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## Black Mountain, Y Mynydd Du,



Park at: Herbert's Quarry, Brecon Beacons National Park, A4069, Llangadog SA19 9PA

The Brecon Beacons contains two stunning areas, which can often be confused due to the similarity of their names.

The Westerly one is Black Mountain or Y Mynydd Du, and it is on the Border between Carmarthanshire and Powys,

above Upper Brynamman. The Black Mountains are over towards Crickhowell and Talgarth, to the east of the Brecon Beacons, and they form a border separating Wales from Herefordshire.

While either area is well worth a visit, the Black Mountain is much closer to Ystradgynlais and with limestone outcrops and tremendous views, it is a place to explore the rugged hills and try to spot the rare alkali loving plants found in the area.

There are a couple of car parks along the A4069 one with spectacular views and picnic benches and sometimes a burger or ice cream van! The other allows for exploration of old Limestone Quarry Known as Herberts Quarry, good for climbing and bouldering. There are several caves in this area so be cautious with younger children.

From Ystradgynlais, head south on the A4067, at the roundabout, take the third exit onto the A4068 through Cwmllynfell and after 5.5 miles at the next roundabout take the third exit onto the Mountain Road/A4069. The route then crosses over the Black Mountain range of the Brecon Beacons and emerges near Felindre near Llangadog. It then crosses through Llangadog and continues northeast until the junction with the A40 at Llandovery. It reaches a height of 493 m (1,617 ft) above sea level.

Remember to wear warm clothes it gets windy up there and bring a picnic!