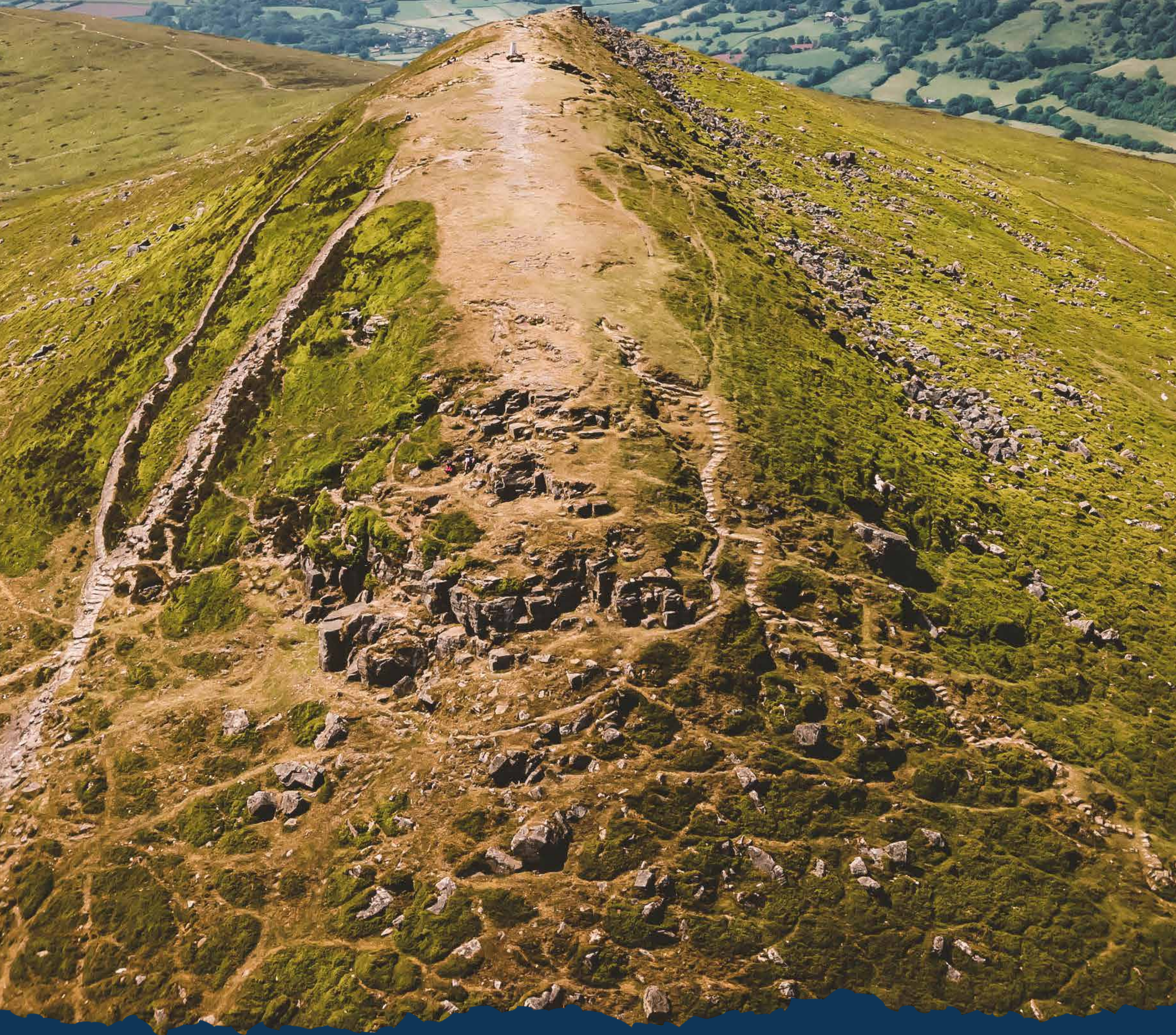


A Break in Brecon

Abergavenny, River Usk & Sugar Loaf Mountain



Walk 6.5hrs (21km)



Total Ascent 643 m



Highest Point 595 m

In association with



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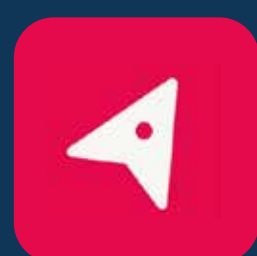
Thank you for downloading your Vespucci walk.

If you missed the Kit list [here's what to bring](#).



Download this guide on your device

This contains all the handy information: how to get there, points of interest and pubs, taxis etc. Make sure you have plenty of battery!



A BREAK IN BECON

Tap here to access your digital OS Map

Tap here!

(Make sure you have OS Map App downloaded)

Getting There



Train

Trains from London require a change at Newport, or trains from Manchester are direct to Abergavenny.



By Car

Either park at Abergavenny Station or one of the public car parks in town. There is also ample parking outside the Lamb & Flag pub, if that is where you are starting your hike.

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Hike Summary

A circular walk with spectacularly rewarding views.

How many places are there where you can step off a train, pick up lunch in a great independent shop in the food capital of Wales, and be at the top of a mountain with breathtaking views within 1.5

hrs? After leaving the town centre, the route winds up narrow country lanes and then you are offroad and traffic free until 30 minutes from the end. Take in some gnarly oak forests, streamside vales and open mountainside trails to get you to just shy of 600 metres at the summit of Sugar Loaf Mountain.



Points of interest

[Tap here](#) and find the waypoints in the OS map app.



ABERGAVENNY STATION

This grade II listed station was built 1854 using local pink sandstone in an Italianate style.



ABERGAVENNY

This charming market town is famed for its ancient castle ruins and the annual Abergavenny Food Festival.



FIG TREE ESPRESSO



Fantastic coffee and some seriously delicious cakes served in large slices, great pre-walk fuel!



ABERGAVENNY CASTLE



The castle was built in the 11th century to prevent Welsh incursions and had a stone keep, towers and a ditch as fortifications.

RIVER USK



Renowned for its diverse habitats and rich wildlife, including Atlantic salmon, otters, and kingfishers.

ST MARY'S VALE



A Site of Special Scientific Interest due to its many miles of ancient oak woodland.

SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN



At 596 metres, this peak affords the hiker spectacular 360 degree views. (depending on the weather!)

TAP HERE SHORT CUT



Tired after the descent? Head to The Crown Inn in Pantygelli and get a drink while you wait for a taxi!

VIEWS OF THE SKIRRID MOUNTAIN



The black mountains rise dramatically out of the landscape. The Skirrid is also known locally as 'the Holy Mountain'.

FINISH IN ABERGAVENNY



Make sure you check out our insiders guide to Abergavenny to get the most from your time in this perfect village.



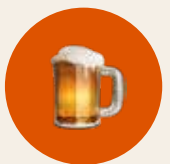
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EAT

- ✕ The Angel Hotel
- ✕ The Hardwick
- ✕ The Walnut Tree
- ✕ The Gaff



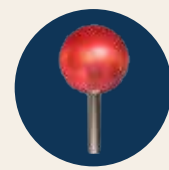
DRINK

- ✕ The King's Arms
- ✕ The Bridge Inn
- ✕ The Hen & Chickens



SLEEP

- ✕ The Angle Hotel
- ✕ The Kings Arms Hotel
- ✕ Fantastic options on Air bnb



DO

- ✕ Sugar Loaf & White Castle Vineyards
- ✕ Abergavenny Museum
- ✕ Abergavenny Market Hall
- ✕ The White Castle
- ✕ Food Festival (September)



DARK SKY RESERVE

Internationally recognised as a Dark Sky Reserve, a night under the stars in the Brecon Beacons is something to behold. If you are staying the night, consider planning a night time excursion into your trip!



TAKING IT ALL IN

Sometimes, we can get so caught up in reaching our destination that we forget to take in our surroundings. When in fact, some of the best moments on a walk are the ones spent not walking. It is not until you stop and look a little closer, that you truly see the magic of where you are.

Our hikes are not about how fast you walk, but about how much you take in. We share these beautiful trails with an abundance of wildlife and there's always something to marvel at – so long as you take the time to look around.

Here are a few of our favourite bits of flora and fauna to look out for on this hike:

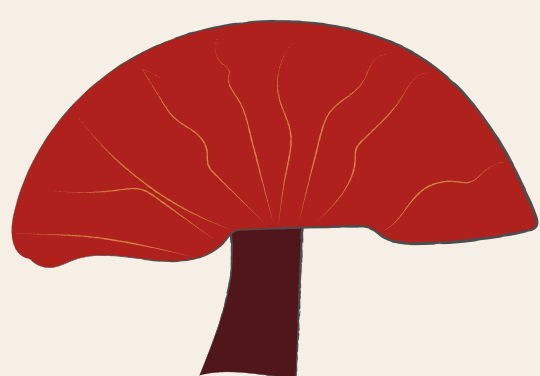


Scarlet Pimpernel

Recognisable by its small, brightly coloured flowers

Picnic Thistle

A small, sharp thistle flower



Waxcaps

A strange but beautiful type of fungus

Plan B

CALLING IT A DAY?

If you've decided that's quite enough for you, there's absolutely no shame in calling it a day.

When you descend off the Sugar Loaf Mountain head to The Crown in Pantygelli for a well-earned drink. This will cut your hike short by around 1.5 hrs.

Fast Cars of Abergavenny:

01873 850000

Julians Taxis:

07970 182283

Lewis Taxis:

01873 859839



Thank you

**WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.
CREATED BY OUR LOCAL CURATOR, HUW.**

What's next?

We hope you enjoyed your walk as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. And we've got plenty more where that came from!

Check out the full range of walk available to you on:
[link to their portal](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

We love hearing about your adventures, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have from your walk.

[Leave feedback](#)

