

European Geoparks Week in Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark Wales, UK 2016

Dates of geoparks week: **20th May to 5th June**

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Further information: <http://www.fforestfawrgeopark.org.uk/geofest-2016/>

Category	Date	Activity / Event
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1. Geo & Geo	24.05	Penderyn – falls and firebricks, forts and far-off views. A circular walk from the village taking in Sgwd yr Eira (walk behind the falls!), Craig-y-ddinas (see where the world-famous firebricks came from) and be amazed at the views from Moel Penderyn – not our highest hill but what a panorama!
	26.05.	A landscape in flux: limestone stories. Take a big step back in time 350 million years to when Morlais, like other parts of limestone country, was a shallow tropical sea. Take a small step back to when ice helped carve the Taf Fechan valley and meltwater carved a gorge through the limestone layers.
	28.05.	Faults and Falls. A geological walk from Ystradfellte exploring the limestone and gritstone layer-cake landscape of the area.
	01.06.	A taste of the Beacons Way. A walk with members of Brecon Beacons Park Society to celebrate the launch of the revised route of the Beacons Way
2. Geo & Culture/Music/ Literature/Arts	25.05	From Pen y Fan to Olympus Mons. The highest mountain in the Brecon Beacons and the highest mountain in the solar system. Nick Busby will be bringing the Geopark together with the International Dark Sky Reserve in an inquiry into heavenly bodies.
	27.05.	Eternal Spring. take a walk beside the Afon Twrch from there, passing the old Henllys Vale colliery en route for the gushing springs at Ffrydiau Twrch below Cefn Carn Fadog. What interesting wildlife will we find this time in the company of experts
	31.05.	Every rock on a journey: from the quarry to the ironworks. An exploration of the route taken long ago by rocks from the quarry along the old tramroad to the brickworks and the ironworks. Penderyn to Hirwaun and back
	02.06.	Family Activity Day in the Park! Come along to Craig-y-nos Country Park in the upper Swansea Valley – help us celebrate the Country Park’s 40th birthday and the Geopark’s tenth.
	02.06.	Cups and hollows, rocks and rituals. the legacies of glaciers and landslides between Storey Arms and Craig Cerrig-gleisiad and look at the marks that our Bronze Age ancestors and later inhabitants have left on this landscape too
	03.06	Pontsticill – cairns, kilns, caves. A walk looking at the archaeological treasures and touching on the geology and botany of the moorlands west of Pontsticill.
3. Geo & Education	30.05.	On the Black Mountain. Join experts Michael Isaac and Geraint Owen as they

	<p>01.06.</p> <p>02.06.</p> <p>04.06.</p>	<p>investigate the geology and wildlife of the abandoned quarries high on Y Mynydd Du between Brynaman and Llangadog.</p> <p>Ice Age Legacy of the Brecon Beacons. A talk about the last Ice Age and its mark on the landscape.</p> <p>Rock of Ages. A talk by Dr Geraint Owen of Swansea University looking at the geological story behind South Wales.</p> <p>Allt Rhongyr – flora, forts and folds. Explore the natural history of Allt Rhongyr, across the valley from Craig-y-nos Country Park</p>
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