

WATERFALL COUNTRY LOCAL AMBASSADORS: GUNPOWDER AND GORGES'

Day 1 - Setting the scene; the beginnings of Waterfall Country

10.00	Group Introductions
10.15	Introduction to the course and the context of the project
10.20	How Waterfall Country was formed - bedrock layers, faulting and folding, erosion by water and ice, cave development and waterfalls!
10.50	A tale of two Iron Ages – a look at Craig y Ddinas hillfort and the important industrial archaeology of the area – including silica rock mining, tramroads and internationally renowned brickworks
11.30	Break
11.45	How green is my valley – the ecology of the Mellte valley and the wider Waterfall Country; a look at Celtic rainforests, internationally rare plants, SAC and SSSI designations plus ancient woodlands
12.30	Lunch
13.00	Outdoors: Explore the intriguing rock feature Bwa Maen, the hillfort and then silica mines entrances learning about the myths and legends of the area on the way
15.00	Discussion

Day 2 – The attractions of Waterfall Country

10.00	The Gunpowder Works – one of the most incredible workplaces in the country! Learn why it's unique and its importance to Wales.
11.00	The project: learn about our programme to not only safeguard the ruins but celebrate this important ancient monument. Hear details of our plans for 2019 including digital apps and sculpture.
11.30	Break
11.45	A look at wider waterfall country – stretching from Aberdulais to Ystradfellte. Learn about recreational routes and what attractions and facilities are available to visitors.
12.30	Guiding visitors – learn more about the visitor pressures in the area and our plans to enhance visitors' experiences plus tips on when and where to send visitors.
13.00	Lunch
13.30	Explore the Gunpowder Works including areas not currently open to the public, learning more about this site as we go.
15.30	Discussion