Caring for Wales' canals

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning Wales and England. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for Wales' canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.



The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Goytre Wharf, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.





Keeping history alive

Over 200 years ago, Goytre Wharf on the Mon & Brec Canal was a vital link in the Welsh iron and coal industry. From here coal, iron ore, limestone and fireclay for bricks were loaded onto barges and transported via the canal to the ironworks at Blaenavon.

The wharf has some of the best-preserved limekilns. Two kilns were built in 1810 and a third in 1812. Limestone and coal were poured into the kiln tops – the hole is still visible in one kiln – and there were two holes at the base for the lime to be removed and taken to farms to be used as fertiliser.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers

Volunteer



Welcome to Goytre Wharf

Connect with Wales' industrial past.



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5 things to do at Goytre Wharf

- 1 Hire a canoe or take a boat trip and explore the beautiful and peaceful Mon & Brec Canal from the water.
- **2 Enjoy** a circular walk passing through woodland alongside the canal (1.7 miles/2.7km).
- **3 Explore** the wharf and old lime kilns and talk to our friendly volunteers about the history of this waterway.
- 4 Stroll along the towpath to the limekilns, aqueduct and Aqueduct (Machine) Cottage.
- Visit nearby Blaenavon World
 Heritage Site and find out more
 about Goytre Wharf in its industrial
 heyday.

Did you know?

The 'Mon & Brec' was originally two separate canals. The Monmouthshire Canal (opened in 1799) from Newport to Pontymoile Basin, and the Brecknock & Abergavenny Canal (completed in 1812) from Pontymoile to Brecon.

