal or a snack. Set on the Brecon to Monmouth Canal and near to the Taff...
Tel: 01874 730222
www.coachandhorses.co.uk
A7
The Red Lion
Friendly local pub
Set at the edge of Llangynidr village, the Red Lion is a friendly local pub. Serving food all day, it is the ideal place to stop for a drink, a meal or a snack. Has a large pub serving traditional food.
Tel: 01874 730222
www.redlionllangynidr.co.uk
A8
Old Rectory Hotel
Wonderful setting
Set in Llangattock, this wonderful hotel is the ideal place to stay for a night or two. It has a fine dining restaurant and a bar serving food all day. Also has a range of drinks.
Tel: 01873 810556
www.oldrectoryhotel.co.uk
A9
Horse Shoe Inn
Welsh-Jamaican Pub
A popular and traditional pub located in the village of Llangattock, serving delicious food and drink. Has a beautiful garden and home cooked Welsh-Jamaican food.
Tel: 01874 676257
www.horseshoellangattock.co.uk
A10
The Vine Tree
19th Century Coaching Inn
Set in Llangattock and around a 15 minute walk from the Brecon to Monmouth Canal. This 19th century Coaching Inn is a popular place to stay, eat, drink and socialise. Has a dog friendly accommodation.
Tel: 01873 810769
www.vinetreellangattock.com
A11
Beaufort Arms
Near Gardens
This recently refurbished pub in Gilwern serves delicious food all day. Has a large beer garden and is the ideal place to stop for a drink, a meal or a snack.
Tel: 01873 830807
www.beaufortarmsgilwern.co.uk
A12
The Towpath Inn
Family friendly pub
A family friendly pub situated in Gilwern, serving delicious food all day. Has a large beer garden and is the ideal place to stop for a drink, a meal or a snack. Has a riverside garden with cosy...
Tel: 01873 830807
www.thetowpathinn.co.uk
Sunday Lunches
Are you wondering where you can enjoy a delicious Sunday lunch on the canal? Our top three picks are The Star Inn at Llangynidr, The Vine Tree in Llangattock or Abergavenny Bridge Inn and The Crown in Pontygarth (more at bridge 54).
A13
The Crown
Quiet surroundings
A relaxing pub and restaurant situated in Govilon. Has a large beer garden and is the ideal place to stop for a drink, a meal or a snack. Has a children's play area nearby.
Tel: 01873 830525
www.thecrowngovilon.co.uk
A14
The Angel Hotel
Luxurious hotel
A luxurious 4 star hotel located in the centre of Abergavenny. Has a fine dining restaurant and a bar serving food all day. Has a beautiful garden and outside dining area.
Tel: 01873 857121
www.angelabergavenny.co.uk
A15
Goose & Cuckoo Inn
Traditional pub
The traditional pub above Llanover has been refurbished and now serves delicious food and drink. Has a beautiful garden with cosy...
Tel: 01873 830525
www.goosecuckoo.co.uk
A16
The Retreat
Farmshop cafe
This lovely farmshop cafe is an ideal place to stop for a drink, a meal or a snack in this beautiful village of...
Tel: 01873 880000
www.theretreatfarmshop.co.uk
A17
Goytre Arms
Cosy lounge
This large village pub has a bar and pool room, a comfortable lounge and a dining room. Serves delicious food all day and has a beautiful garden.
Tel: 01873 880205
www.goytrearms.co.uk
A18
Horseshoe Inn
Delightful local pub
A delightful country pub located in Llanover, serving delicious food all day. Has a beautiful garden and is surrounding South with an...
Tel: 01873 830205
www.horseshoellanover.co.uk
A19
Horse & Jockey
Fantastic beer garden
Lovely restored pub just off the canal towpath in Pontypool. Has a fantastic beer garden and serves delicious food all day and occasional events. Has dog friendly accommodation.
Tel: 01495 762752
www.horseandjockeypontypool.co.uk
A20
Open Hearth
A real treat!
The Open Hearth in Pontypool is direct on the canal towpath. Has a beautiful garden and serves delicious food all day and has a friendly atmosphere...
Tel: 01495 755750
www.openhearthpontypool.co.uk
A21
Bryncelyn Arms
Newport Transporter Bridge
Tourist attraction opened in 1906 by the 1st Duke of Beaufort. Has a fine dining restaurant and a bar serving delicious food. Has a beautiful garden and outdoor seating.
Tel: 01633 892581
www.bryncelynarms.co.uk
A22
Tredegar Arms
Historic Inn
Historic Inn dating back to the 16th century. Has been refurbished and now serves delicious food and drink. Has a beautiful garden and outdoor seating.
Tel: 01633 892581
www.tredegararms.co.uk
A23
Fourteen Locks Canal Centre
Canal History & Activity Centre
Canal History & Activity Centre and the unique flight of fourteen locks, on the Brecon & Monmouthshire Canal. Has a fascinating number of the history of the canal and the locks.
Tel: 01633 892581
www.fourteenlocks.co.uk
A24
Bristol Channel
Tel: 01633 892581
www.bristolchannel.co.uk
Speed Limit
Due to the shallow depth and profile of our canal, your average speed must be less than 2mph. The waves from the back of the boat must never reach the bank and if they do, you are going too fast. At this gentle cruising speed, walkers will most likely overtake!
Hours of Cruising
Please note that it is forbidden to cruise in the dark, therefore cruising is only allowed from dawn until dusk.
Passing Moored boats
Please go as slowly as possible when passing moored boats, to respect the safety and peace of those who may be on board.
Water
Please remember to fill up with water daily, as it is essential ballast to enable comfortable cruising and to help you pass underneath the bridges. Never leave your mooring next to a water point and always take your key with you.
Passing other canal craft
When approaching other craft please slow down and pull as far as you can across to the right hand side, remember that one of the boats will always run aground.
Brecon Basin
Pencelli
Talybont on Usk
Llangynidr
Llangattock
Gilwern
Govilon
Llanfoist
Llanover
Goytre
Pontypool
Southern Basin
From this end of the canal, explore the attractions of the historic town centre of Brecon
From end of canal, walk on yet-to-be restored section to the Docks at Newport
Weekender with Locks
Tackle the Llangattock Tub Flight and Ashford tunnel, cruising as far as Talybont on Usk. Moor up for the second night and visit one of the three pubs in the village for dinner (more details to keep the following day).
Lock-free Weekender
For a totally relaxed, stress-free and lock-free weekend, moor locally for the first night and head to Llanfoist for the second night. From Llanfoist stroll into Abergavenny to dine at the Angel Hotel (A14) or Goytre Arms (A17) (see Pubs to have the following day).
Michael Blackmore's History Trail
Read up on the history of the canal by visiting the dedicated history trail at select locations along the canal. An illustrated history book by Michael Blackmore can also be purchased online via the Beacon Park Boats official website.
The Canal and River Trust
Canals need every hands to look after them. By becoming a friend or volunteering with the Canal and River Trust you can make a real difference.
Visit: canalrivertrust.org.uk
Brecon Wharf and Canal Basin c.1850
Brynich Aqueduct c.1800
Talybont on Usk - Historic Lime Kilns and Wharf c.1850
Talybont - Rail Crossing
Llangynidr Lock Flight c.1799
Llangattock Wharf c.1850
Beacon Park Boats Base
Gilwern Wharf c.1850
Govilon Wharf c.1850
Llanfoist Wharf c.1850
Goytre Wharf c.1850
MAP KEY
Bridge number and distance to Brecon
Water tap
Toilet
Toilet and shower block
Lock gate and number - bow/stern mitre, paddles closed and bottom gates fully opened
Scenic views
Hard edged and accessible mooring location with rings
Winding point / turning point for narrowboats
Let-alone symbol - indicates a resting point for boats of a certain length
Public house
Visible peak and height
On shore charging point - for Beacon Park Boats customers only
Sanitary Station and Pump out Facility
Resident's favourite - Locally recommended and always reliable
Natural swimming site and reference number
Aqueduct Crossing
Manually operated drawbridge - have as you find them
Salmon and trout fishing with permit
Walking route and reference number
Restaurant
Cinema
Local store / Supermarket
Waste bins / Recycling bins
Bridge crossing over River Usk
Historic Structure
Historic Lime Kiln
Michael Blackmore's History trail - information point
Historic tramroad
CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE BEACON PARK BOATS WEBSITE
BEACON PARK BOATS MAP & CANAL GUIDE
HISTORIC CANALWAYS AND TRAMWAYS
CANAL ETIQUETTE
CANAL GUIDE LOOKUP CARDS
Bridge Number 111
Card Title
Category colour matches the category of bridge/s
Location
Map symbol for the bridge number/s
Guide by Category
Food and Drink
Walks
Moorings
Natural Swimming
Food Shopping
Pub booking tips
To check pub websites, use the Important Info guide, or call your phone camera.
Don't forget - many pubs are a good idea to avoid disappointment, as pubs can be busy at weekends.
Star recommendations
Remember chefs may change at any time, so please make your own informed judgement.
Swimming information
Please remember river swimming can be dangerous. All natural swimming is undertaken at your own risk. Please read the Beacon Park Boats open water swimming guidance.
During periods of warm dry spells, the water quality in the canal can be poor. Swim at your own risk.
Walk information and key
Please note that information provided is for map reading purposes, distances and timings are approximate.
Plan your outing carefully and ensure you have appropriate clothing, walks and hikes if possible.
Time in hours approx.
Overall distance of round trip
Elevation to climb during walk
Walk and hiking resources
Scan the supplied QR codes using your phone camera to download the relevant file to your device and to print gallery and walk sheets.
Star recommendations are our view.
Star ratings and recommendations at the time of printing Spring 2024.
Highlight Cards
Cards which look like this highlight our unmissable hotspots & recommendations.
Days Out by Category
Historic Sites
Outgoing Adventure
Cosy choice
Sunday Lunches
Watch Language Tips
"Diwrnod" rhymes nicely in Welsh. It's pronounced "dee-oor-nod" and it means Have are you? is "Sut ai chi". You can also use this to say "How's it going?"
In the early hours the Welsh say a' "Bore da" which means "Good Morning". Bore da' after the noon you may hear "Prynhawn da" which means "Good afternoon".
If you choose to visit a pub on the evening you may hear "Noswaith dda" or "Nos da" which means "Good evening".
In the evening hours you may greet a friend with "Sut mae?" which means "How are you?" and it is the time to say Good Night "Nos da" (nose dar).
Geen Hwerth' - Ask at the bar for the bunker's visitor book and sign to say you have been there!
Bridge 67 - When passing below, ensure the gap is fully clear and only when this bridge was erected in 2021 to replace the old bridge which was overbuilt and has got alongside and is now a footpath and cycleway.
Bridge 54 - Pontypool Wharf
Bridge 53 - Pontypool Basin
Bridge 52 - Pontypool Top Lock
Bridge 51 - Crane Quay
Bridge 50 - Tudor Street
Bridge 49 - Mill Street
Bridge 48 - Commercial Road
Bridge 47 - Dock Street
Bridge 46 - Corporation Road
Bridge 45 - Queensway
Bridge 44 - Alexandra Road
Bridge 43 - Clarence Place
Bridge 42 - Town Bridge
Bridge 41 - Lift Bridge
Bridge 40 - Transporter Bridge
Bridge 39 - Newport Docks
Bridge 38 - Corporation Road
Bridge 37 - Alexandra Road
Bridge 36 - Clarence Place
Bridge 35 - Queensway
Bridge 34 - Mill Street
Bridge 33 - Commercial Road
Bridge 32 - Dock Street
Bridge 31 - Corporation Road
Bridge 30 - Alexandra Road
Bridge 29 - Clarence Place
Bridge 28 - Queensway
Bridge 27 - Mill Street
Bridge 26 - Commercial Road
Bridge 25 - Dock Street
Bridge 24 - Corporation Road
Bridge 23 - Alexandra Road
Bridge 22 - Clarence Place
Bridge 21 - Queensway
Bridge 20 - Mill Street
Bridge 19 - Commercial Road
Bridge 18 - Dock Street
Bridge 17 - Corporation Road
Bridge 16 - Alexandra Road
Bridge 15 - Clarence Place
Bridge 14 - Queensway
Bridge 13 - Mill Street
Bridge 12 - Commercial Road
Bridge 11 - Dock Street
Bridge 10 - Corporation Road
Bridge 9 - Alexandra Road
Bridge 8 - Clarence Place
Bridge 7 - Queensway
Bridge 6 - Mill Street
Bridge 5 - Commercial Road
Bridge 4 - Dock Street
Bridge 3 - Corporation Road
Bridge 2 - Alexandra Road
Bridge 1 - Clarence Place
Bridge 0 - Queensway
Bridge 0 - Mill Street
Bridge 0 - Commercial Road
Bridge 0 - Dock Street
Bridge 0 - Corporation Road
Bridge 0 - Alexandra Road
Bridge 0