



## WKCC - Upper Wye Trip

**When:** 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January

**Where:** Llangurig to Rhayader – 17km grade 3 (4 in big water)

**Maps:** OS Explorer 200 & 214

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### **What the book says:-**

*In medium to high levels this is great section which has seen its fair share of epics when in full flood – in which conditions it is certainly not a beginners river. Access can be made at the small bridge in Llangurig (GR908797). Grade 2 water leads down through a couple of kilometres of occasionally tree-overhung water. The first class 3 is on a sharp left hand bend, and has a boat snatching right hand eddy followed by easier water down to the concrete bridge at GR922737. Below this the walls close in, and the river rushes down a couple of good class 3 rapids. Below the Marteg confluence down to Rhayader are some excellent grade 2 and grade 3 rapids and the well known Rhayader falls – grade 3 to 4 (hard class 4 with nasty stoppers in big water).*

**Outline Plan:** Assuming sufficient interest for two days away I would suggest that we do the above Llangurig to Rhayader run on the Sunday and either do the same run on the Saturday or attempt either a different stretch of the Wye (Rhayader to Builth Wells – may be too long for the short days?) or another river nearby. For a single day trip I would suggest that we do the Llangurig to Rhayader run on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Accommodation:** The bunkhouse at Beili Neuadd ([www.midwalesfarmstay.co.uk](http://www.midwalesfarmstay.co.uk)), two miles outside of Rhayader, has a 16 bed bunkhouse with drying room, cooking facilities and 3 bedrooms (1 room of 4 beds and 2 rooms of 6 beds, all ensuite). The cost is £12 pp per night or £180 per night for sole occupancy. The full coronary breakfast is available for £5/head. The bunkhouse was available as of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>.

**What you need to do:** Let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to come and for how many days. This will then allow me to book the bunkhouse and get a list of participants out in order to aid organising car-sharing. I need to book the bunkhouse no later than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> after which people are still welcome to come but they'll have to make their own accommodation arrangements. To avoid being out of pocket if there are any last-minute changes of mind I would be most grateful if people give let me have their accommodation money – which will constitute a deposit. If people would like to do a Burns supper then we'll have to hire in some haggis catching apparatus and a Scotsman to use as bait?