## **Places to visit**

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#### Abergavenny

| Place                                 | Dates             | Cost        | Where                      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Abergavenny Market ( <u>website</u> ) | Tuesdays (smaller |             | Town hall (and rear)       |
| (also site for craft fairs, flea      | market Fri-Sat)   |             |                            |
| markets, etc.)                        |                   |             |                            |
| Abergavenny Castle (website)          |                   |             | Castle Street, NP7 5EE     |
| (also Castle meadows, below)          |                   |             |                            |
| Bailey Park                           |                   |             | Abergavenny                |
| Borough Theatre ( <u>website</u> )    |                   | See website | Abergavenny Town Hall,     |
| (music, plays, talks, etc.)           |                   |             | Cross Street               |
| Abergavenny Museum ( <u>website</u> ) |                   |             | In castle, Castle Street , |
|                                       |                   |             | NP7 5EE                    |
| Linda Vista Gardens                   |                   |             | Tudor Street               |
| St Mary's Priory church               |                   |             | Hereford Road              |
| Tithe Barn                            |                   |             |                            |
| Strawberry Cottage Wood (oak          |                   |             | Northwest of Llanvihangel  |
| woodland) ( <u>website</u> )          |                   |             | Crucorney                  |

#### Monmouthshire

Very helpful brochure at: <u>http://www.selectbrochure.com/pub/90</u>

| Place                                  | Dates            | Cost        | Where                       |
|--|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Blaenavon World Heritage site          |                  |             | Blaenavon World Heritage    |
| ( <u>website</u> )                     |                  |             | Centre - NP4 9AS or (NP4    |
|  |                  |             | 9AE for some Sat-Navs)      |
| Big Pit ( <u>website</u> )             |                  |             | Big Pit National Coal       |
|  |                  |             | Museum, Blaenavon - NP4     |
|  |                  |             | 9XP                         |
| Blaenavon Ironworks ( <u>website</u> ) |                  |             | Blaenavon Ironworks - NP4   |
| Run by Cadw                            |                  |             | 9RN                         |
| Blaenavon Heritage Railway             |                  |             | Blaenavon Heritage          |
| (Furnace Sidings)                      |                  |             | Railway (Furnace Sidings) - |
|  |                  |             | NP4 9SF                     |
| Black Mountains Falconry (and          |                  |             | Black Mountains Falconry    |
| Archery) ( <u>website</u> )            |                  |             | in Wales                    |
|  |                  |             | New Court Farm              |
|  |                  |             | Llantilio Pertholey         |
|  |                  |             | NP7 8AU                     |
| Chepstow Castle ( <u>website</u> )     | Mon-Sat 10 to 4; | £4 adult    | Chepstow, NP16 5EY          |
| Run by Cadw                            | Sun 11 to 4      |             |                             |
| Chepstow Racecourse (website)          |                  |             |                             |
| Raglan Castle ( <u>website</u> )       | Mon-Sat 10 to 4; | £3.50 Adult | Raglan, NP15 2BT            |
| Run by Cadw                            | Sun 11 to 4      |             |                             |
| Tintern Abbey ( <u>website</u> )       |                  |             | Tintern NP16 6SE            |

| Place   | Dates        | Cost             | Where                       |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Run by Cadw                                     |              |                  |                             |
| Llantony Priory ( <u>website</u> )              | 10am – 4pm   | Free             | Llantony. 9m (14.5km) N of  |
| Run by Cadw                                     |              |                  | Abergavenny, off A465.      |
| Monmouth Castle ( <u>website</u> )              |              | Free             |                             |
| Run by Cadw                                     |              |                  |                             |
| White Castle ( <u>website</u> )                 |              | Currently closed | White Castle, NP7 8UD. By   |
| Run by Cadw                                     |              | due to           | minor roads from B4233      |
|   |              | convervation     | near Llantilio Crossenny    |
|   |              | work (Jan13)     |                             |
| Hen Gwrt Moated site (website)                  | 10am - 4pm   | Free             | Road 1/4m (0.4km) ENE of    |
| Run by Cadw                                     |              |                  | Llantilio Crossenny, off    |
|   |              |                  | B4233 7m (11.3km), E of     |
|   |              |                  | Abergavenny                 |
| Skenfrith Castle ( <u>website</u> )             | 10am - 4pm   | Free             | Skenfrith                   |
| Run by Cadw                                     |              |                  |                             |
| Grosmont Castle (website)                       | 10am - 4pm   | Free             | Grosmont                    |
| Run by Cadw                                     |              |                  |                             |
| Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal                  |              | Free             | Mostly along Usk route      |
| (National Parks site , Mon, Brecon              |              |                  |                             |
| and Abergavenny Canals Trust site)              |              |                  |                             |
| Wye valley and vale of Usk                      |              |                  |                             |
| ( <u>website</u> ). Good brochure <u>here</u> . |              |                  |                             |
| Gwent Levels (coast between                     |              |                  |                             |
| Chepstow and Newport) (website)                 |              |                  |                             |
| Caerleon Roman remains (website)                | 9:30 - 17:30 | Free             | High Street, Caerleon (park |
| Run by Cadw                                     |              |                  | in Bull Inn carpark)        |
| Caldicot Castle and country park                | 23 Mar on    |                  |                             |
| ( <u>website</u> )                              |              |                  |                             |
| Run by Monmouthshire CC                         |              |                  |                             |
| Gwent Wildlife reserves (website)               |              |                  |                             |
| Raglan under siege ( <u>website</u> )           |              |                  |                             |
| Usk Castle ( <u>website</u> )                   |              | Free             | Castle Parade, Usk          |
| Usk town ( <u>website</u> )                     |              |                  |                             |
| Wyndcliffe Sculpture                            |              |                  | Off Penterry Lane, St.      |
| Garden ( <u>website</u> )                       |              |                  | Arvans, Chepstow,           |
|   |              |                  | Monmouthshire, NP16 6EY     |

# **Breconshire/Powys**

| Place                                   | Dates              | Cost     | Where                     |
|---|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Brecon Gaer Roman Fort ( <u>website</u> | 10am – 4pm         | Free     |                           |
| Run by Cadw                             |                    |          |                           |
| Tretower Court and Castle               | Fri-Sat: 10.00am - | £4 adult | Tretower , NP8 1RD        |
| ( <u>website</u> )                      | 4.00pm             |          |                           |
| Run by Cadw                             | Sunday 11.00am -   |          |                           |
|   | 4.00pm             |          |                           |
| Bronllys Castle ( <u>website</u> )      | 10am – 4pm         | Free     | Talgarth, 3/4m (1.2km) NW |
| Run by Cadw                             |                    |          | of Talgarth, on A479, 9m  |
|   |                    |          | (14.5km) NE of Brecon     |
| Sarn Helen (Roman road in Brecon        |                    | Free     |                           |

| Place                                      | Dates | Cost | Where                   |
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| Beacons) ( <u>website</u> )                |       |      |                         |
| Brecon beacons ( <u>website</u> )          |       |      | Brecon                  |
| National park                              |       |      |                         |
| Black Mountains Gliding ( <u>website</u> ) |       |      | The Airfield, Talgarth, |
|  |       |      | Brecon, LD3 0EJ         |
|  |       |      |                         |

#### **South Wales**

| Place  | Dates            | Cost            | Where                       |
|--|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Caerphilly   |                  |                 |                             |
| Caerphilly Castle ( <u>website</u> )                   | Mon-Sat 10 to 4; | £4 adult        | Caerphilly, CF83 1JD        |
| Run by Cadw  | Sun 11 to 4      |                 |                             |
| Pen Y Fan Pond Country Park                            | All year         | Free            | Pen Y Fan Pond Country      |
| ( <u>website</u> )                                     |                  |                 | Park, Manmoel, Oakdale,     |
| Wales' best preserved canal feeder                     |                  |                 | Caerphilly                  |
| reservoir.   |                  |                 |                             |
| Sirhowy Valley Country Park                            | All year         | Free            | Sirhowy Valley Country      |
| ( <u>website</u> )                                     |                  |                 | Park, Sirhowy Valley,       |
| Over 1000 acres of woodland and                        |                  |                 | Crosskeys, Caerphilly, NP11 |
| meadows. Good for bluebells.                           |                  |                 | 7JD                         |
| Coed Craig Ruperra ( <u>website</u> )                  |                  | Free            | Coed Craig Ruperra, Near    |
| 150 acres of woodland walks with                       |                  |                 | Draethen, Caerphilly, NP10  |
| spectacular views of surrounding                       |                  |                 | 8GB                         |
| countryside.   |                  |                 |                             |
| Parc Coetir Bargod ( <u>website</u> )                  | All year         | Free            | Parc Coetir Bargod,         |
| Walks along the Rhymney River                          |                  |                 | Bargoed, Caerphilly         |
| and through woodlands.                                 |                  |                 |                             |
| Llancaiach Fawr Manor ( <u>website</u> )               |                  | Adults £7       | Llancaiach Fawr Manor,      |
| Restored and furnished as it would                     |                  |                 | Gelligaer Road, Nelson,     |
| have been in 1645.                                     |                  |                 | Treharris, Caerphilly, CF46 |
|  |                  |                 | 6ER                         |
| Parc Cwm Darran ( <u>website</u> )                     |                  | (contact for    | Parc Cwm Darran, Deri,      |
| In the Darran Valley with great                        |                  | current prices) | Caerphilly                  |
| walks, lake, visitor centre and children's play areas. |                  |                 |                             |
| Gelligaer Roman Fort ( <u>website</u> )                |                  | None            | Gelligaer Roman Fort,       |
| Visit the fort and discover more.                      |                  | None            | Church Road, Gelligaer Nr.  |
|  |                  |                 | Ystrad Mynach, Caerphilly   |
| Cwmcarn Forest Visitor Centre &                        |                  | Visitor Centre: | Cwmcarn Forest Visitor      |
| Campsite ( <u>website</u> )                            |                  | Free entry      | Centre & Campsite           |
| Spectacular Forest Drive with new                      |                  | Forest Drive:   | Nantcarn Road, Cwmcarn,     |
| Visitor Centre.  |                  | Cars £5.00      | Caerphilly, NP11 7FA        |
| Groeswen Chapel ( <u>website</u> )                     |                  | Free            | Groeswen Chapel             |
| Grade 2 listed building of National                    |                  |                 | Groeswen, Caerphilly,       |
| interest, with a graveyard, which                      |                  |                 | Caerphilly, CF15 7UT        |
| contains the remains of Wales                          |                  |                 | r //                        |
| most notable preachers, musicians                      |                  |                 |                             |
| and literary figures,                                  |                  |                 |                             |
| Pontypool  |                  |                 |                             |
| Pontypool and Blaenavon railway                        | See website for  |                 | just off the B4248 between  |

| Place                                  | Dates       | Cost           | Where                      |
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| ( <u>website</u> )                     | events/days |                | Blaenavon and Brynmawr     |
| Newport                                |             |                |                            |
| Fourteen Locks Canal Centre            |             | Free           | Fourteen Locks Canal       |
| ( <u>website</u> )                     |             |                | Centre, Cwm Lane,          |
| Free guided walk first Saturday of     |             |                | Rogerstone, Newport,       |
| month, 10am in car park.               |             |                | Newport, NP10 9GN          |
| Newport Castle ( <u>website</u> )      |             |                | Centre of Newport          |
| Transporter bridge ( <u>website</u> )  |             | £1 vehicle to  | West side: NP20 2JG (for   |
|  |             | cross          | visitor centre)            |
|  |             |                | East side: NP19 OR         |
| Newport wetlands reserve               |             |                | West Nash Road             |
| ( <u>website</u> )                     |             |                | Newport                    |
|  |             |                | NP18 2BZ                   |
| Medieval ship ( <u>website</u> )       |             |                | Unit 22                    |
|  |             |                | Maesglas Industrial Estate |
|  |             |                | Newport                    |
|  |             |                | Gwent                      |
|  |             |                | NP20 2NN                   |
|  |             |                |                            |
| Cardiff                                |             |                |                            |
| Cardiff Castle ( <u>website</u> )      |             | £12 adult      | Middle of Cardiff          |
|  |             | £10.50 senior  |                            |
| St Fagans national history museum      | 10am – 5pm  | Free (Car park | CF5 6XB                    |
| ( <u>website</u> )                     |             | £3.50)         |                            |
| Castell Coch ( <u>website</u> )        |             | £3.80          | CF15 7JS                   |
| Run by Cadw                            |             |                |                            |
| Etc                                    |             |                |                            |
| Penderyn Distillery ( <u>website</u> ) |             |                | Penderyn                   |
|  |             |                | Nr Aberdare                |
|  |             |                | CF44 OSX                   |
|  |             |                |                            |

## Herefordshire

| Place   | Dates                         | Cost  | Where                           |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Wigmore Castle ( <u>website</u> )                     |                               | Free  | Wigmore                         |
| Hampton Court   | Mar-Oct, Tue-<br>Thu, Sat-Sun | £5    | Hope-Under-Dinmore              |
| Eastnor Castle ( <u>website</u> )<br>English Heritage |                               | £7    | Ledbury, HR8 1RL                |
| Dore Abbey ( <u>website</u> )                         |                               | Free  | Abbeydore, Hereford HR2<br>0AD  |
| Croft Castle ( <u>website</u> )<br>National Trust     |                               | £4.50 | Leominster HR6 9PW              |
| Hereford Cathedral ( <u>website</u> )                 |                               |       | Middle of Hereford (HR1<br>2NG) |
| Berrington Hall ( <u>website</u> )<br>National Trust  |                               | £5    | Leominster, HR6 0DW             |
| Belmont Abbey ( <u>website</u> )                      |                               | Free  | Hereford<br>HR2 9RZ             |

| Place | Dates | Cost | Where |
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## Gloucestershire

| Place                                   | Notes                  | Cost           | Where   |
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| WWT Slimbridge Wetlands Centre          | Bird/wildlife reserve. |                | WWT Slimbridge Wetlands                           |
| ( <u>website</u> )                      | Regular events         |                | Centre, Slimbridge,                               |
|   |                        |                | Gloucestershire, GL2 7BT                          |
| Gloucester Cathedral ( <u>website</u> ) |                        |                | Off Westgate Street, centre                       |
|   |                        |                | of Gloucester                                     |
| Batsford Arboretum ( <u>website</u> )   | 10am to 4:45pm         | £7             | Batsford Arboretum,                               |
|   | Photo courses with     |                | Batsford Park,                                    |
|   | James Kerr             |                | Moreton in Marsh,                                 |
|   |                        |                | Glos GL56 9AB.                                    |
| Barn Owl Centre ( <u>website</u> )      | Ned to book for        | £60 per        | The Barn Owl Centre                               |
|   | photo days or 'flying  | photographer   | Netheridge Farm                                   |
|   | experiences'.          | (£30 per       | Netheridge Close                                  |
|   |                        | assistant).    | Hempsted  |
|   |                        | £12 for flying | GL2 5LE   |
|   |                        | experiences.   |   |
| Gloucestershire Warwickshire            |                        | £10 adult or   | Toddington Railway Station                        |
| Railway ( <u>website</u> )              |                        | £15 day rover  | Toddington, GL54 5DT (for                         |
|   |                        |                | diesel). Winchcombe and<br>Cheltenham Race Course |
|   |                        |                | station (for steam).                              |
| Symond's Yat (website)                  |                        |                |   |
| Goodrich Castle (website)               |                        | Adults £3.70   | 5 Miles south of Ross on                          |
| Run by English Heritage                 |                        | Child £1.90    | Wye off A40. HR9 6HY.                             |
|   |                        | Concs £2.80    |   |
| Forest of Dean (website)                |                        |                |   |
| Clearwell Caves (website)               |                        |                | 1.5 miles south of Coleford                       |
| ·,                                      |                        |                | on B4228 to Chepstow                              |
| Dean forest railway ( <u>website</u> )  |                        | £11 for day    | just outside Lydney on the                        |
|   |                        | rover (senior: | B4234 Forest Road                                 |
|   |                        | £10)           | between Lydney and                                |
|   |                        |                | Whitecroft. GL15 4ET                              |
| Berkeley Castle ( <u>website</u> )      |                        | £5.70          | Wotton-Under-Edge, GL13                           |
|   |                        |                | 9BQ   |

## Worcestershire

| Place                                  | Dates | Cost  | Where                      |
|--|-------|-------|----------------------------|
| Brockhampton Estate ( <u>website</u> ) |       | £3.60 | Greenfields, Bringsty, WR6 |
|  |       |       | 5TB                        |

## **Other useful sites**

Castles of Wales: <u>http://www.castlewales.com/</u>