

BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK

Brecon Beacons National Park Education Service YHA Danywenallt National Park Study Centre



Historical Hunt KS2 Geography, History, PSHE

Learning Objectives

During this half day course pupils should learn :

To follow maps using a variety of skills and interpret symbols and keys.

To follow directions using a compass and to estimate and calculate distances.

To be able to work in a team effectively.

To use and extend their use of geographical vocabulary.

To find out about events, people and changes using a range of sources of information.

To discuss and identify ways in which people can affect the environment.

To investigate ways in which people can attempt to look after the present environment to sustain it.

To investigate water supply at local scales

To understand the importance of clean water and plentiful supply.

Links with QCA Unit 11 Water

Course description:

This half day course enables the children to develop map and compass skills in the vicinity of Danywenallt. Using teamwork skills, they will complete questions and challenges along a route to find the buried message from the past. This will help them find out about the history of the area and how it has changed.

Introduction: The children will discuss the importance of maps, identify the main features and use 6 figure grid references. They will be introduced to the features of a compass and learn how to take a bearing.

Main Activity: In small groups, the children will follow a route using compass bearings and paces. At each stopping point they will answer questions and complete challenges to find out about the past, how life has changed and how people have affected the environment. There is also an opportunity to visit the water treatment station en route and learn how water from the reservoir is made safe to drink. The hunt ends with the discovery of a time capsule containing messages and photos from the past. This provides evidence of life in the valley before and during the construction of the reservoir and how it affected the lives of the various people involved.

Earth Walk KS2 Art, PSHE, Science

Learning Objectives

During this day course pupils should learn :

To gain an appreciation of the natural environment and the importance of natural habitats.

To use different senses of the body including sight, hearing, smell and touch to investigate the natural world.

To find out about the variety of plants and animals found in different habitats.

To compare, describe and group things according to their appearance, texture, size and shape.

To develop and apply attitudes, values, skills, knowledge and understanding towards the natural world.

To use their experience and knowledge of different materials experimentally and expressively.

Earth Walk: This special walk involves using different senses to build a relationship in both feeling and understanding of the natural world.

Main Activity

The children will be taken through the woodlands and fields surrounding Danywenallt, stopping off at different points for a range of activities. The activities will encourage pupils to experience the richness and wonders of the natural world by using the senses of the body including sight, hearing, smell and touch. Activities may include 'eye in the sky', 'meet a tree', 'colour palettes', 'symphony', and 'smelly cocktails'.