

# X / YOUR LOCAL AREA GUIDE

**MAKE YOUR TRIP AN  
EXTENDED HOLIDAY.  
HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS...**

## WALKING

### THE BLACK MOUNTAINS ↗

Solitude, peace and tranquility. Visit the beautiful Vale of Ewyas on the Welsh side between Hay and Abergavenny. Great cycling and horse riding country. Places to stay include:

[The Bridge Inn](#) ↗

[High Meadow Yurts](#) ↗

[Bespoke by Nature](#) ↗

## HISTORY

### LLANTHONY PRIORY ↗

The monks, sitting in their cloisters, enjoyed plenty of fresh air here since 1100. Now you can also enjoy a meal and a drink and stay in rooms too.

## EXPLORING

### THE BIG CHILL TRAIL

Visit the site where a certain music festival called The Big Chill started in August 1995 – Maes y Beran farm, just south of Llanthony.

## WALKING

### HAY BLUFF AND LORD HEREFORD'S KNOB

You can see for miles and miles and miles ... a view fit for kings and queens, looking north you can see Snowdonia across to Hergest Ridge.



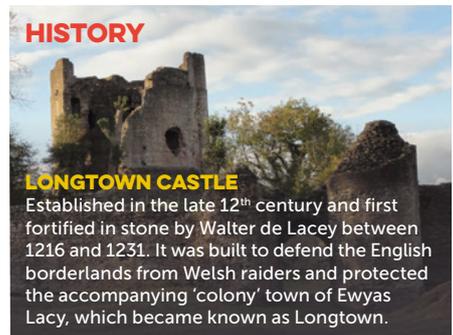
**PLACES**



**HAY-ON-WYE: BOOKS, PUBS, CAFÉS, SHOPS** ➔

On 1 April 1977, bibliophile Richard Booth conceived a publicity stunt in which he declared Hay-on-Wye to be an 'independent kingdom' with himself as its monarch. The tongue-in-cheek micronation of Hay-on-Wye has subsequently developed a healthy tourism industry based on literary interests for which some credit Booth. Hay has much to offer in the way of independent shops and pubs. It has over two dozen bookshops.

**HISTORY**



**LONGTOWN CASTLE**

Established in the late 12<sup>th</sup> century and first fortified in stone by Walter de Lacey between 1216 and 1231. It was built to defend the English borderlands from Welsh raiders and protected the accompanying 'colony' town of Ewys Lacy, which became known as Longtown.

**ACTIVITIES**



**THE RIVER WYE**

Hire a canoe or kayak and enjoy the river at its best.

**RELAXING**



**THE BEACH**

Laze the day away just half a mile from Hay town centre. Good for swimming too.

**WALKING**



**THE CAT'S BACK**

Spectacular walking on the English side

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## WALKING AND HISTORY



THE CROOKED CHURCH OF CWMYOY  
Set in stunning scenery.



## COMMUNITY



CRICKHOLLOW: FAIR TAX TOWN  
The campaign for fairer taxation started here and is rapidly gaining momentum. 40 minutes drive from the Black Mountains, Crickhowell has been prominent in the news lately for its campaign for fairer taxation. Visit the town and chat to the many independent shop keepers about their high profile initiative.



## HISTORY

ST ISSUI CHURCH PARTRISHOW AND HOLY HEALING WELL

Nestled into the foothills of The Black Mountains, not far from Crickhowell.

