

10 Leisure Walks of Discovery
**A Boot Up
THE BRECON
BEACONS**

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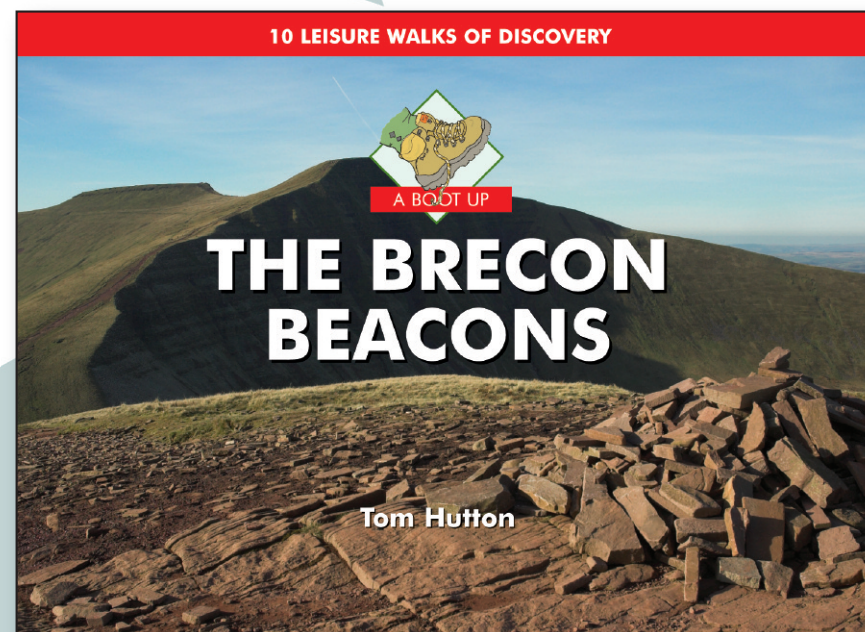
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Above left: Spoil heaps from the quarries of the Llangattock escarpment.

Above: Carreg Cennen Castle atop steep cliffs.

Above right: The sixteenth-century Llangynidr Bridge.

Left: Ruined lime kiln on the Llangattock escarpment.

Right: Trig Point on Black Hill.



Example of a double page spread

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Llyn y Fan Fach

Bannau Sir Gaer and Llyn y Fan Fach from the west.



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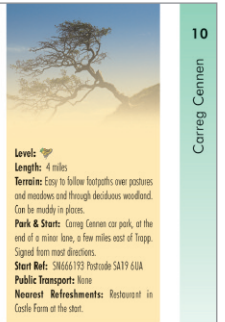
10 Carreg Cennen

Easy walking, stunning views and a visit to one of the most dramatic castles in the whole of Wales.

Wales has many castles but few come close to the drama of Carreg Cennen — a semi-ruined, dragon's-den type of edifice perched upon towering cliffs at the far western



tip of the Brecon Beacons National Park. It surveys foothills rather than mountains (although the Black Mountain is visible on the eastern skyline) and these foothills offer easy walking as well as fantastic views back to the castle. By starting and finishing at the castle itself, it's easy to make time for exploration — well worthwhile, especially if you take a torch — and it also affords an opportunity to enjoy lunch or a snack in the wonderful restaurant in the farm buildings nearby. It's a magical outing at any time of year but the scenery is particularly beguiling in



Level: 5
Length: 4 miles
Terrain: Easy to follow footpaths over pastures and meadows and through deciduous woodland. Can be muddy in places.
Park & Start: Carreg Cennen car park, at the end of a minor lane, a few miles west of Trepp. Signed from most directions.
Start Ref: SN666 193 Postcode SA9 6AA
Public Transport: None
Nearest Refreshments: Restaurant in Castle Farm at the start.

autumn when the oak and beech woods that surround the castle are at their most colourful.

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