

### Moorland Group Weekend Away 2014

Area: The Black Mountain. This forms the western high ground of the Brecon Beacons National Park and should not be confused with the Black Mountains in the east of the same Park. Rising to 802 metres (2631 ft) Fan Brycheiniog the summit of the Black Mountain is the third highest top in South Wales.

Date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Proposed walks: All walks will start at the campsite at the Dan-Yr-Ogof Caves. Grid reference SN841162.

Walk 1 – 10 miles – Cribarth – Abercraf – Henthyn Falls. This walk includes open hillside, a summit, woodland, riverside, a narrow ravine and the highest waterfall in South Wales.

Walk 2 – 11 miles – Fan Hir – Fan Brycheiniog – Bannau Sir Gaer. This walk involves a stiff ascent to the main Fan Hir ridge but soon turns into a splendid ridge walk with stunning views both near and far. We walk almost the entire escarpment edge, the longest of its type anywhere in Britain. The return is through a wild landscape of marshes, small streams and numerous limestone shake holes.

Walk 3 – 13 miles – Fan Gyhirych – Fan Fraith – Fan Nedd. The final walk is on the FforestFawr massif, taking in three of the least walked mountains in the National Park. Some steep ascents in rugged terrain.

Some useful websites.

Camping:- Dan-yr-Ogof Caves. [www.showcaves.co.uk](http://www.showcaves.co.uk)

Accommodation:- In the Abercraf, Pen-Y-Cae and Glyntawe area.

[www.booking.com/Abercraf-Hotels](http://www.booking.com/Abercraf-Hotels)

Eating and Inns:-Abercrave Inn. [www.Abercraveinn.co.uk](http://www.Abercraveinn.co.uk)

Pen-y-Cae Inn. [www.penycaeinn.com](http://www.penycaeinn.com)

Map:- Brecon Beacons National Park (Western Area) OL12

Start times of walks are yet to be decided, these will be announced after final recce.

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