



Above Castle Inn Pengenffordd, below Buzzard, right above Tretower Castle, below Black Mountain Gliding club.

Sample Itinerary

11.00am – 1.00pm

1.00pm – 2.00pm

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Breathtaking views in the Black Mountains

Head for the sky with this itinerary – and enjoy a walk to the highest Castle ruins in Wales followed by an afternoon watching the skilled pilots of the Black Mountains Gliding Club soar along the mountain ridges.

Start the morning with a drive to the car park of the **Castle Inn** at Pengenffordd on the A479 between Talgarth and Crickhowell where you can leave your car. Leave the car park at the Talgarth end close to the information board and follow the path up to **Castell Dinas** high on the ridge above you. The site was originally an Iron Age Hill fort with a later fortified Norman Castle built on the site. Although the remains are now crumbling – the views into the Black Mountains and over Talgarth towards the Brecon Beacons have surely stayed just as good!.

The round trip will take about an hour for an averagely fit person and there are some fantastic ridge walks that can be continued from Castell Dinas if you fancy going a little further. If you visit at the weekend – you could take your lunch at the Castle Inn – if not you could take a picnic or return to Talgarth to find lunch.

After lunch visit the **Black Mountains Gliding Club**. Set at 970 feet above sea level it is said to be the UK's best ridge and wave gliding club – and it is fascinating to watch the gliders being towed up and then released to soar with the birds. Those feeling intrepid could also plan and book a trial lesson and get the full experience!

Walk up to Castell Dinas and enjoy the views as a reward for your labours.

Either lunch at the Castle Inn, Pengenfford or return to Talgarth to find lunch.

Visit the Black Mountains Gliding Club and either watch an afternoon's soaring – or if you have pre-booked enjoy a trial lesson.





Where is it?

The Castle Inn, Pengenffordd, near Talgarth LD3 0EP
www.brecon-beacons-accommodation.co.uk
 Tel: 01874 711353
 is located on the A479 between Talgarth and Crickhowell. The car park is on the left hand side. £1 is charged for parking which should be paid at the Inn. All parking monies are donated to charity

Castell Dinas – SO179301 is accessed by a footpath leading from the Castle Inn car park. It is recommended to take an OS map.

The Black Mountains Gliding Club, The Airfield, Talgarth LD3 0EJ
www.blackmountainsglidingclub.co.uk Tel: 01874 711463
 is signed off the A479 on the left hand side between Talgarth and Crickhowell.

Facilities and Access

The Castle Inn
Opening Times
 Wed, Thurs, Friday 6.00pm – 11pm
 Saturday 12.00pm – 12.0pm
 Sunday 12.00pm – 10.30pm.
 Food is served between 12 and 2.00pm and 6.00pm to 9.00pm on the days the Inn is open. The restaurant and toilets are on the ground floor, but are not specially adapted for disabled access.

Castell Dinas is accessed via a steep and un-even footpath and has no facilities.

The Black Mountains Gliding Club is open all week between late March and October and weekends only November to late March. Gliding will always depend on weather conditions so you are advised to always call to check whether they will be gliding

on the day of your planned visit. Trial lessons require advance booking.

The Gliding Club has a small kitchen where you can make your own drink and a tuck box for snacks – which works on an honesty box system. There are also picnic benches on site. The toilets are on the ground floor and the site is flat and grassy.

Public Transport

By Train the nearest station is Abergavenny – Talgarth is 18 miles from Abergavenny

By bus: Talgarth is serviced by buses in all directions, from Hereford, Builth Wells, Abergavenny and Brecon. Look at www.traveline-cymru.org.uk for the latest travel information and timetables.

During the summer months the Beacons Bus service also passes through Talgarth on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from the end of May to the beginning of October. See www.travelbreconbeacons.info for more details.

By bike: National Route 8 passes through Talgarth.

