

Dog Friendly Brecon Beacons

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Brecon Beacons Holiday Cottages

(<http://www.visitwales.co.uk/holiday-accommodation-in-wales/holiday-cottages-and-self-catering-lets-in-wales/>), who offer a range of dog-friendly accommodation, have come up with five reasons why the Brecon Beacons are so perfect for a holiday with your dog. With three office dogs and the majority of staff owning one dog or more, we thought they'd be perfect people to ask.

Walking in the Brecon Beacons. There are thousands of walks in the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains, we have come up with our top ten, which you will find on our website. If we had to narrow it down to two we recommend 'Bwlch with Altitude', an energetic 12 mile circular walk, climbing two hills with 360 degree views of Llangors Lake. It starts and ends at the pub in Bwlch. Our second favourite is Mynydd Illtyd Common, an easy walk over closely cropped open ground to an iron age hill fort, passing upland ponds and outcrops with spectacular views in all directions. Ideal for a UK short break (<http://www.visitwales.co.uk>).

Dog Friendly Pubs. The Brecon Beacons are full of pubs that welcome dogs and their owners. We have a list of pubs throughout the national park. Some of our favourites include our local, The Star Inn, Talybont-on-Usk, the Brecknock CAMRA pub of the Year (and has been for the last three years!) who even have the odd dog-loving male voice choir singing along too! If you're looking for something a little fancier, the Felin Fach Griffin, who won, 2011 best dining pub in Wales by the Good Pub Guide, is fantastic and have a special area for you and your four-legged friend.

Cooling-Off Spots. Whilst you do need to be careful to avoid fishermen, you will find an abundance of rivers and lakes that your dog can have a bit of a swim and cool off after a long walk. We love the bridge area at Glasbury-on-Wye and Castle Meadow in Abergavenny.

Agricultural Shows with Dog Classes. As an agricultural community the Brecon Beacons have many County Fairs and Shows, many of them have dog classes where you can take your pet along. We love the Sennybridge Show which is held in September and the dog show includes classes for 'Best Veteran' (7 years or over), Best Rescue, and Prettiest Bitch. www.sennybridgeshow.org

Vets and Grooming. Should you need either of these services, you will find a wealth of options around and also find that prices are at least a third lower than London and other cities. We like Nicky Jones from Mucky Pups (01928 553179), but she does need at least a week's notice! The Hay Veterinary Group are also geared up for pets and provide an excellent service, www.hayvets.co.uk

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(<http://www.visitwales.co.uk/holiday-accommodation-in-wales/holiday-cottages-and-self-catering-lets-in-wales/>) offer information sheets with advice and information on travelling with your dog. They have over 150 properties in the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains that are pet friendly and during the month of May and June are allowing pets to go for free in certain properties. Visitors are advised to follow the countryside code at all times.

Speak to Brecon Beacons Holiday Cottages for further information, telephone 01874 676446, email enquiries@breconcottages.com or visit www.breconcottages.com