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In the lower end of Gilfach's old farmhouse is the byre, open all year, where you can find information and self-service refreshments.



Gilfach is a special place - an old upland farm set in a spectacular landscape, rich in wildlife and history, just north of Rhayader in Mid-Wales. Visitors are welcome to visit this lovely nature reserve all year. Entrance is free but please leave a donation to help with it's upkeep

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT COVID-19 VIRUS

The Byre and toilets are now closed at Gilfach in line with the government's advice to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We respectfully ask that you be sensible and heed the advice given out by Powys County Council below. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Gilfach offers something special all year.

On crisp sunny days in winter, the trees are festooned with lichen; in spring the woodlands are full of birdsong and the cuckoo calls around the valley; in summer the hillsides are coloured with gorse and heather and the meadows hum; while in autumn the fields are dotted with colourful fungi, the river rages over the waterfall - and you might just spot a leaping salmon.

Walking through time

Get a sense of Gilfach's heritage as you walk through the nature reserve. Pass a bronze-age burial cairn, spot relics of the old Mid-Wales Railway, see the sixteenth century longhouse and walk in the footsteps of many generations of farmers.

Visiting Gilfach

The main car park is just off the A470 at the Welcome Gateway (Marteg Bridge). There is a network of waymarked walks to help you explore the valley, so bring your walking boots. Paths can be slippery and muddy in wet weather so a walking stick might be useful. All dogs need to be kept on a lead please.

More visitor facilities can be found in the Old Farmyard, including information panels, self-service refreshments and toilets. For people with restricted mobility, there is also an accessible toilet and a short easy access path, though lots of people just enjoy sitting in the farmyard on a sunny day.

Parking in the Old Farmyard is very limited and is accessed by a narrow, single-track road, which is not suitable for motorhomes.

More information

A variety of information is available to download from the foot of this webpage, including a printable trail map. Watch films about Gilfach on the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust [YouTube channel](#), including a fantastic Welcome to Gilfach film from wildlife presenter, Iolo Williams.

Visiting with a group?

If you would like to visit with a group, please contact the office on **01597 823298** for help with arrangements.

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