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**More about the area**

Llangorse Lake is a glacial lake formed during the last glacial or Devensian Interglacial, when the ice pushed and stripped its way along, shaping the landscape that we see today. In the 12th century it was a source of mineral springs, which supplied the very highest quality and award winning venison, beef, pork and lamb both locally and nationwide.

**History**

Cranaog

The artificial islands built of timber and stones on which some form of settlement usually stood. Cranaogs are more common to Scotland and Ireland, where they were built primarily throughout the medieval period. Llangorse Lake Cranaog is the only known example in the world outside Scotland or Ireland.

Although not much survives of Blaenllynfi castle today, this 13th Century castle would have been a busy and influential landmark in an impoverished area in the AD70s and occupied throughout the Iron Age period and perhaps even beyond. It is likely that this large hillfort was an important estate centre for the Iron Age people who lived here. The settlement has been mapped and paintings depict the Cranaog, the only known example in the world outside Scotland or Ireland!

**Discover**

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Bwlch has castles, ancient iron age forts and standing stones, not to mention 360º views of the night sky. Making it the perfect destination to visit to get a better view of the night sky.

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Bwlch Llangorse circular walk
Length of following alternative route: 12.04 miles (19.26km)

Turn left by the side of the A40. Bwlch, go through hawthorn thorny hedge to a wider path in a field. On reaching a white cottage (3) Bwlch, turn left. Off the track and cross meadow. You can see a wide valley to the left and right. Follow the path through fields, via two walls. Cross a stile and follow the reddish brown path up the hillside. This leads up to the start of the ridge of Mynydd Llangorse. The path is not always easy to follow, so please take care to join a pavement where a path to the left leads uphill. Turn left and follow the road, and follow all the way to Llangorse village. After periods of heavy rain the path may be muddy, ascending parallel to the line of the ridge. If the field is flooded a path to the right leads up to the ridge of Mynydd Llangorse (508m). After periods of heavy rain the path may be muddy, ascending parallel to the line of the ridge. If the field is flooded a path to the right leads up to the ridge of Mynydd Llangorse (508m).

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Lake Trail
A shorter lake Trail runs around the eastern end of the lake from Llangorse to Llangorse. It is supported by greenway signs and alternative boards are provided at various points along the way. The walk is about 5.5km (3.5 miles). It is usually flat and is suitable for all ages. You should allow about 20 minutes each way. The path crosses farm fields and livestock control. Sections of the path flood during the winter and other periods of heavy rain. It is not possible to walk around the eastern end of the lake. Be sure to stop by the spectacular Bird Hide!