

## Places to Visit - Iron to Iron:

I hope you enjoy your visits – do please contact me if I can help further  
e-mail: [r.e.richardson@btopenworld.com](mailto:r.e.richardson@btopenworld.com)  
*Ruth E. Richardson*

### **Twyn-y-Gaer Iron Age Hillfort** - Take A465 to Abergavenny

- at Llanfihangel Crucorney turn right onto the B4423 (signposted Llanthony)
- you are crossing the **terminal moraine** of the 'Welsh' glacier from the last Ice Age
- go along this road for c.1¾ miles until you see The Queens Head Inn on the right of the road (immediately past the pub is the turning for Cwmyoy)
- just past the turning to Cwmyoy there is a road/track on the left (a carpark attached to the pub is next to this road/track to the left)
- you can park in one of the pub carparks and walk up the road/track or you can go up the road/track in the car (steep! but I have done this)
- where the hedges end you are at the top...walk a few yards to your left and there is the hillfort....if you want a plan contact me.
- **Pentwyn, Walterstone and the Skirrid Iron Age Hillforts** are nearby. See also:

### **Credenhill, Dinedor, Croft Ambrey, Burfa, Midsummer Hill & British Camp.**

### **Caerleon Roman Legionary Fortress** – Take A65 to Abergavenny

CADW

- Go through Abergavenny to the roundabout and take the second exit onto the A4042 for Pontypool, Cwmbran and Newport
- Continue past Pontypool (there are a number of roundabouts) and past Cwmbran
- Just past Cwmbran there is a roundabout with first exit signposted Caerleon B4236
- Follow this into Caerleon...at the crossroads / roundabout in Caerleon go straight across (second exit)....follow the road round (stone wall appears on right) until there is a sharp junction where the main road bears left but the stone wall continues right
- Turn right, following the wall into Caerleon...go past the pub on the right to the main Legionary Museum on your right (has entrance pillars)....then at the Legionary Museum turn left for the Roman Amphitheatre....here you can park.
- You can visit the Main Legionary Museum (where you can obtain a Guidebook for Caerleon and a Guidebook for nearby Caerwent), the Baths Museum (next to the pub you passed), the Amphitheatre and Barracks whose foundations are laid out on the opposite side of the road from the Amphitheatre, all signposted.
- **Caerwent Roman Town** is signposted off the A48 between the roundabout below the Celtic Manor Hotel and Chepstow and the Severn Bridges....the information centre has parking and explanatory boards if it is closed....Guidebook available at Legionary Museum, Caerleon.....Walk around part of the Roman walls, see foundations of the basilica, temple and houses....if open see mosaic and small exhibition in the Church.
- The corner of the Roman walls became a motte for the medieval castle on the site.

### **Llangattock Lingoed Church** – Take A65 to Abergavenny

- there are several roads to Llangattock Lingoed...one signposted to the left at Llanfihangel Crucorney....however the widest roads, with most passing places are
- turn left onto the B4521 (this turning is along the dual carriage part of the A465)
- at Maindiff Court Hospital turn left (this is where Rudolph Hess was imprisoned)

- follow the B4521 through Llanvertherine
- immediately past the huge left-angled bend there is a road on the left signposted Llangattock Lingoed (signpost is small and on the left of the B4521)...if you miss the first road there is a second one.
- follow this road to the village...you come to The Hunters' Moon first but just past that is the Church, which does have a carpark.
- The Church has tea/coffee available inside as it is on The Offa's Dyke Path and The Cistercian Way Path. There is also a Village Trail...explanatory board for this in churchyard. There is also a Guidebook for sale in the Church.
- You can google Llangattock Lingoed and obtain information about The Cistercian Way.

### **White Castle** - Take A65 to Abergavenny

CADW

- turn left onto the B4521 (this turning is along the dual carriage part of the A465)
- at Maindiff Court Hospital turn left (this is where Rudolph Hess was imprisoned)
- follow the B4521 through Llanvertherine
- on the right is a short road/track signposted White Castle
- at the T junction at the top turn right and park
- White Castle is managed by CADW so, as with the other sites here, google for information...

The Guidebook is for **The Three Castles of Skenfrith, Grosmont and White Castle.**

### **Blaenafon / Blaenavon Iron Works** - Take A65 to Abergavenny

CADW

- You can follow the A4042 to Pontypool and then the A4043 through Abersychan to Blaenavon (then follow signs for Other Attractions Blaenavon) but the most scenic route is far more direct...and is as follows:
- Go through Abergavenny to the roundabout and take the third exit...which means you are turning right onto the new dual carriageway of the A465 Heads of the Valleys road
- About a mile along this there is a left turning at Llanfoist on to the B4246 for Blaenavon
- This takes you over the **Brecknock & Abergavenny Canal**, connected to the Blaenavon Iron Works by a tramroad...and onto the lower slope of the Bloreng Mountain
- Continue on this B4246 and just past houses on the outskirts of Blaenavon turn right into the carpark for the Blaenavon Iron Works
- Blaenavon Iron Works is on the left of the road and the carpark on the right of the road.
- Park, cross the road, and go into the office...it is free but here you can obtain a free plan of the site and you can buy a Guidebook...the plan shows the information posts around the site
- **Big Pit**...When you return to the carpark take the marked exit and turn left along the wide road through the Gilchrist Thomas Business Park....at the end of the road is Big Pit.
- There is a station/halt here for the **Pontypool and Blaenavon Railway** (see website).
- The Iron Works and Big Pit are part of the **Other Attractions at Blaenavon**....this also include the **World Heritage Site** Information Centre...check for all these sites on web.