



The County Borough of Caerphilly Visitor Guide 2020

Thank you for choosing the county borough of Caerphilly as a destination to visit. Whether it's for a day, a short break or longer, there's a lot waiting to be discovered. From uncovering our rich historical past to lapping up beautiful scenery and wildlife.

This guide is packed with lots of useful information on the area along with inspiration on places to visit and a taste of our renowned Valleys welcome.

We hope you find this guide useful and that you'll come to love the borough as much as we do...in the words of Tommy Cooper "Just like that!"

If you need any help while planning your visit or once you are here, take a look at **www.visitcaerphilly.com** for information on the area. From finding a place to rest your head to selecting a special place to dine, it's all on the website.

See you Sooh! Caerphilly



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The county borough of Caerphilly is located in the heart of Southern Wales and straddles the ancient county boundaries of Monmouthshire and Glamorgan.



With such close proximity to Cardiff, Newport and the Brecon Beacons, the county borough of Caerphilly is an ideal base for visitors looking to explore the South Wales Valleys and beyond.

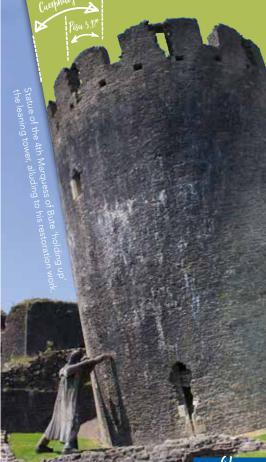
There are excellent transport links throughout the borough, with Cardiff just 15 minutes from Caerphilly town by train and 8 miles by car or bus. Visitors have the choice of city shopping and entertainment or the more laid back atmosphere of the county borough of Caerphilly.





# Pisa's got nothing on us

Though the focus of many Welsh attacks, Caerphilly Castle has remained a formidable fortress remained a formidable fortress and perhaps one of the greatest atrongholds of all-time. Even strongholds of all-time. Even the efforts of Oliver Cromwell's roundheads failed to break the which has leaned 3 mouth of the which has leaned 3 mouth of the perpendicular since 1648.





Set in 1645, the servants of Llancaiach Fawr Manor will be pleased to show you around their master's fine house, provided you are of good repute of course!

If you are lucky, you might meet the master of the house Edward Prichard, or perhaps catch a glimpse of the mistress Mary Prichard, though she is a rather 'sickly' soul and does not like to brave the air of the valleys. With the Manor known for being haunted, you never know who you might meet when visiting this 17th century manor house! Enjoy day tours, ghost tours and events throughout the year at this splendid Manor House.

# Discover local heritage

Unearth the hidden history of Caerphilly County Borough at the Winding House Museum, featuring a changing programme of fascinating exhibitions on the local area's history, heritage and culture. Research your family's past, discover the Victorian winding engine, eat, drink and purchase memorabilia in the museums gift shop! Open Tuesday to Saturday.

# Finding your roots

Fuelled by the influence of the popular TV series 'Who Do You Think You Are' and the rising social trend of tracing your genealogy, visitors are increasingly looking to pursue their family history. There is a wealth of information and resources available to help. For more information visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/chronicle

# Remembering the fallen

Commemorating the fallen of the 152 mining disasters across Wales, the National Mining Memorial was unveiled on the centenary of the Universal Colliery Disaster in Senghenydd on the 14th October 2013. The memorial incorporates a bronze statue, wall of remembrance & path of memory within the memorial garden, dedicating a ceramic tile to each disaster.



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### Heritage Sites:

Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust



Location: Lower Machen
Web: www.ruperratrust.co.uk
www.ruperra.org.uk

Butetown Heritage Trail

Location: Butetown, Rhymney
Postcode: NP22 5QH/5QJ
Web: www.butetownhistory.info

Groeswen Chapel Location: Caerphilly

Postcode: CF15 7UT Tel: 029 2088 2245

Web: www.visitcaerphilly.com

National Mining Memorial & Garden

Memorial & Garden
Location: Commercial Street.

Senghenydd **Postcode:** CF83 4GY

**Tel:** 029 2083 0445

Web: www.abervalleyheritage.co.uk

### Museums & Art:

Winding House

Location: New Tredegar Postcode: NP24 6EG Tel: 01443 822666

Web: www.windinghouse.co.uk

Aber Valley Heritage Museum

Location: Senghenydd, Caerphilly

Postcode: CF83 4HA Tel: 029 2083 0445

 $\textbf{Web:} \ \text{www.abervalleyheritage.co.uk}$ 

Y Galeri Caerffili

Location: Ground floor, The Visitor Centre – Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1JL Tel: 029 2132 2570

Web: www.ygalericaerffili.co.uk

### Canals

Monmouthshire &
Brecon Canal (Crumlin Arm)

**Location:** Risca **Postcode:** NP11 6GY

Web: www.visitcaerphilly.com



# All land of myths AND legends

The Iron Age hill fort of Twmbarlwm was once at the heart of the territory of the Silurian Celts, the dominant Celtic tribe of this area.

Constructed between 500 and 150 BC, the site was chosen due to its excellent view of the surrounding area and the Bristol Channel where any approaching threat could easily be seen.

### Twmbarlwm

Location: Cwmcarn Postcode: NP11 7FA

(Cwmcarn Forest Visitor Centre)

Tel: 01495 272001

Web: www.cwmcarnforest.co.uk

# A legend of love

It is said that the restless spirit of Princess Alice of Angouleme, wife of Gilbert de Clare roams Caerphilly Castle in search of her lost love. Legend has it, the princess, growing tired of her husband's cold and angry ways; fell in love with amorous Welsh Prince Gruffudd of Brithdir, only to seal their unfortunate fate. The Princess perished of a broken heart after deranged Gilbert ordered the execution of her lover when the affair was exposed. Now on a moonlit night, you may see the Princess, known as 'The Green Lady' searching for her lover, wearing green as a symbol of her husband's envy.

> Gelligaer Roman Fort Location: Gelligaer

Postcode: CF82 8BB

Tel: 01443 822863

Web: www.caerphilly.gov.uk/romanfort/

Mark Walters - Skywest Surveys

Almost 2000 years after the Romans and Silures battled across these hills, Gelligaer is again telling the story of the Romans in the Valleys of South Wales. Why not come and visit this village, which has a history that stretches back to prehistory, and a heritage waiting for you to explore.



# Famous Faces

Famous faces to come out of the county borough of Caerphilly include the legendary Tommy Cooper, musicians The Manic Street **Preachers**. Falklands hero **Simon** Weston, Beauty and the Beast's 'Gaston' actor **Luke Evans** who was raised in Aberbargoed, presenter Matt Johnson, sporting stars Aaron Ramsey, Nathan Cleverly and Joe Calzaghe... to name but a few!



Luke Evans

# Tommy Cooper Famous comedian and magician Tommy Cooper was born in Llwyn Onn Street, Caerphilly on the 19th March 1921. His 'larger than life' personality and unique ability to entertain, makes Tommy one of Caerphilly's most famous and much loved sons. To commemorate his life, a 9 ft bronze statue was commissioned by the Tommy Cooper Society and stands

For more information visit

www.visitcaerphilly.com

proudly opposite Caerphilly Castle.





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### Parks:

### **Cwmcarn Forest**

**Location:** Nr Crosskeys Postcode: NP11 7FA Tel: 01495 272001

Web: www.cwmcarnforest.co.uk

Parc Cwm Darran Location: Nr. Bargoed Postcode: CF81 9NR

Tel: 01443 875557 Web: greenspacescaerphilly.co.uk

### Parc Penallta

Location: Ystrad Mynach Postcode: CF82 7GN Tel: 01443 816853 Web: greenspacescaerphilly.co.uk

Pen Y Fan Pond

Location: Nr. Oakdale Postcode: NP11 4EG Tel: 01495 270991 Web: greenspacescaerphilly.co.uk

**Bargoed Woodland Park** 

Location: Bargoed Postcode: CF81 9FX Tel: 01443 875557

Web: greenspacescaerphilly.co.uk

Sirhowy Valley Country Park Location: Nr. Crosskeys Postcode: NP11 7JD Tel: 01495 270991

Web: greenspacescaerphilly.co.uk

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### Parc Bryn Bach

Location: Tredegar Postcode: NP22 3AY Tel: 01495 355920

Web: www.parcbrynbach.co.uk

### **Riverside Park**

**Location:** Bedwas Postcode: CF83 8DR Tel: 01443 816853

Web: greenspacescaerphilly.co.uk

### Walking Tours, **Environmental Centres** & Health:

### **Aberbargoed Grasslands** National Nature Reserve **Education Centre**

Location: Aberbargoed Postcode: NP12 0BE Tel: 01443 834317

Web: greenspacescaerphilly.co.uk

### Caerphilly Nordic Walks Location: Blackwood Postcode: NP12 1HZ

Tel: 07906 365 280

Web: www.nordic-walking.wales

### Farms:

### Cefn Mably Farm Park Location: St Mellons

Postcode: CF3 6XL Tel: 01633 680312

Web: www.cefnmablyfarmpark.com

# The Meadows

- Farm Village Retreat Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF15 7UN Tel: 029 2086 4780

077 0348 9466

Web: facebook.com/playworks

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# Cycling:

Cwmcarn Forest Mountain Bike Trails

**Location:** Nr. Crosskeys **Postcode:** NP11 7FA **Tel:** 01495 272001

**Web:** www.cwmcarnforest.co.uk www.coanation.co.uk



### Cwmdown MTB Uplift Service

Location: Cwmcarn
Postcode: NP11 7FA
Tel: 07887 693108
(10-6 Wed-Sun)
Web: www.cwmdown.co.uk

# Ps Cycles, Cycle hire, bike demos & sales

Location: Cwmcarn Forest Postcode: NP11 7FA Tel: 01495 272279 Web: www.pscycles.co.uk

### Sustrans

Web: www.sustrans.org.uk

### Van Road Trails

Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 3EE Web: www.facebook.com/ groups/vanrdtrails

# Mountain View Bike Park

Location: Caerphilly
Mountain

Postcode: CF83 1NG

Web: mountainviewbikepark.co.uk

# A magnet for mountain bikers

Cwmcarn Forest is the perfect destination for adrenaline junkies looking for some downhill thrills and a sense of adventure. Demanding concentration, sweeping along open ground, hugging the sides of steep slopes and delivering dramatic views.

The Twrch, Y Mynydd and Cafall trails are some of the most exciting trails in Wales.

# Feel the pump

Cwmcarn Forest offers riders of all ages the chance to hone their skills on the new pump track, offering a smooth transition to tackling cross-country trails and adrenaline fuelled downhill trails.

# Change the pace

With over 50 miles of local and national cycleways throughout the county borough, there's a route to suit every ability. From embarking on a manmade trail, discovering the natural paths forged through the countryside utilising bridleways, restricted byways and forest roads to challenging descents over Caerphilly mountain, the borough's cycling is "legendary" according to Bradley Wiggins... we certainly can't argue with that!

Route 47 of The Celtic Trail offers a 'Three Parks Trail' which is ideal for families with a stop off in Nelson village for refreshments.

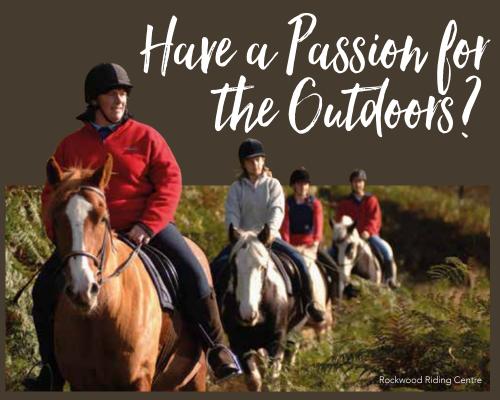
Mountain Biking at Cwmcarn Forest

Vial you know?

Sir Bradley Wiggins won the Caerphilly

Sir Bradley Tour of Britain in 2013

stage of the Tour of Britain in 2013







# Explore on horseback

Horse riders can use the many miles of bridleways and restricted byways in the county borough. Natural Resources Wales, who manage large areas of forest in the county borough, allow horse riders to use many routes and riders are able to use forests in Abercarn, Hollybush and Rudry areas.

# Gain a sense of adventure

Located in the heart of the Welsh Valleys, Rock UK Summit Centre is ideal for visitors looking for an adrenaline fuelled adventure. Hosting the ultimate indoor and outdoor activities, you can experience the thrill of the climbing walls, discover the man-made caving system and aerial adventure or take part in over 20 instructed activities.

# Tee time in the valleys

You can't beat teeing off in the early morning at the mature treelined fairways of Bryn Meadows championship 18 hole course, with panoramic views over the golf course and across the surrounding Sirhowy Valley. No two holes are the same and with perfect peace and tranquillity, you'll only occasionally be disturbed by shouts of 'fore' from wayward tee shots (leave your driver in your boot).

### Golf Courses: **Bargoed Golf Club**

Postcode: CF81 9GF **Tel:** 01443 830143 Web: www.bargoedgolfclub.co.uk Blackwood Golf Club Postcode: NP12 1BR Tel: 01495 222121 / 07817 795285 Web: www.blackwoodgc.co.uk

Bryn Meadows Golf, **C5** Hotel & Spa Postcode: CF82 7SN (For Sat Nav Users please use NP12 2RB) Tel: 01495 225590 Web: www.brynmeadows.co.uk/golf-wales Caerphilly Golf Club

Postcode: CF83 1HJ Tel: 029 2086 3441 Web: www.caerphillygolfclub.com

**Castell Heights** Postcode: CF83 1NG Tel: 029 2088 6666

Web: www.castellheightsgolf.co.uk

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Ridgeway Golf Club Postcode: CF83 1LY **C7 Tel:** 029 2088 6794 Web: www.ridgewaygolf.org

Tredegar & Rhymney **Golf Club** Postcode: NP22 5HA

**Tel:** 01685 840743

Web: www.facebook.com/tandrgc

Virginia Park Golf Club & Driving Centre Postcode: CF83 3SW

Tel: 029 2086 3919

Web: www.virginiaparkgolfclub.co.uk

### Activities:

South Wales 2000 **Shooting Ground Location:** Nr. Newbridge Postcode: NP12 2BG

Tel: 01495 201182 Web: www.clayshooting2000.co.uk

**Sunnybank Equestrian** Centre

**Location:** Rudry Postcode: CF83 3DT Tel: 07767 374079

Web: www.sunnybankec.com

Ynys Hywel Activity & Nature Centre

Location: Cwmfelinfach Postcode: NP11 7,JD Tel: 01495 200326 Web: www.ynyshywel.co.uk

**Rockwood Riding Centre** 

Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1NF Tel: 029 2086 6281 Web: www.visitcaerphilly.com

**Rock UK Summit Centre Location:** Treharris

Postcode: CF46 6RD **Tel:** 01443 710090 Web: www.rockuk.org/summit **Mountain View Ranch** 

Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1NG **Tel:** 029 2088 6666

Web: www.mountainviewranch.co.uk

Taff Valley Quad Bike & Activity Centre/Wales **Activity Breaks** 

**Location:** Pontypridd Postcode: CF37 5BJ **Tel:** 029 2083 1658

Web: www.adventurewales.co.uk www.walesactivitybreaks.co.uk

**Prancers Horse Riding** Location: Trinant.

Nr Oakdale Postcode: NP11 3AZ

Tel: 07790 262909

Web: www.prancershorseriding.com

Sirhowy Valley Honeybee Location: Wyllie Postcode: NP12 2HN

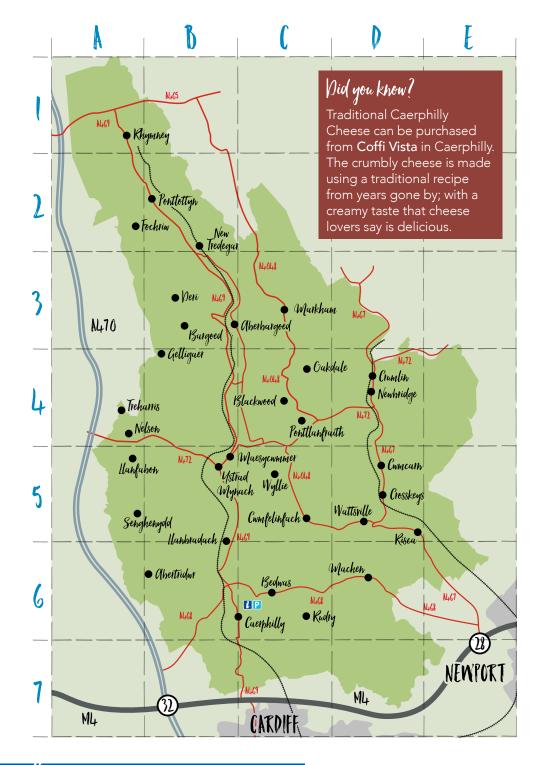
**Tel:** 07507 108563

Web: www.sirhowyvalleyhoney.wales

**Matt Jones Ceramics** - Pottery Master Class

Location: Blackwood Postcode: NP12 2BH **Tel:** 07811 596672

Web: www.matthewjonesceramics.com



The county borough of Caerphilly is bursting with local food & drink producers and we are proud to promote these independent businesses. You can also meet many of our producers at our local markets and food festivals throughout the year. To find out more about local food & drink producers in the county borough visit www.visitcaerphilly.com

Hallets Cider



**Hallets Cider** Traditional Welsh Cider Using traditional methods of cider making, with freshly grown cider apples from their very own orchard in Crumlin.

Basil & Rusty's

three times!

Ice Cream Parlour

Champion of Champions

winners at the National Ice

ice cream is made on the

family farm in Machen.

"The Best Ice Cream in the World" - Trip Advisor



**Eccentric Gin** Home of Welsh Craft Gin A small batch artisan distillery based in Caerphilly that produce smooth gins that are crisp and clean on the palate.



Buffets Fit For a King An established caterer in

Postcode: ĆF5 6NE Tel: 029 2039 7554 / 07814 166983 Web: www.eccentricgin.co.uk

Eccentric Gin Distillery

Location: Crumlin
Postcode: NP11 5AY
Tel: 01495 244691 / 07802 219384
Web: www.halletsrealcider.co.uk

Location: Tyn y Cae Cottage, A7

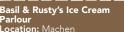
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Plant2Plate Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1JR Tel: 01633 441272 Web: www.plant2plate.co.uk



Postcode: CF83 8JE
Tel: 07947 210387
Web: facebook.com/basilandrusty

**Noels Family Butchers** Location: Ystrad Mynach Postcode: CF82 7AD

Tel: 01443 814017 Web: www.facebook.com/noelsystrad Williams Brothers Cider

Location: Bedwas C6 Postcode: CF83 8GF Tel: 07970 509889 / 07740 699060 Web: www.williamsbrotherscider.com

Sirhowy Valley Honeybee Co. Ltd **C5** Location: Wyllie Postcode: NP12 2HN Tel: 07507 108563 Web: www.sirhowyvalleyhoney.wales

Old Brenin Distillery C6
Postcode: CF83 3ED
Tel: 07575 544254 / 07472 614541
Web: www.oldbrenindistillery.co.uk **C6** 

Taffys Treats Fudge Location: Llanbradach Postcode: CF83 3PT **Tel:** 07866 321719 **Web:** www.facebook.com/ taffystreatsfudge



Sirhowy Valley Honeybee Company Pure Local Honey

World renowned and uniquely flavoured honey with 100% of all products produced from their very own beehives in Caerphilly borough.



A Moment to Sip and Savour A family run distillery

based in Caerphilly, specialising in triple-distilled luxury Gins and Vodkas.



Taffvs Treats Fudge Traditional Welsh Fudge Traditional homemade fudge available in an array of different flavours, including Welsh Cake and Bara Brith flavour.



# Plant2Plate

Caerphilly, specialising in additive-free meals using local produce, they've even catered for royalty!



# **Noels Family Butchers**

and a free delivery service!

A Butchers to Beat The experienced family butchers based in Cream Awards an incredible Ystrad Mynach has been established for over Their homemade traditional 20 years, offering high quality meat, meat packs



### Multi Award Winning Cider & Perry

A small, family run business producing high quality, traditional Welsh Cider & Perry, all handmade in their dedicated cider house facility in Bedwas.



# **Old Brenin Distillery**

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### Dining out:

### Bistro 8

Location: Blackwood Postcode: NP12 0PN

**Tel:** 01495 224200 Web: www.bistro-8.com **C4** 

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Basil & Rusty's Ice Cream Location: Machen

Postcode: CF83 8JE Tel: 07947 210387 Web: www.facebook.com/

basilandrustys

Bedlinog Inn

Location: Treharris Postcode: CF46 6TG **Tel:** 01443 710996

Web: www.bedlinog-inn.co.uk

Brewer's Lodge Location: Blackwood Postcode: NP12 1DS

Tel: 01495 230240 Web: www.brewerslodge.co.uk

Bryn Meadows Golf. Hotel & Spa

Location: Maesycwmmer Postcode: CF82 7SN (For Sat Nav Users please use NP12 2RB) Tel: 01495 225590

Web: www.brynmeadows.co.uk

Caffi'r Ffynnon -Argoed Baptist Chapel Location: Blackwood

Postcode: NP12 0HQ Web: www.visitcaerphilly.com

Café on the Rock

**Location:** Treharris Postcode: CF46 6RD **Tel:** 01443 710090 Web: www.rockuk.org

Casa Mia Restaurant & Cocktail Bar

Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1JĹ **Tel:** 029 2088 6123

Web: www.casamiacaerphilly.co.uk

**Castle Gate Restaurant** 

Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1SN

**Tel:** 029 2088 1106 Web: www.castlegatecaerphilly.co.uk

Coffi Vista - Caerphilly

Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1JL Tel: 029 2088 0011

Web: www.visitcaerphilly.com

C37 Coffee Shop & Bakery Location: Ystrad Mynach

Postcode: CF82 7ÅA Tel: 01443 810687 Web: www.c37.online



varied selection of pubs, restaurants and cafes offering everything from light bites to delicious Welsh dishes. Here's a selection of eateries to whet your appetite...



Bryn Meadows



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Postcode: NP12 1DD Tel: 01495 223441

Web: www.therockblackwood.co.uk

# Dining out continued...

Fork & Tune Restaurant Location: Cwmcarn

Postcode: NP11 7ND Tel: 01495 270239

Web: www.facebook.com/forkandtune

**Gellihaf House** Location: Blackwood Postcode: NP12 2QE

**Tel:** 01443 831518 07905 852266

Web: www.gellihafhouse.co.uk

Llancaiach Fawr Manor Location: Nelson

Postcode: CF46 6ER **Tel:** 01443 412248

Web: www.llancaiachfawr.co.uk

Llechwen Hall Location: Llanfabon Postcode: CF37 4HP

**Tel:** 01443 742050 Web: www.llechwen.co.uk

Raven's Cafe - Cwmcarn Forest

Location: Cwmcarn Postcode: NP11 7FA Tel: 01495 272001

Web: www.cwmcarnforest.co.uk

The Castle Fish Bar

Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1AL **Tel:** 029 2084 9152

Web: www.facebook.com/castlefishbar

The Coffee Mill Location: Risca

Postcode: NP11 6EE Tel: 01633 376094

Web: facebook.com/thecoffeemillrisca

The Harp Inn

Location: Gelligaer Postcode: CF82 8FE **Tel:** 01443 520470

Web: www.harpinn.co.uk

The Rose & Crown Location: Ealwysilan Postcode: Abertridwr

**Tel:** 029 2233 8021 Web: facebook.com/

The Old Library Café Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1AP

**Tel:** 029 2088 5243 Web: www.theoldlibrarycaerphilly.co.uk

The Rock Inn Location: Blackwood

The Winding House

Location: New Tredegar Postcode: NP24 6EG Tel: 01443 822666

Web: www.windinghouse.co.uk

The Wingfield Hotel & Sports Bar

Location: Llanbradach Postcode: CF83 3NT

Tel: 029 2088 9199 Web: www.wingfieldhotel.co.uk

The White Cross Inn

Location: Groeswen Postcode: CF15 7UT **Tel:** 07971 877073

Web: www.visitcaerphilly.com

Tonys Café – Bar – Pizzeria

**Location:** Crosskeys Postcode: NP11 7BT Tel: 01495 272800

Web: facebook.com/tonys.cafepizzeria

Volare Italian Restaurant

Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1FQ Tel: 029 2132 2077

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Web: www.volarewales.co.uk

### Food & Craft Markets:

Caerphilly Farmers' Market

Location: Twyn Community Centre, Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1JL

Tel: 07805 563809 Web: www.caerphillyfarmersmarket.co.uk Email: Caerphilly.farmers@btinternet.com Date: Every second Saturday of

the month

**Castle Court Craft** & Food Market

Location: Castle Court Shopping Centre, Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1NU

Web: facebook.com

Email: castlecourtcraftfair@vahoo.com Date: Monthly craft & food market in the heart of Caerphilly town

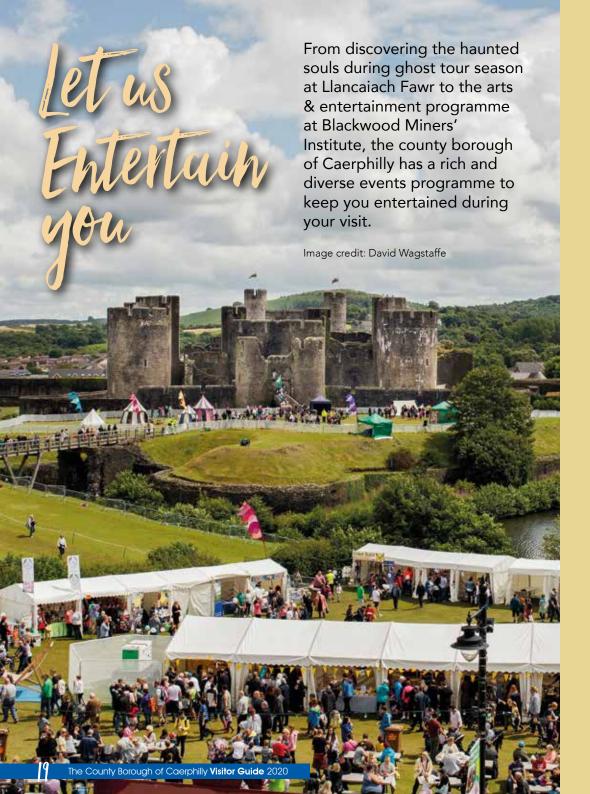
**Caerphilly Crafters** Location: Caerphilly

Postcode: CF83 1JL

Web: www.facebook.com/caerphillycraft Email: caerphillycrafters@gmail.com

Date: Every second Saturday of





# Set yourself a challenge in 2020

The Caerphilly Challenge Series takes place every May and offers a choice of led and self led walks from 1 to 20+ miles. For more details of the 2020 challenge visit www.caerphillychallengeseries.co.uk

Run in the shadows of Caerphilly Castle at the annual 10k (Sunday 17th May), register online now: www.caerphilly10k.co.uk.

### For the foodies

Caerphilly Food Festival cooks up a treat on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The bustling food fayre fills the town with delicious aromas, sizzling sounds and mouth-watering produce, with over 100 stalls in addition to an extensive food demonstration programme. Celebrating our history, heritage and culture the **Big Cheese Festival** takes place from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Set in the backdrop of the medieval castle, visitors are treated to a fabulous food & drink market, housing the very best in Welsh produce including traditional cheeses, delicious preserves and tempting tipples. For further information please visit our website www.visitcaerphilly.com for an extensive list of events taking place throughout Caerphilly borough.

# Caerphilly Castle

Like the famous cheese, the castle has long been the symbol of Caerphilly. A fantastic venue that dominates and hogs the limelight, with medieval re-enactment shows and fireworks displays.

# Enjoy a little retail therapy

The county borough of Caerphilly has a broad range of shopping centres offering a diverse blend of independent retailers, high street names and cosy cafes for you to enjoy. Many of the local cafes use local ingredients and Welsh recipes.

For more information visit: www.caerphilly.gov.uk

### Entertainment & Shopping:

Blackwood Miners' Institute Location: Blackwood

Postcode: NP12 1BB **Tel:** 01495 227206

www.blackwoodminersinstitute.co.uk

**Maxime Cinema** Location: Blackwood

Postcode: NP12 1AH **Tel:** 01495 225750

Web: www.blackwoodcinema.co.uk

**Newbridge Memo** 

Location: Newbridge Postcode: NP11 4FH **Tel:** 01495 243252

Web: www.newbridge-memo.co.uk

**Escape Blackwood** 

Location: Blackwood Postcode: NP12 2XF

**Tel:** 01443 526007

Web: www.escapeblackwood.co.uk

**Bedwas Workmen's Hall Location:** Bedwas

Postcode: CF83 8BJ

Email: bedwasworkmenshall@gmail.com Web: www.bedwasworkmenshall.co.uk

Caerphilly Workmen's Hall **Location:** Caerphilly

Postcode: CF83 1NY **Tel:** 07512 237983

Web: www.caerphillyworkmenshall.org

**Castle Court Shopping Centre** 

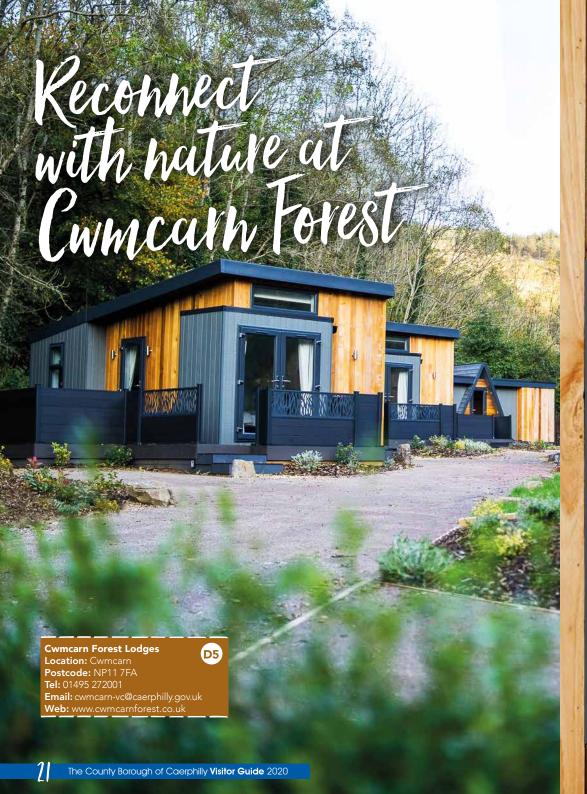
Location: Caerphilly Postcode: CF83 1NU

Tel: 029 2086 4221

Web: www.castlecourtwales.co.uk

For more information on the wide variety of events throughout the borough including fireworks displays and lantern parades visit: www.visitcaerphilly.com







Cwmcarn Forest proves that you don't have to travel very far to truly escape from it all.

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A stay at the brand new luxury lodges in Cwmcarn Forest - which are just a 15-minute drive from the M4 – provides it all, fresh air, tranquillity and comfort.

Launched in July, six luxury lodges were introduced to the stunning Cwmcarn Forest. Nestled in trees and woodland, just a stones throw from a beautiful lake, walking trails and a visitor centre serving a hearty English breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Each of the lodges has been designed to maximise comfort and space, with a fitted bathroom, kitchen area, digital TV and central heating. Choose from a cosy two person lodge, a mid size four person lodge or a bigger family size lodge that sleeps up to six with a double bed, sofa bed and bunk beds. One of the lodges allow pets too so you can take your four legged friend with you!

Combine these modern facilities with the great outdoors and you get adventure! Whether it's the fast paced variety such as kayaking or mountain biking (the mountain bike trails are first class and not for the faint hearted!) or one of the many walking trails on offer. The challenging Twmbarlwm walk involves a lot of effort but the spectacular views are worth the effort. For a gentler stroll there's the Bluebell Walk which takes in the lake and beautiful countryside fauna and flora.

Lodges are available to book from April 2020 for 3, 4 or 7 night stays. Take a look at the brand new website for more details and to book. Lodges start from £252 for 3 nights off peak.

The 7 mile forest drive is due to re-open Summer 2020 and will have some new features including play areas, car parks and picnic spots. Keep checking the website for announcements.

# Where to stay

For a full explanation of the Visit Wales grading scheme log onto **www.visitwales.com** then click on accommodation, grading information.

**A2** 

**A4** 







**C6** 

**C6** 

D4

D5

**D5** 

**D6** 

# **B&B'S, HOTELS & INNS**

Rhymney House Hotel
Location: Rhymney, NP22 5QG
Tel: 020 3027 6614
Email: info@rhymneyhousehotel.co.uk
Web: www.rhymneyhousehotel.co.uk

Llwyn Iago Farm Guest House
Location: Fochriw, CF81 9JR
Tel: 01685 844085
Web: www.llwyn-iago.com

Bedlinog Inn

Tel: 01443 710996

web: www.bedlinog-inn.co.uk

Wern Ganol Guest House
Location: Nelson, CF46 6PS
Tel: 01443 450413

Email: mail@wernganolguesthouse.co.uk web: www.wernganolguesthouse.co.uk

Llechwen Hall Hotel
Location: Llanfabon, CF37 4HP

Tel: 01443 742050

Email: enquiries@llechwenhall.co.uk

web: www.llechwen.co.uk

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Prince of Wales Inn
Location: Rhymney, NP22 3AE
Tel: 01685 844441

Gellihaf House

Location: Blackwood, NP12 2QE
Tel: 01443 831518

07905 852266 mail: enquiries@gellihafhouse.co.uk web: www.gellihafhouse.co.uk The Wingfield Hotel

Location: Llanbradach, CF83 3NT B5
Tel: 029 2088 9199

Email: manager@wingfieldhotel.co.uk Web: www.wingfieldhotel.co.uk

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Premier Inn Caerphilly

Location: Caerphilly, CF83 3HX
Tel: 0871 5278182

Email: caerphillynorth@whitbread.com
Web: www.premierinn.com BUDGET HOTEL

Ty Castell Guest House

Location: Caerphilly, CF83 1EJ
Tel: 07980 943883

Email: tycastellguesthouse@yahoo.co.uk

web: www.tycastellguesthouse.co.uk

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Premier Inn Caerphilly (Crossways)

Location: Caerphilly, CF83 3NL Tel: 0871 5278184

Email: caerphillycrossways@premierinn.com
Web: www.premierinn.com BUDGET HOTEL

**C6** 

C4

Maes Manor Hotel

Location: Blackwood, NP12 0AG Tel: 01495 220011

Email: info@maesmanor.com
Web: www.maesmanor.com

Taylors B&B @ The Rock

Location: Blackwood, NP12 1DD Tel: 01495 223441

Email: therocktavern@btconnect.com
Web: www.therockblackwood.co.uk

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The Cross Oak Inn

Location: Oakdale, NP12 0DJ Tel: 01495 222264

web: www.thecrossoak.co.uk

Bryn Meadows Golf, Hotel & Spa

Location: Maesycwmmer, CF82 7SN (For Sat Nav Users please use NP12 2RB)

Tel: 01495 225590 Email: reservations@brynmeadows.co.uk

web: www.brynmeadows.co.uk

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Halfway House

Location: Wyllie, NP12 2HT Tel: 01495 220255

Ynysddu Hotel

Location: Ynysddu, NP11 7JW C5
Tel: 01495 200281

**Brewers Lodge** 

Location: Blackwood, NP12 1DS Tel: 01495 230240

Web: www.brewerslodge.co.uk

Y Fan (Opening mid 2020)

Location: Caerphilly Tel: 029 2088 0435

web: www.visitcaerphilly.com

The Coach House

Location: Rudry, CF83 3EF Tel: 029 2088 4772

Email: enquiries@coachhouserudry.wales
Web: www.coachhouserudry.wales

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**C5** 

C4

**C6** 

Travelodge Caerphilly

Location: Caerphilly, CF83 2AX
Tel: 0871 9846364

Web: www.travelodge.co.uk

The Newbridge Hotel

Location: Newbridge, NP11 4FH

01495 248536

Email: thenewbridgehotel@yahoo.co.uk

The Cwmcarn - Bar Bands Bunks

Location: Cwmcarn, NP11 7ND D5

Tel: 01495 270239

web: booking via www.airbnb.co.uk

Castle Inn

Location: Cwmcarn, NP11 7DU

Tel: 01495 272877 Email: info@castleinnbandb.co.uk

Web: www.castlelodge.wales/

The Solar Strand Express Hotel

Location: Crosskeys, NP11 7BY Tel: 07738 620047

web: www.thesolarstrandhotel.com

The Hollybush

Location: Draethen, NP10 8GB

Tel: 01633 441326

Email: enquiries@hollybushdraethen.co.uk Web: www.hollybushdraethen.co.uk

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