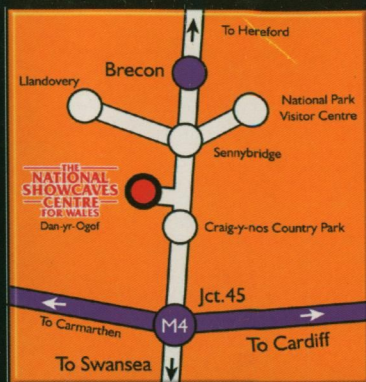


The National Showcaves Centre For Wales



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THE NATIONAL SHOWCAVES CENTRE FOR WALES

Dan-yr-Ogof

VISITOR ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR 2000



We are open 7 days a week from April 1st (or Easter) - October 27th.
We open at 10am - the last admittance into the caves varies with the season, please phone for details.

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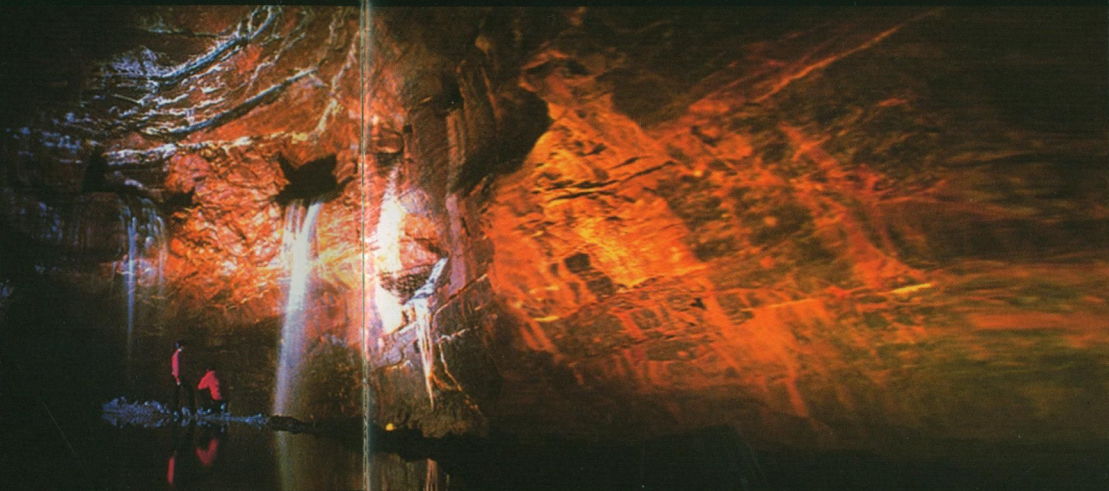
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IT'S TAKEN 315 MILLION YEARS
TO CREATE A GREAT DAY OUT!

Wales' best kept secret for 315 million years!



In the heart of the Brecon Beacons, the National Showcaves Centre for Wales is one of the principality's top visitor attractions, and is the most spectacular showcaves complex in Northern Europe.

If only caves could talk... Well, at the National Showcaves Centre for Wales they really do! Our story spans millions of years, from the dawn of time to the present day, and gives you an intriguing insight into how life has evolved on Earth.

You can travel back to prehistoric times where you'll come face to face with a fearsome T-Rex and over fifty other giants in our award-winning dinosaur park. Did you know a T-Rex could eat 500 pounds or 230kg of meat in just one bite?

From the incredible archaeological evidence that's been unearthed here, we've recreated what life would have been like for your ancient ancestors in the Iron Age. How did they cook? How did they fasten their clothes without zips or velcro? And how did they create beautiful and complicated metalwork such as swords, shields and daggers?

At the National Showcaves Centre for Wales there are attractions for all the family, ranging from history in action to calm refreshment. And there are so many things for children to enjoy! As well as the Showcaves, there is the Dinosaur Park, Shire Horse Centre and not forgetting our superb adventure playground and Jurassic Karting track - offering even more fun - all undercover!

Dan-yr-ogof Cave

Bone Cave

Cathedral Cave



3 award-winning showcaves

When you enter Dan-yr-Ogof, you are following in the footsteps of an intrepid pair of brothers. In 1912, Jeff and Ashwell Morgan, local farmers, squeezed through a tiny passage and entered Dan-yr-Ogof Cave. Little did they know that their discovery would be enjoyed by many millions of people!

Now you can go into this incredible cave and relive the brothers' experiences as they talk you through their journey. They'll tell you what they found, how they lit their way with candles, and why they plotted their route through the cave by marking the sand with arrows.

In 1953, cavers discovered the stunning Cathedral Cave. Never in their wildest dreams did they imagine that their efforts would

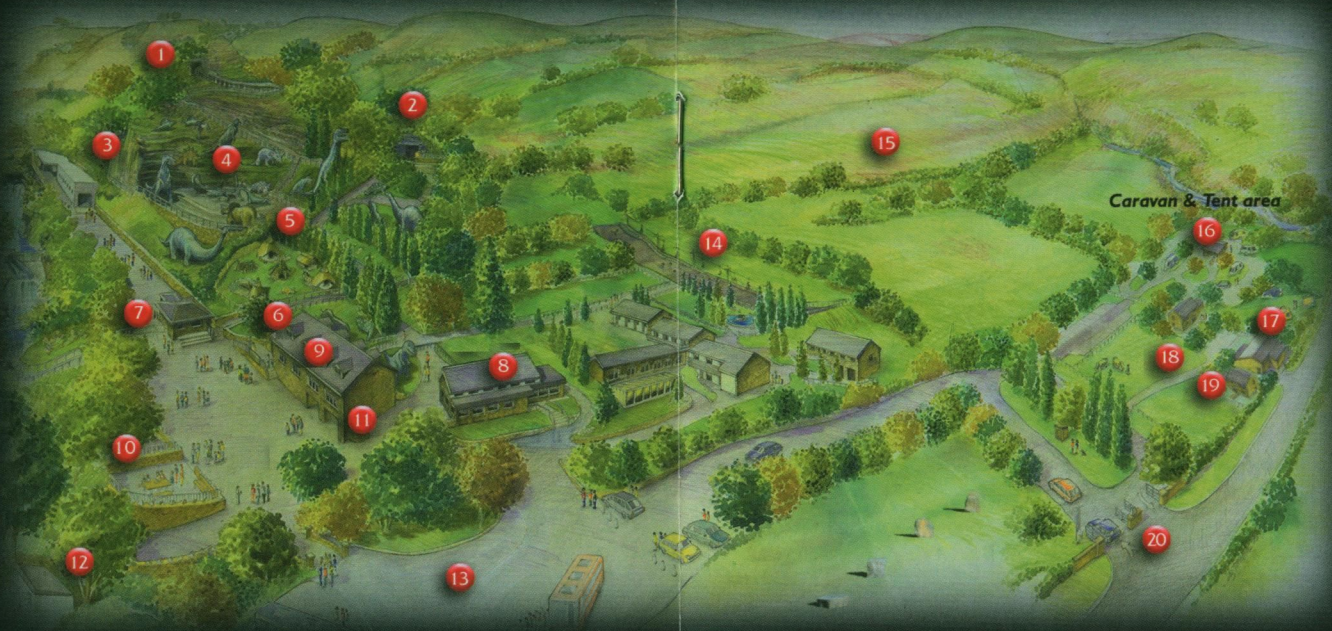
lead them into one of Britain's largest showcave passages. The awe-inspiring finale to this most beautiful of natural wonders is the Dome of St Paul's, where a lake is fed by cascading waterfalls.

The Bone Cave, is so named because over 42 human skeletons have been found there, many dating back over 3,000 years to the Bronze Age. The cave now contains a number of award-winning exhibits illustrating man's involvement with caves and the animals that were once found in caves.



Morgan brother 1912

We're easy to find in the Brecon Beacons National Park



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There's lots to see and do for all the family including:

- 3 Award-winning Showcaves
- Award-winning Dinosaur Park
- Replica Iron Age Farm
- Shire Horse Centre
- Mr Morgan's Victorian Farm
- Museum and 'Rock' Shop
- Coffee Shop & Picnic Area
- Millennium Stone Circles
- Barney Owl's Playground



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| ① Entrance to Bone Cave | ⑩ Picnic Area |
| ② Entrance to Cathedral Cave | ⑪ Preview Theatre |
| ③ Entrance to Dan-yr-Ogof Cave | ⑫ Gents Toilet |
| ④ Dinosaur Park | ⑬ Coach Park |
| ⑤ Iron Age Farm | ⑭ Dry Ski Slope |
| ⑥ Disabled / Ladies toilets | ⑮ Brecon Beacons National Park |
| ⑦ Ticket Office | ⑯ Caravan & Tenting Area |
| ⑧ Coffee Shop / Ski Lodge
& First Aid Point | ⑰ Shire Horse & Trekking Centre |
| ⑨ Museum / Craft Shop | ⑱ Barney Owl's Playground |
| | ⑳ Main Entrance |

There's plenty of free parking for cars and coaches. If you want to stay longer, why not use our caravan and tenting park?

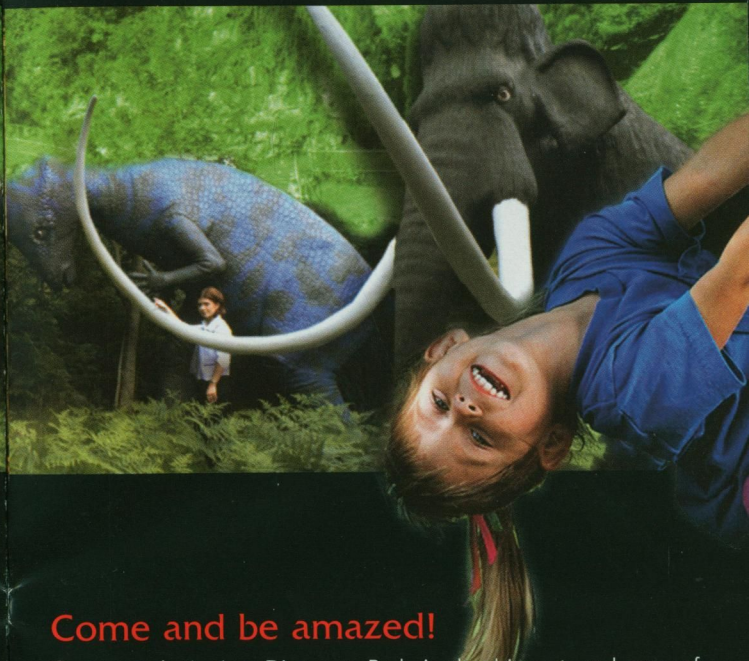
Outside of the main season we open for Christmas and the school half-term week in February, please phone our Winter Helpline 01639 730 805.

Also on the complex is a ski centre and trekking centre (separate charge). Please phone 01639 730 284 for times & details.

Due to the unpredictability of nature, we reserve the right to withdraw any attraction without notice.

Regrettably the Showcaves are not suitable for wheelchairs.

Northern Europe's Largest Dinosaur Park



Where did all the dinosaurs go?

65 million years ago, the dinosaurs suddenly disappeared from the Earth. Scientists think they were wiped out after a gigantic meteor crashed into our planet. Did the meteor set off volcanoes? Was the sun shut out by the clouds of dust and ash thrown miles into the air by eruptions that turned the sky black? And did the lack of sunlight stop the dinosaurs' plant food from growing and turn the Earth into a cold, cheerless wasteland?

And did ALL the dinosaurs really become extinct?

Some say the legendary Loch Ness Monster is a prehistoric plesiosaur that survived in the deep waters of the remote Scottish lake. So who knows what you might find hidden in the heart of the Brecon Beacons?

Come and be amazed!

Our award-winning Dinosaur Park is the biggest and one of the best in Northern Europe. Come face to face with a 30 foot, (10 metres), long Tyrannosaurus Rex and a Brontosaurus the size of a bus! The park has over 50 life-sized replicas of some of the most amazing prehistoric creatures that ever walked the Earth.



The Morgan Brothers' Shire Horse Centre

Iron Age Farm



The Morgan Brothers' Shire Horse Centre

You're sure to love Twm, our 'talking' sheepdog, who'll take you on a journey back in time to when Shire horses reigned supreme here at The National Showcaves Centre for Wales. And many of our other farm animals are looking forward to meeting you!

Visit Dai, our blacksmith, and see Tommy Morgan in his Victorian kitchen. Meet young Megan, tired and sleepy from another hard day's work, and learn about her duties all those years ago.

Replica of an Iron Age Farm

The past is brought to life at our Iron Age Farm. Our realistic reconstruction is based on archaeological evidence of the farm,

Barney Owl's Playground



its people and their animals, showing you how farmers lived 2,500 years ago. And you'll be amazed at our recreated stone circles, immense standing stones and vast burial chambers – all to be seen on Mr Morgan's farm!

Barney Owl's Playground

Our adventure playground is in a converted stone barn – so it's fabulous fun, even in wet weather.

Children from 6 to 10 years can enjoy an exciting adventure (under the supervision of parents) in this fully equipped and well-constructed play area with fantastic slides, rope climbs, aerial walkways and much more to keep them occupied! Our new children's Jurassic Karting track has to be seen to be believed!