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## 1. The Craft Centre, Afonwen

[www.afonwen.co.uk](http://www.afonwen.co.uk) Tel: 01352 720965 Postcode: CH7 5UB

[www.edenshine.co.uk](http://www.edenshine.co.uk) Tel: 01352 720797 (restaurant)

This business combines an antique centre, a crafts and gift shop, and a restaurant.

The centre offers the chance to view various arts and crafts of Welsh culture, including jewellery, antiques, silk flowers, traditional pine furniture, and much more. There is a wide selection of outdoor clothing and accessories such as purses, wallets and bags.

The licensed restaurant offers everything from morning coffee and afternoon tea to a multi-course lunch menu. It is not open in the evening.



**How to get there (0.5 miles and 5 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

Go down to the bottom of the hill and turn very sharp right before the A541.

## 2. Sugar Plum Tearoom (Homewood Bound), Rhewl

[www.homewoodbound.com](http://www.homewoodbound.com) Tel: 01824 702852 Postcode: LL15 1TN

[www.sugarplumtearoom.co.uk](http://www.sugarplumtearoom.co.uk)

Homewood Bound offers an ever-evolving collection of stylish furniture and beautiful things for the home. The large showroom with workshop and paint studio attached has been transformed into a delightful shopping experience. The converted barn is laden with a tempting range of new and vintage furniture. There are many one-off pieces and of course lots of irresistible gifts, collectables and antiques including brands such as Cath Kidston, Emma Bridgewater, Newgate Clocks & Lloyd Loom.

Attached to the showroom is the hugely popular Sugar Plum Tearoom where visitors can enjoy a variety of hot and cold beverages, delicious cakes, lunches, snacks and traditional afternoon teas.



| <u>OPENING HOURS</u> |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| MONDAY               | 9.30 - 4.30  |
| TUESDAY              | 9.30 - 4.30  |
| WEDNESDAY            | 9.30 - 4.30  |
| THURSDAY             | 9.30 - 4.30  |
| FRIDAY               | 9.30 - 4.30  |
| SATURDAY             | 9.30 - 4.30  |
| SUNDAY               | 10.00 - 4.00 |

*PLEASE NOTE THE KITCHEN  
CLOSES 30MINS BEFORE*



### **How to get there (13 miles and 20 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

Go down to the bottom of the hill and turn left onto the A541. Just before Denbigh, turn left on the Ruthin road. Turn left in Rhewl after the Drovers Arms and Homewood Bound is on the left.

### 3. Caffi Florence, Loggerheads

[www.caffiflorence.co.uk](http://www.caffiflorence.co.uk)

Tel: 01352 810397 Postcode: CH7 5LH

CAFFI FLORENCE is the Taste of Wales award winning café at Loggerheads Country Park. It provides wonderful homemade food using the best local ingredients

The café sells a range of quality teas & coffee, homemade soups, lunches, traditional Welsh & English afternoon teas, homemade cakes, ice creams & snacks.

Much of the food including all the bread and cakes is homemade and seasonal and many suppliers and products are local. Teas, coffee and hot chocolate are fair-trade. Meat is all local and eggs and chicken are free range.

LOGGERHEADS COUNTRY PARK covers 80 acres of a tree-lined limestone valley with riverside walks and a history of lead-mining. The main paths are gentle but you can be more adventurous and explore the steep cliffs with views over the surrounding countryside.



#### **How to get there (10 miles and 20 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

Take the A541 at the bottom of the hill towards Mold. Turn right to Cilcain and follow signs to reach Gwernymynydd. Loggerheads and Caffi Florence are on the A494 Mold to Ruthin Road.

#### 4. Alexander's Café, Mold

52 High Street, Mold

Tel: 07912159802

Postcode: CH7 1BH

Alexander's is a popular town centre Café with a varied menu offering sandwiches, paninis, soups, daily lunch specials, homemade cakes and a selection of quality coffees.

There are lots of other places to find light refreshments in Mold, Denbigh and Ruthin, but this is one of our favourites.

It is opposite St Mary's Parish Church on the High Street in Mold town centre.



#### How to get there (9 miles and 20 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Turn right onto the A541 at the bottom of the hill and drive the nine miles to Mold. There is time-limited on-street parking in the town centre, as well as several car parks.

## 5. The Chocolate Shop, Denbigh

[www.denbighchocolateshop.com](http://www.denbighchocolateshop.com)

Tel: 01745 814864

Postcode: LL16 3AD

The chocolate shop serves coffees, teas and drinking chocolate with a range of fine foods. It is situated towards the top of the hill on Vale Street, the main street in Denbigh, and parking is usually available on the street or in a car park almost opposite the café.

Crayons and toys are provided to entertain young visitors.



### How to get there (8 miles and 15 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Turn left onto the A541 at the bottom of the hill and drive towards Denbigh. Follow signs for the town centre and at the traffic lights by Townsend builder's merchants take the right fork up the hill.

## 6. On the Hill, Ruthin

[www.onthehillrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.onthehillrestaurant.co.uk)

Tel: 01824 707736

Postcode: LL15 1HY

### 1 Upper Clwyd Street, Ruthin

The restaurant is located just off St Peter's Square in the busy medieval market town of Ruthin. It is in a 16th century building, with beautiful dark wood beams, oak floors and intimate lighting throughout the two floors of the restaurant. The restaurant has the air of a bistro with padded pew seating.

At lunch time there is a set menu that offers a wide choice of starters, main courses and homemade desserts to cater everyone's taste. The evening menu has a superb selection of meat, vegetarian, fish and gluten-free dishes.

Children are most welcome at lunchtime. However, we do not have highchairs (you are welcome to bring a booster seat!) and we do not offer a children's menu, but can offer smaller portions from our menu for little ones. In the evenings only children aged 7 and above are permitted.



### How to get there (14 miles and 25 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Turn left onto the A541 at the bottom of the hill. At the roundabout before Denbigh, take the road to Ruthin. (Or take the scenic route described on page 7.) There is limited on-road parking and a car park signposted from St Peter's Square.

## 7. Manorhaus Restaurant

[www.manorhaus.com](http://www.manorhaus.com)    Tel: 01824 707333    Postcode: LL15 1AH

Manorhaus is one of our favourite places to eat on a special occasion. It is a boutique-style townhouse restaurant and gallery with rooms in a Georgian Grade II listed building in the centre of Ruthin.

The restaurant offers freshly prepared, high quality food, bringing together contemporary tastes and the finest local ingredients.

It is usually necessary to make a reservation.



### **How to get there (15 miles and half an hour from GwenoIdy):**

A lovely early evening drive as the sun sets: go down the hill to the craft centre and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. Just after the village of Bodfari turn left on the B5429 to take the road along the west side of the Clwydian Hills to Ruthin (follow local signposts). Alternatively, take the more direct route described on page 6. Park in the centre of Ruthin. Manorhaus is on Well Street (LL15 1AH).

**The owners of Manorhaus Ruthin also own a sister establishment, Manorhaus Llangollen – a little further away but, in our opinion, just as good. Contact details:**

[www.manorhausllangollen.com](http://www.manorhausllangollen.com)    Tel: 01978 860775    Postcode: LL20 8EU

## 8. White Horse Restaurant, Hendrerwydd

[www.whitehorserestaurant.co.uk](http://www.whitehorserestaurant.co.uk)

Tel: 01824 790218

Postcode: LL16 4LL

The White Horse Hendrerwydd is an independently run sixteenth century inn that blends a traditional country pub with an outstanding restaurant. It has both a dining room and a snug for more informal meals. Good wines and well-kept cask ales are always available.



### How to get there (10 miles and 20 minutes from Gwenoldy):

A lovely early evening drive as the sun sets: go down the hill to the craft centre and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. Just after the village of Bodfari turn left on the B5429 to take the road along the west side of the Clwydian Hills. Go through Llandyrnog, and then take a left turn to Hendrerwydd and Llangynhafal.

## 9. Tyddyn Llan, Llandrillo

[www.tyddynllan.co.uk](http://www.tyddynllan.co.uk)

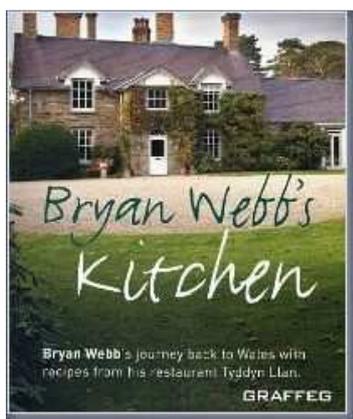
Tel: 01490 440264

Postcode: LL21 0ST

Tyddyn Llan is now considered to be one of Wales' finest restaurants, with a high rating in the 2013 Good Food Guide, and a Michelin Star. Chef Bryan Webb is committed to using only the highest quality seasonal ingredients, many of which arrive daily from a local network of suppliers. Meat and game come from local estates through a vigilant butcher, and the majority of fish direct from the Welsh coastline.

Although as much Welsh produce as possible is used, Bryan looks further afield for diver-caught scallops from Scotland, Somerset smoked eel, buffalo mozzarella flown in from Naples and *Label Anglais* chickens from Wyndham Farm.

And if you'd like to buy a copy of his book, Bryan will sign it for you.



### How to get there (31 miles and 50 minutes from GwenoIdy):

Drive via Denbigh, Ruthin, the A494 and A5 towards Corwen; then take the B4401 to Llandrillo.

## 10. Indian Lounge, Nannerch

see [www.tripadvisor.co.uk](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk)

Tel: 01352 7417377

Postcode: CH7 5QU

This is quite a new Indian restaurant but it is proving very popular with locals and visitors alike. They do not yet have their own website but their reviews on Tripadvisor are excellent. It's a good sign that it's not usually possible to get a table at the weekend unless you have made a reservation.

They also offer a takeaway service.



### **How to get there (4 miles and 10 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

Turn right at the bottom of the hill and follow the A541 towards Mold. After about 3.5 miles you will see a left turn signposted Lixwm (Licswm) – stay on the A541 and you will shortly arrive at the Indian Lounge on your left.

# 11 (a). Caerwys and Ysceifiog walk

To reach the start of this walk, go down our hill and up the hill to Caerwys.

## 1 Caerwys – Ysceifiog

### Woodland, lakes and rolling farmland

Distance: 8 km / 5 miles

Time: Allow 2.5 – 3 hrs

Parking: In Caerwys Square (SJ129729) and roadside

Grade: Moderate, many stiles, can be slippery in places

Facilities: Pubs in Caerwys, Babell and Ysceifiog, shops and toilet in Caerwys

Livestock: Lots of sheep and cattle

### Coedlannau, llynnoedd a thir amaeth bryniog

Pellder: 8 km / 5 milltir

Amser: Caniatáu 2.5 – 3 awr

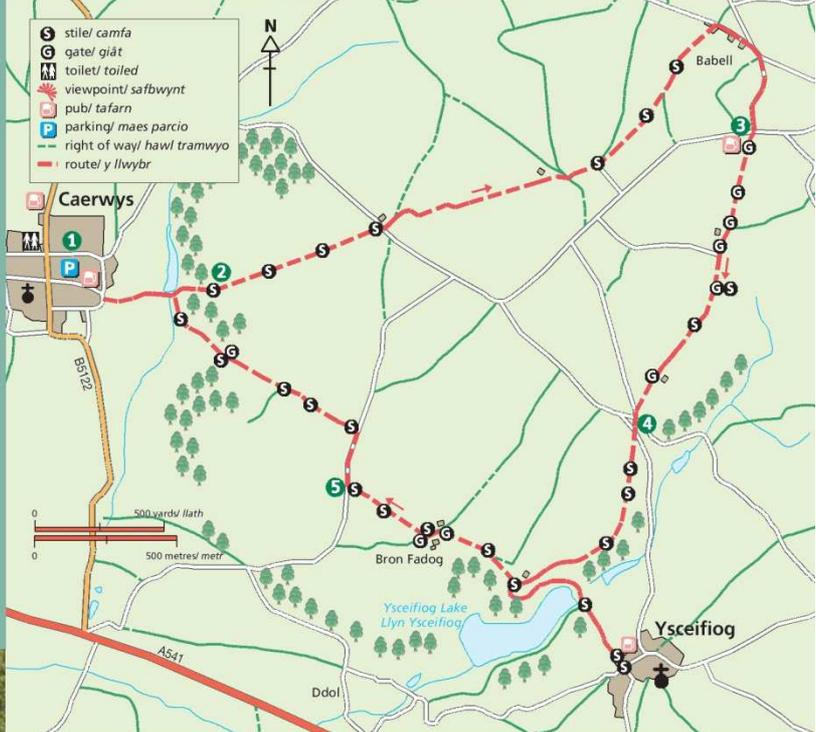
Parcio: Sgwâr Caerwys (SJ129729) ar ochr y ffordd

Graddfa: Cymedrol, llawer o gamfeydd, gall fod yn lithrig mewn rhannau

Cyfleusterau: Tafarnau yng Nghaerwys, Babell ac Ysgeifiog, siopau a tholledau yng Nghaerwys

Da Byw: Llawer o ddefaid a gwartheg

Waymarking / Arwyddion:



### The Walk

1. From square in Caerwys, turn down Water Street, passing Royal Oak on L. At staggered crossroads continue ahead, signed Trout Farm. Go into fishery, passing buildings on L. Continue over stile ahead, then turn L onto footpath, signed Babell. Climb steep steps.
2. At woodland edge, cross stile ahead. Walk across field to small stile in middle of opposite fence. Continue in same direction across two more fields to road, then turn R and immediately L onto track. Beyond cottage, turn R where path forks. Continue for 800m, passing cottage on L where track widens (ignore path on L here). Where track bears R, take footpath L. Cross hidden stile into field, then walk across field to stile in opposite hedge. Continue along RHS of next field, bearing L thro' scrub at far end to cross metal stile in hedge. Walk diagonally L onto path and follow to road. Turn R along road, R again at crossroads, signed Ysceifiog and Afonwen, then continue along road to T junction.
3. Cross road and walk thro' car park of Black

Lion Inn. Go thro' gate at far end of car park. Continue ahead across fields following RH field edge, passing a large farm on R. Continue in same direction, crossing old stile, until reach small cottage. Go thro' gate and follow cottage drive to road.

4. Turn L, then 10m later turn R uphill and L at next road junction. Turn R onto track opposite "Fairholme". Continue ahead where cottage drive bears R. Cross stile and walk across next field following R fenceline. Cross next stile into woodland. Follow narrow woodland path to R for 600m, descending to path junction. Take R fork, signed Caerwys.

*To detour to Ysceifiog, turn L and follow path down to lakes. Cross footbridge and walk up steep hillside. Cross stile at top and walk on narrow path between houses. Cross next stile and turn L to explore village, before retracing your steps to Caerwys sign.*

After 15m cross stile and cross field to far R corner. Cross next stile and follow path along R hedgerow towards farm. Go thro' gate and walk past farmhouse on drive. Go thro' gate,

## 11 (b). Caerwys and Ysgeifiog walk



turn R and cross stile on L. Walk diagonally R across field to stile. Cross next field and stile and continue to road.

5. Turn R along road. After 200m turn L over stile beside Marian Cocaldiad. Walk ahead across field and cross another stile by gate. Half way along next field, cross stile on L. Turn R then walk diagonally L across large field. At bottom of hill go thro' hidden gate and follow path down RHS of field beside woodland. Cross stile into woodland and follow path with trout pools on L. Turn L over stile and walk thro' fishery to retrace your steps back to Caerwys Square.

### Y Daith Gerdded

1. O'r sgwâr yng Nghaerwys, trowch i lawr Ffordd y Dŵr, gan fynd heibio tafarn y Royal Oak ar y LlCh. Wrth y groesffordd LlCh. Ymlaen dros y gamfa o'ch blaen, troi i'r Ch i'r llwybr (arwydd Babel). Dringo'r grisiau serth.
2. Ar ymyl y goedlan, croesi'r gamfa sydd o'ch blaen. Cerdded ar draws y cae i gamfa fechan sydd yng nghanol y ffens gyferbyn. Ymlaen i'r un cyfeiriad dros ddau gae arall ac i'r ffordd, yna troi i'r Dd ac i'r Ch yn union wedyn i llwybr llydan. Y tu hwnt i'r bwthyn, troi i'r Dd ble mae'r llwybr yn fforddio. Ymlaen am tua 800m, gan fynd heibio'r bwthyn sy ar y LlCh ble mae'r llwybr yn lledu (anwybyddu'r llwybr ar y LlCh yma). Pan fydd y llwybr yn gwyro i'r Dd, cymryd y llwybr i'r Ch. Croesi camfa gudd i'r cae, yna cerdded yn groesgornel i'r Dd ar draws y cae ac i gamfa sydd yn y gornel dde bellaf. Ymlaen ar hyd LDD y cae nesaf, gwyro i'r Ch drwy'r llwyni yn y pen draw a chroesi camfa fetel yn y gwrych. Cerdded yn groesgornel Ch i'r llwybr a'i ddilyn i'r ffordd. Troi i'r Dd ar hyd y ffordd, i'r Dd eto ar y groesffordd (arwydd Ysgeifiog ac Afonwen), yna ymlaen ar hyd y ffordd i'r gyffordd T.
3. Croesi'r ffordd a cherdded drwy faes parcio'r Black Lion. Ymlaen drwy'r giât sydd ar ben pellaf y maes parcio. Syth ymlaen dros y caeau gan ddilyn Ll Dd ymyl y cae, heibio fferm fawr ar y LDD. Ymlaen i'r un cyfeiriad, croesi hen gamfa, nes dod at fwthyn. Ewch drwy'r giât a dilyn dreif a bwthyn i'r ffordd.
4. Troi i'r Ch, yna ymhen 10m troi i'r Dd i fyny'r bryn ac i'r Ch ar y gyffordd nesaf yn y ffordd. Troi i'r Dd ar y llwybr llydan sydd gyferbyn â "Fairholme". Ymlaen eto ble mae dreif y bwthyn yn gwyro i'r Dd. Croesi'r gamfa a cherdded ar draws y cae nesaf gan ddilyn y ffens LDD. Croesi'r gamfa nesaf i'r coed. Dilyn llwybr cul yn y coed i'r Dd am tua 600m, gan ddisgyn i'r gyffordd yn y llwybr. Cymryd y



Marsh marigolds  
Melyn y gors

fforch Dd, arwydd Caerwys.

*I fynd i Ysgeifiog, troi i'r Ch a dilyn y llwybr i lawr i'r llynnoedd. Croesi'r bont a cherdded i fyny'r bryn serth. Croesi'r gamfa ar ben y bryn a cherdded ar hyd y llwybr cul rhwng y tai. Croesi'r gamfa nesaf a throi i'r Ch i weld y pentref cyn mynd yn ôl yr un ffordd i arwydd Caerwys.*

Ar ôl 15m, croesi'r gamfa a chroesi'r cae i'r gornel dde bellaf. Croesi'r gamfa nesaf a dilyn y llwybr wrth ymyl LDD y gwrych tua'r fferm. Mynd drwy'r giât a cherdded heibio ffermyd si'r dreif. Ewch drwy'r giât, troi i'r Dd a chroesi camfa ar y LlCh. Cerdded yn groesgornel Dd dros y cae nesaf ac at gamfa. Croesi'r cae nesaf a'r gamfa ac ymlaen i'r ffordd.

5. Troi i'r Dde ar hyd y ffordd. Ar ôl 200m troi i'r Ch dros y gamfa yn ymyl Marian Cocaldiad. Cerdded yn syth ymlaen ar draws y cae a chroesi camfa arall wrth y giât. Hanner ffordd ar draws y cae nesaf, croesi'r gamfa ar y LlCh. Troi i'r Dd ac yna cerdded yn groesgornel Ch ar draws cae mawr. Ar waelod y cae, ewch drwy'r giât gudd a dilyn y llwybr i lawr LDD'r cae yn ymyl y goedlan. Croesi'r gamfa i'r coed a dilyn y llwybr gan gadw'r llynnoedd Brithyll ar eich LlCh. Troi i'r Ch dros y gamfa a cherdded drwy'r bysgodfa gan ddilyn eich camau'n ôl i Sgwâr Caerwys.



Moorhens nest on Ysgeifiog Lakes  
Bydd yr iâr ddŵr yn nythu ar llynnoedd Ysgeifiog

## Caerwys – Ysgeifiog

### Caerwys

Peaceful Caerwys is reputedly the smallest town in Wales, granted a Royal Charter by Edward I, and once one of the three most important towns in Flintshire! It was at the hub of drovers routes and its livestock markets were renowned.

### Ysgeifiog

17th century Ysgeifiog was a busy village situated on the main road from Chester to Denbigh. Packhorses, laden carts and stage coaches all regularly passed through.

Ysgeifiog lakes are man-made, created by the Earl of Denbigh in 1904 for fishing. Look for nesting coots, moorhens and mallard or dragonflies skimming the water in summer.

### Caerwys

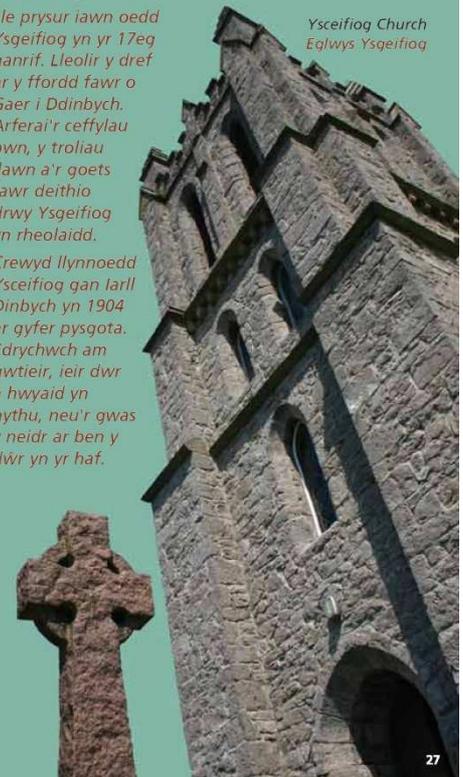
Caerwys yw tref leiaf Cymru. Derbyniodd Siarter Frenhinol oddi wrth y brenin Iorwerth I. Ar un cyfnod roedd hi'n un o dair tref bwysigaf Sir y Fflint, yn ganolbwynt ffyrdd y porthmyn a'i marchnadoedd da byw yn rhai enwog iawn.

### Ysgeifiog

Lle prysur iawn oedd Ysgeifiog yn yr 17eg ganrif. Lleolir y dref ar y ffordd fawr o Gaer i Ddinbych. Arferai'r ceffylau pwn, y troliau llawn a'r goets fawr deithio drwy Ysgeifiog yn rheolaidd.

Crewyd llynnoedd Ysgeifiog gan Iarll Dinbych yn 1904 ar gyfer pysgota. Edrychwch am gwtieir, ieir dwr a hwyaid yn nythu, neu'r gwas y neidr ar ben y dŵr yn yr haf.

Ysgeifiog Church  
Eglwys Ysgeifiog



## 12 (a). Cilcain and Moel Famau walk

To reach the start of this walk, drive down the hill and turn right on the A541 towards Mold. After 4 miles, turn right as signposted to the village of Cilcain.

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### Moel Arthur - Cilcain

Contrasting views, ancient history and rolling hills

Distance: 9.6 km / 6 miles

Time: Allow 4 – 5 hrs

Parking: Small car park at Moel Arthur (SJ147657) or Cilcain (SJ171652)

Grade: Strenuous including a very steep ascent and descent, several stiles

Facilities: Pub and shop in Cilcain

Livestock: Sheep on open moorland

#### Golygfeydd amrywiol, hen hanes a brynau

Pellter: 9.6 km / 6 milltir

Amser: Tua 4 – 5 awr

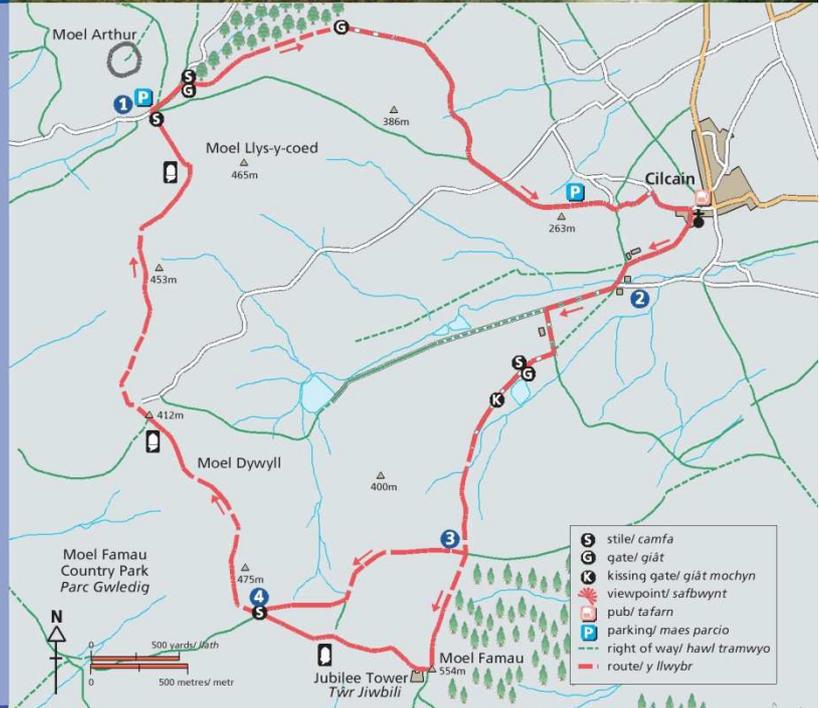
Parcio: Meysydd parcio bach ym Moel Arthur (SJ147657) a Cilcain (SJ171652)

Graddfa: Egniol gyda llethrau serth i fyny ac i lawr, nifer o gamfeydd

Cyfleusterau: Tafarn a siop yng Nghilcain

Da byw: Defaid ar y rhostir

Waymarking / Arwyddion:  Part / Mewn rhannau



#### The Walk

**1.** From car park (with Moel Arthur behind) turn L along road. After 250m take track on R, crossing stile by gate, with forest on L. Continue along this track, skirting base of hill and through another gate. Pass byway signed on L but continue ahead along track.

Continue as path becomes a metalled lane. At crossroads continue ahead along lane, gradually descending hill into village.

At T junction turn R opposite Hafod y Foel. Take first R before church and continue down lane to pumping station.

**2.** Turn R along bridleway (BW) by pumping station. After 325m turn L up another BW, passing Cae Newydd cottage on R. Turn R along another BW between fields. Through gate & stile, passing reservoir on L.

Continue ahead through kissing gate (KG), following natural path. Cross small stream and continue ahead uphill. Then follow steep zig-zagging path to path crossroads.

*If you wish to visit Moel Famau summit, at path crossroads continue ahead with conifers on L.*

*At summit turn R along ODP for approx 1 km to meet main route where it joins ODP from R.*

**3.** Turn R at crossroads along BW that skirts around summit. At path fork bear R and continue to stile.

**4.** Over stile and turn R joining Offa's Dyke Path (clearly waymarked with acorn symbol). Follow ODP along ridge for approx 3 km, continuing ahead where path to Llangynhafal and Cilcain crosses your route. When Moel Arthur is directly ahead, follow ODP down steep steps and cross stile onto road.

#### Y Daith Gerdded

**1.** O'r maes parcio (gyda Moel Arthur y tu ôl i chi) troi i'r Ch ac ar hyd y ffordd. Ar ôl 250m cymerwch y llwybr llydan sy ar y LIDd a chroesi'r gamfa wrth y giât, bydd y goedwig ar eich LICH. Ymlaen ar hyd y ffordd hon, o gwmpas godre'r bryn a drwy giât arall. Anwybyddu'r arwydd 'Cilffordd' sydd ar y LICH gan barhau ar hyd y llwybr llydan. Dal ymlaen wrth i'r ffordd droi'n ffordd fetal. Syth ymlaen ar y groesffordd ac ar hyd y lôn fach gan ddisgyn yn raddol i'r pentref.



## 12 (b). Cilcain and Moel Famau walk



## Moel Arthur - Cilcain



Wrth y gyffordd T, troi i'r Dde gyferbyn â Hafod y Foel. Cymryd y drofa gyntaf ar y Dde cyn cyrraedd yr eglwys, cerdded ymlaen i lawr y ffordd i'r orsaf bwmpio.

2. Troi i'r Dde ar hyd y Llwybr Ceffylau (LLC) yn ymyl yr orsaf bwmpio. Ar ôl 325m, troi i'r Ch i fyny'r Llwybr Ceffylau arall, gan fynd heibio Cae Newydd sy ar eich LIDd. Troi i'r Dde ar hyd Llwybr Ceffylau arall sy rhwng y caeau. Drwy'r giât/camfa, gan fynd heibio'r gronfa ddw'r ar y LICH.

Ymlaen drwy'r giât fochyn (GM), gan ddilyn llwybr naturiol. Croesi nant fechan a dringo'r bryn sydd o'ch blaen. Dilyn llwybr sy'n igam-ogamu'n serth nes dod at groesffordd y llwybrau.

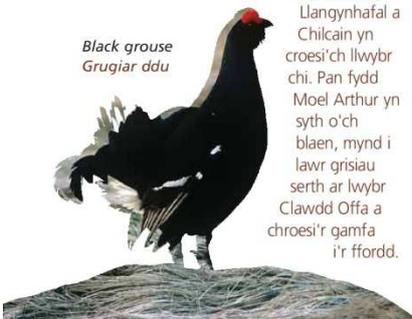
*Os dymunwch fynd i gopa Moel Famau yna, wrth y groesffordd, ewch yn syth ymlaen gan gadw'r coed conifer ar eich LICH. Ar y copa, troi i'r Dde ar hyd Llwybr Clawdd Offa (LLCO) am tua 1 km er mwyn cyfarfod â'r brif daith gerdded lle mae'n cyfarfod â LLCO sy'n dod o'r ochr dde.*

3. Troi i'r Dde ac ar hyd Llwybr Ceffylau sy'n amgylchu'r copa. Wrth y ffordd yn y llwybr, gwyrto i'r Dde ac ymlaen i'r gamfa.

4. Dros y gamfa a throi i'r Dde gan ymuno â LLCO (arwydd y fesen). Dilyn LLCO ar hyd y gefnen am tua 3 km, dal syth ymlaen lle mae'r

llwybr rhwng Llangynhafal a Chilcain yn croesi'ch llwybr chi. Pan fydd Moel Arthur yn syth o'ch blaen, mynd i lawr grisiau serth ar llwybr Clawdd Offa a chroesi'r gamfa i'r ffordd.

Black grouse  
Grugiar ddu



### Moorland Wildlife

Heather and bilberry thrive on the poor upland soils.

Rabbits, mice and voles live in

the rough grass, providing food for birds of prey. Look for buzzards soaring high, smaller hovering kestrels and fast flying merlins. In summer there's a constant twitter of birdsong as small birds flit amongst the heather – mostly pipits and wheatears but occasional skylarks. Listen too for stonechats – a sound like two pebbles being tapped together. The nationally rare Black grouse breeds on the moorland. The heather is cut and burned to ensure there are young shoots for the grouse to feed and older woody heather for shelter.

Wheatear  
Tinwen  
y garn



### Bywyd Gwylt y Rhostir

Mae'r grug a'r llus yn ffynnu ar bridd gwael y mynydd. Mae'r cwningod, y llygod a'r llygod y dŵr sy'n byw yn y glaswellt garw, yn fwyd i'r adar ysglyfaethus. Edrychwch am y bwncathod yn hedfan yn uchel yn yr awyr, y cudyll coch llai yn hofran a'r cudyll bach cyflym. Yn yr haf clywir trydar yr adar wrth iddynt wibio ymysg y grug – corhedydd y waun a thinwen y garn ran fwyaf, ond yr ehedydd yntau weithiau. Gwrandewch am lais clegar y cerrig, sy'n swnio fel dwy garreg yn taro yn erbyn ei gilydd. Mae'r rugiar ddu, sy'n brin ym Mhrydain, yn magu ar y rhostiroad hyn. Caiff y grug ei dorri a'i losgi er mwyn sicrhau fod yma egin ifanc yn fwyd iddi, a hen rug caled iddi lochesu ynddo.

### Cilcain

This picturesque village once had 7 pubs, serving the drovers bringing their herds across the hills to English markets. The wide sunken lanes that criss-cross the surrounding hills may have been drovers' roads.

Moel Arthur is one of a string of Iron Age hillforts on the Clwydian Range.

The Offa's Dyke National Trail follows the crest of the Clwydian Range ridge on its route from Prestatyn to Chepstow (177 miles).

### Cilcain

Ar un adeg roedd 7 o dafarndai yn y pentref tlws hwn yn gwasanaethu'r porthmyn oedd yn gyrru'u hanifeiliaid dros y moelydd i farchnadoedd Lloegr. Efallai mai ffyrdd porthmyn yw'r llwybrau llydan suddedig sy'n frith ar hyd y brynau.

### Moel Arthur

Un o gadwyn o gaerau Oes yr Haearn ar Fryniau Clwyd.

Mae Llwybr Cenedlaethol Clawdd Offa yn dilyn criib y Moelydd ar ei ffordd o Brestatyn i Gas-gwent am 177 milltir.

Snowdonia skyline from the Clwydian Range  
Eryri ar y gorwel o Fryniau Clwyd.



Cilcain

## 13 (a). Moel Arthur and Penycloddiau

To reach the Moel Arthur car park, take the A541 toward Mold and turn right on a minor road just before the signposted turn to Cilcain.

Alternatively, as point 6 on this walk is at the top of 'our' hill (follow first the remainder of the tarmac road, then the rough track to the car park) you may wish to do this walk from the cottage.

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### Moel Arthur - Penycloddiau

**Heather, hillforts and superb views**

Distance: 11 km / 6.8 miles

Time: 4.5 – 5 hrs

**Parking:** Small car parks at Moel Arthur (SJ147657) and Langwyfan (SJ139668)

**Grade:** Strenuous (ascents and descents), many stiles

**Facilities:** None

**Livestock:** Lots of sheep and cattle

**Grug, bryngedydd a golygfeydd gwych**

**Pellter:** 11 km / 6.8 milltir

**Amser:** 4.5 – 5 awr

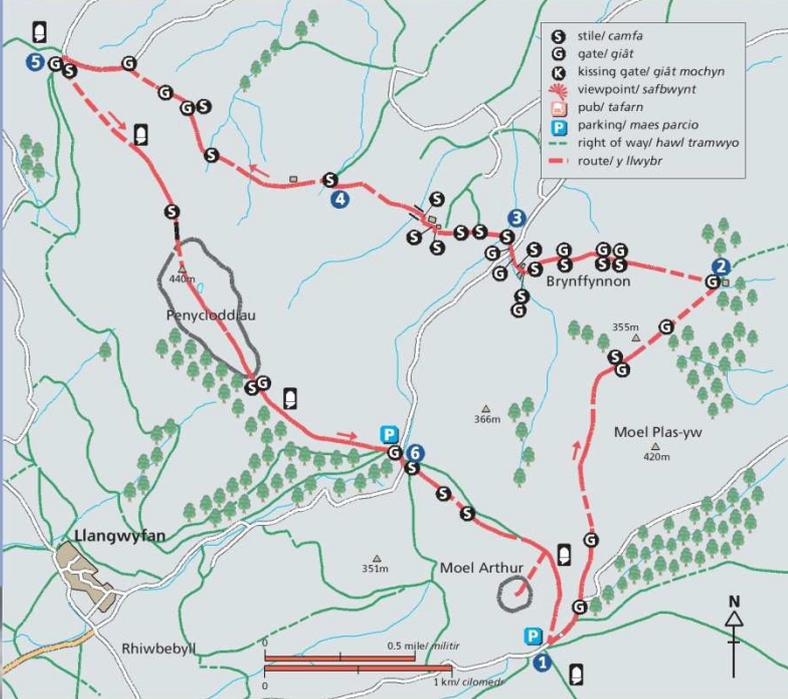
**Parcio:** Meysydd parcio bach Moel Arthur (SJ147657) neu Langwyfan (SJ139668)

**Graddfa:** Egniol (i fyny ac i lawr), nifer fawr o gamfeydd

**Cyfleusterau:** Dim

**Da byw:** Llauer o ddefaid a gwartheg

**Waymarking / Arwyddion:** Part / Mewn rhannau

**The Walk**

- From Moel Arthur car park (with cattle grid on R) turn L along lane for 275m. Near start of small wood on R, turn L through gate and head up track. After 200m cross stile/gate marked "Penbedw". After short climb track levels then descends. Continue for about 1km to gate/stile. Go diagonally L across field towards LH edge of pine plantation. Continue along plantation edge to gate. Continue on track towards another gate beside derelict cottage.
- Turn L before gate and go up slope for 50m then turn diagonally L across large field, heading to gate in far LH corner. Thro' gate & follow RH fenceline to cross another stile by 2 gates. Walk ahead across next field to cross another gate/stile. Follow RH field boundary then turn R at marker post crossing stile & heading down steep slope. Go thro' gate between buildings, cross stile and turn R down drive. Go thro' gate and continue to road.
- Cross road and go thro' gate by finger post into field opposite. Continue along LHS of field crossing small stream to visible stile. Cross stile and 2nd stream. Walk up slope to stile, initially hidden from view. Cross stile & continue uphill for 20m then go thro' gate on L (ignore nearby stile). Turn R and follow RH fence uphill to stile. Cross stile & continue along RH fence, ignoring gate on R before house. Cross stile at far end of field and continue ahead, past stile, down sunken lane to disused wooden shack. Go around back of shack to cross stile then down steep slope to stream. Cross footbridge and stile at end then follow RH fence to stile & gate (fence no longer exists here). Continue ahead up slope, crossing grassy path with gate on L. Continue over stile ahead. Walk up slope, keeping to LH fenceline, passing gate on LHS. Continue along fenceline heading towards stile with large yellow disc, below stone ruin.
- Cross stile and follow path with old stone wall on R (can be muddy). Pass ruin on RHS and continue along path keeping old wall on RHS. Cross stile and continue ahead, still following wall. After next gate/ stile follow obvious track diagonally R towards TV mast. Go thro' further gate and follow RH field boundary to gate onto track. Turn L along track. Pass farm on R.



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## 13 (b). Moel Arthur and Penycloddiau



### Moel Arthur - Penycloddiau



5. Before lane turns sharply R, turn L over stile by gate, with Scot's pines on L. You are now on Offa's Dyke Path (marked by white acorns) that you follow for rest of walk. Turn L and follow path uphill, climbing steadily. Cross stile dedicated to Arthur Roberts and continue along path finally ascending some steps to summit of Penycloddiau (superb 360° views). Continue ahead for approx 800m then cross stile. Turn L and follow narrow path down hillside, with trees on R. At junction turn L and go thro' gate into small car park.

6. Turn R onto lane. After 25m turn L at finger post. Cross stile and follow steep path uphill. Continue ahead, crossing 2 more stiles, then follow obvious route through heather for about 1km, skirting around LHS of Moel Arthur to return to car park, or detouring R if desired at slate waymarker to summit of Moel Arthur.

#### Y Daith Gerdded.

1. O'r maes parcio (gyda'r grid gwartheg ar y LIDD) troi i'r Ch ac ar hyd y lôn am 275m. Wrth ymyl coedwig fechan ar y LIDD, troi i'r Ch drwy'r giât ac i fyny'r llwybr llydan. Ar ôl 200m croesi'r gamfa/giât sy â "Penbedw" arni. Ar ôl dringo ychydig bydd y llwybr yn gwastatau ac yna'n disgyn. Ymlaen am tua 1km i'r giât/camfa. Cerddwch yn groesgornel i'r Ch dros gae tuag at ymyl LlCh y blanhigfa coed pin. Ymlaen wedyn ar hyd ymyl y blanhigfa at y giât. Parhau ar y llwybr llydan tuag at giât arall sy yn ymyl adfeilion tŷ cerrig.

2. Troi i'r Ch cyn y giât ac i fyny'r llethr am 50m, yna troi'n groesgornel i'r Ch dros gae mawr gan anelu at giât sydd yn y gornel chwith bell. Mynd drwy'r giât hon a dilyn y ffens sydd ar y LIDD a dros gamfa arall yn ymyl dwy giât. Cerdded ar draws y cae nesaf a chroesi camfa/giât arall. Dilyn ffin LIDD'r cae ac yna troi i'r Dde wrth y postyn arwydd, croesi camfa ac i lawr llethr serth. Cerdded drwy'r giât rhwng adeiladau, croesi camfa a throi

i'r Dde i lawr dreif. Mynd drwy'r giât ac ymlaen i'r ffordd.

3. Croesi'r ffordd a mynd drwy'r giât wrth yr arwyddbost ac i'r cae cyferbyn. Ymlaen ar hyd ochr chwith y cae gan groesi nant fechan at gamfa weladwy. Dros y gamfa a'r ail nant. Dringo'r llethr at gamfa, nad yw'n weladwy i ddechrau. Dros y gamfa ac ymlaen i fyny'r bryn am 20m yna drwy'r giât sy ar y LlCh (anwybyddu camfa gyfagos). Troi i'r Dde a dilyn y ffens sy ar y LIDD gan ddringo at gamfa. Dros y gamfa ac ymlaen gan ddilyn ffens sy ar y LIDD, anwybyddu'r giât sy ar y LIDD cyn y tŷ. Croesi camfa ar ben pellaf y cae a pharhau ymlaen, dros/drwy gamfa a chwalodd, i lawr lôn wedi suddo, at hen gwt pren. Mynd i gefn y cwt a dros y gamfa, i lawr llethr serth at y nant. Dros y bont a'r gamfa ac yna dilyn y ffens LIDD at gamfa a giât (dim ffens yma rŵan). Dringo'r llethr gan groesi llwybr glaswellt (anwybyddu'r giât sy ar y LIDD). Ymlaen dros y gamfa sy o'ch blaen. Dringo'r llethr gan gadw at y ffens sy ar y LlCh, mynd heibio giât ar y LlCh. Dilyn y ffens tuag at gamfa gyda chylch melyn arni, y tu isaf i furddun cerrig.

4. Croesi'r gamfa a dilyn y llwybr gan gadw'r wal gerrig ar y LIDD (mwdlyd), bydd murddun ar y dde. Ymlaen ar hyd y llwybr gan gadw'r wal ar eich LIDD. Dros y gamfa ac ymlaen, dal i ddilyn y wal. Ar ôl y giât/camfa nesaf, dringo'r llwybr amlwg yn groesgornel a thua'r mast teledu. Drwy'r giât gan gadw ffin y cae ar eich LIDD, at y giât a'r llwybr. I'r Ch ar hyd y llwybr. Peidiwch â throi i'r ffermdy sy ar y LIDD.

5. Cyn i'r lon wyro'n sydyn i'r dd, trowch i'r Ch dros gamfa wrth giât, bydd pinwydd yr Alban ar y LLCh. Dyma lwybr Clawdd Offa (gydag arwydd mesen). Byddwch yn ei ddilyn am weddill y daith. Troi i'r Ch a dringo'r bryn yn raddol. Dros y gamfa sydd er cof am Arthur Roberts ac ymlaen ar hyd y llwybr gan ddringo grisiau pren i gopa Penycloddiau (golygfeydd 360°). Parhau ymlaen am tua 800m yna croesi'r gamfa. Troi i'r Ch a dilyn llwybr cul i lawr y bryn, cadw'r coed ar eich LIDD. Ar y gyffordd, troi i'r Ch a thrwy'r giât i faes parcio bychan.

6. Troi i'r Dde ac i'r ffordd. Ar ôl 25m troi i'r Ch wrth yr arwydd. Dros y gamfa a dilyn y llwybr serth i fyny'r bryn. Ymlaen a dros ddwy gamfa arall, dilyn y llwybr amlwg drwy'r grug am tua 1km, gan amgylchu ochr chwith Moel Arthur a dychwelyd i'r maes parcio.

Os dymunir, gellir mynd i gopa Moel Arthur drwy ddilyn yr arwydd llechen sy ar LIDD.

Moel Arthur and Penycloddiau are two of a string of Iron Age hillforts built along the Clwydian Range around 2500 years ago. The remains of large earth and stone banks which surrounded the settlements can still be seen, now clad in heather and bilberry. These banks were probably crowned with a wooden fence giving extra protection to the wooden roundhouses within, and with elaborate gateways that may have helped control supplies going in and out.

Penycloddiau is one of the largest hillforts in Wales. Its banks are 2 km in circumference! Recently 40 possible hut platforms (where roundhouses were built) have been found. Moel Arthur is much smaller but on a much steeper hilltop and the enclosing banks are visible from miles away. These hillforts may have been used before the Iron Age - Bronze Age axes, about 3,500 years old, have been found at Moel Arthur.

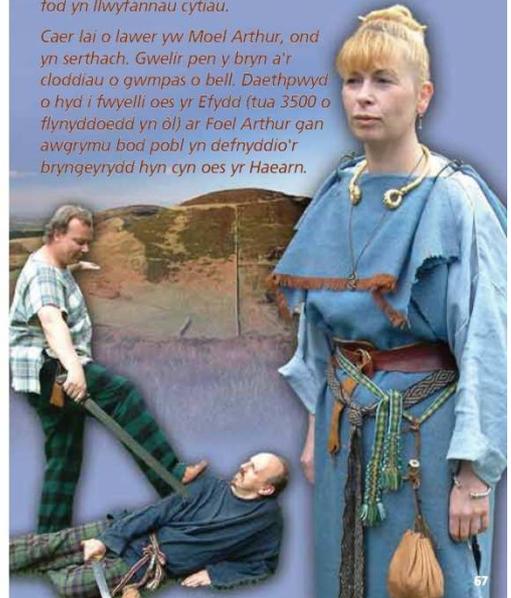
Adeiladwyd Moel Arthur a Phenycloddiau, dwy fryngaer mewn cadwyn o Fryngegydd Oes yr Haearn, tua 2500 o flynyddoedd yn ôl ar hyd cefn Bryniau Clwyd.

Gallwch weld olion y cloddiau mawr o bridd a cherrig a godwyd o gwmpas yr anheddiad. Grug a llus y mynydd sy'n eu gorchuddio erbyn hyn. Yn ôl pob tebyg, roedd ffens bren ar ben y cloddiau hyn gan ddiogelu'r tai pren, crwn oddi mewn; ac efallai y bu yma byrth cain er mwyn rheoli'r nwyddau oedd yn cael eu cludo i mewn ac allan o'r gaer.

Un o fryngegydd mwyaf Cymru yw Penycloddiau, a chylchedd y cloddiau'n ddau gilometr. Yn ddiweddar, darganfuwyd yma ddeugain o lwyfannau y tybir iddynt fod yn llwyfannau cytiau.

Caer lai o lawer yw Moel Arthur, ond yn serthach. Gwelir pen y bryn a'r cloddiau o gwmpas o bell. Daethpwyd o hyd i fwylli oes yr Efydd (tua 3500 o flynyddoedd yn ôl) ar Foel Arthur gan awgrymu bod pobl yn defnyddio'r bryngegydd hyn cyn oes yr Haearn.

Meadow pipit  
Corhedydd y waun



## 14 (a). Gwaenysgor and Llanasa

To reach the start of this walk, go straight across junction 31 of the A55 and turn left at the next roundabout towards Prestatyn. Follow local signs to the right to reach the village of Gwaenysgor.

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## Gwaenysgor - Llanasa

**Contrasting views, ancient history and rolling hills**

**Distance:** 9.6 km / 6 miles  
(Short cut 7 km / 4.4 miles)

**Time:** 3 – 3.5 hrs

**Parking and start:** Gwaenysgor view point car park (SJ075819) or alternatively Llanasa (SJ106814)

**Grade:** Moderate, many stiles, small ascents / descents

**Facilities:** Pubs in Gwaenysgor and Llanasa

**Dog suitability:** Some sheep, many stiles

**Golygfeydd amrywiol, hen hanes a bryniau**

**Pellter:** 9.6 km / 6 milltir  
(Byr taith 7 km / 4.4 milltir)

**Amser:** 3 – 3.5 awr

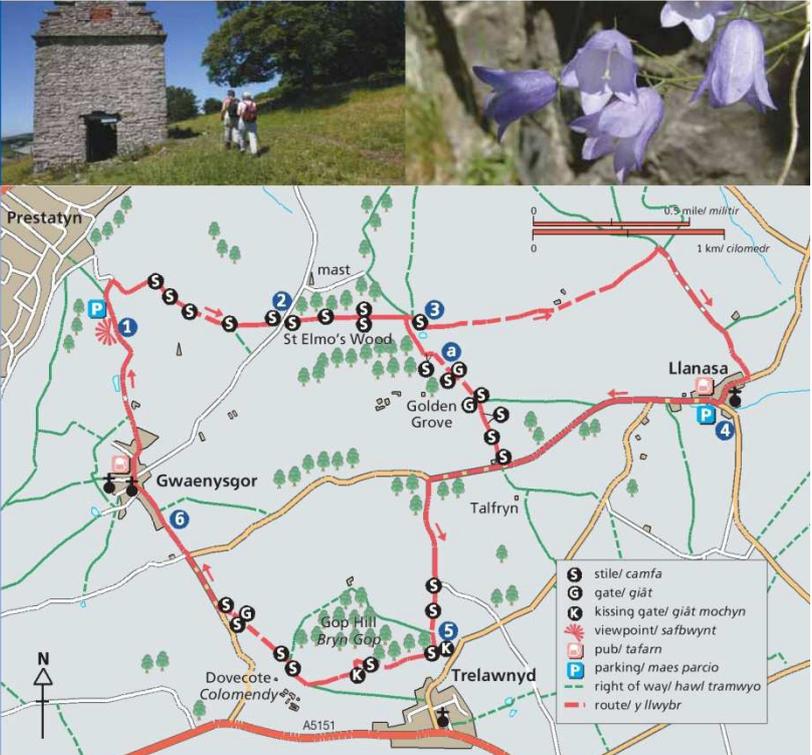
**Parcio a man cychwyn:** Maes parcio golygfyn Gwaenysgor (SJ075819) neu Llanasa (SJ106814)

**Graddfa:** Cymedrol, nifer o gamfeydd, i fyny ac i lawr

**Cyfleusterau:** Tafarnau yng Ngwaenysgor a Llanasa

**Addasrwydd i gwn:** Defaid, nifer o gamfeydd

**Waymarking / Arwyddion:** 



**The Walk**

- From Gwaenysgor car park, turn L and descend 200m down road. At sharp L bend turn R onto path along woodland edge. Cross stile into field and follow LH boundary for 20m then cross stile. Follow LH field edge uphill. Turn R in corner and then L over stile. Continue half-L across field and over stile. Continue across field with transmitter on R. Cross stile and go half-L across arable field to cross stile onto track.
- Cross track and climb over stile into field opposite. Bear L across field and follow LH boundary beside woodland. Cross stile and continue across next field. Cross 2 stiles close together at woodland edge and cross field ahead. Cross next stile\* and follow narrow path skirting overgrown pond on R.
 

*\*For short cut 'a', omitting Llanasa, turn R before stile and follow fence past overgrown pond on L. Then cross stile on L and follow waymarkers downhill across fields to road.*
- At path junction turn R, ignoring stile ahead. Continue along this path, bearing L beyond pond and follow for approx 1.4km (can be muddy). Turn R onto wide track and follow for 600m to road. At road turn R, passing 17thC Henblas Hall on L, and continue to road junction in centre of Llanasa.
- Turn R in front of Red Lion, signed

Gwaenysgor/Trelawnyd, passing village pump and pond. Continue along road for 1.5km, passing lane on LHS and entrance to Talfryn Farm. At next road junction turn L. Where lane bends L cross stile on R marked Gop Hill. Continue ahead up field and cross stile. Ignore first KG & stone stile on R heading into wood. Continue ahead to cross KG/stone stile in corner signed Gop Hill, ignoring more obvious KG/stile in front.

- Follow permissive path (white arrow) bearing L along woodland edge. Path soon rises gently through wood, before rejoining boundary. (Snowdonia visible westwards). Continue along wood edge, soon swinging half-R thro' trees and follow path across summit cairn on Gop Hill (wide views). Return down path and, after a few metres, drop down R to go thro' KG. Head diagonally L to descend slope. After 50m turn R to rocky outcrop with cave below. After visiting the cave retrace your steps and descend to faint green track across mid-slopes of Gop Hill. Follow this track R passing above farm buildings and stone dovecote, before swinging R to cross stile at bottom of wood. Go ahead over another stile, then down middle of large field, bearing L towards road, passing telegraph pole, to cross stile ahead. Cross next field and stile in corner onto road.
- Follow road R into Gwaenysgor. (NB Busy

View to Gop Hill  
Yr olygfa i'r Gop

## 14 (b). Gwaenysgor and Llanasa



road!) Continue on road uphill out of village back to car park.

### Y Daith Gerdded

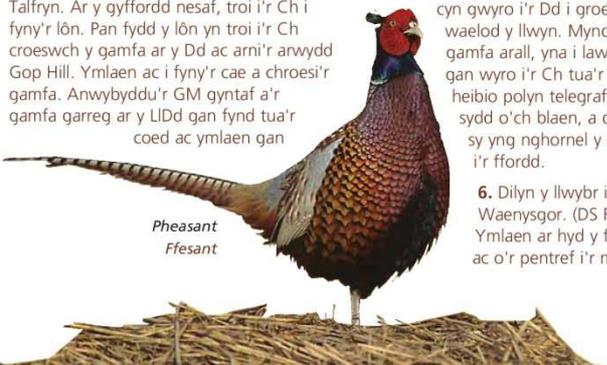
1. Troi i'r Ch ac i lawr y ffordd am 200m. Ar dro sydyn sydd i'r LCh, trowch i'r Dd ar hyd llwybr ar fin coedwig. Croesi'r gamfa i'r cae a dilyn y ffin LCh am 20m, yna croeswch y gamfa. Dilyn ymyl LCh y cae ac i fyny'r bryn. Troi'r i'r Dd yn y gornel ac yna i'r Ch dros y gamfa. Ymlaen i'r hanner-chwith, ar draws cae a dros gamfa. Ymlaen ar draws y cae sydd â throsglwyddyd ar y LIDd. Dros y gamfa a mynd hanner-Chwith ar draws cae â'r groesi camfa i'r llwybr llydan.

2. Croesi'r llwybr llydan a dringo dros y gamfa ac i'r cae gyferbyn. Gwyo i'r Ch dros y cae a dilyn y ffin ar eich LCh yn ymyl y coed. Croesi'r gamfa a dal ymlaen ar draws y cae nesaf. Croesi dwy gamfa sy yn ymyl ei gilydd ar ymyl y goedwig a chroesi'r cae sydd o'ch blaen. Croesi'r gamfa\* nesaf a dilyn y llwybr cul ar lan llyn â gordyfiant ar y LIDd

\*Am y llwybr byr (llwybr 'a') sy'n arbed mynd i Lanasa, trowch i'r Dd cyn y gamfa a dilyn a ffens heibio i llyn ar y LCh. Croeswch y gamfa ar y Ch a dilyn yr arwyddion i lawr yr allt, dros y caeau ac i'r ffordd.

3. Ar gyffordd y llwybr, troi i'r dde, anwybyddu'r gamfa sydd o'ch blaen. Parhau ar hyd y llwybr hwn, gwyo i'r Ch y tu hwnt i'r llyn a dilyn y llwybr am tua 1.4km (gall fod yn fudr). Golygfeydd gwych tua'r môr. Troi i'r Dde i llwybr llydan a'i ddilyn am 600m i'r ffordd. Mynd i'r Dd ar y ffordd gan fynd heibio Plas Henblas (17g) ar y LCh. Cerdded ymlaen i'r gyffordd yng nghanol Llanasa.

4. Troi i'r Dd o flaen y Red Lion (arwydd Gwaenysgor/Trelawnyd) heibio'r hen bwmp a'r llyn. Ymlaen ar hyd y ffordd am 1.5km, anwybyddu'r lôn ar y LIDd a'r fynedfa i Fferm Talfryn. Ar y gyffordd nesaf, troi i'r Ch i fyny'r lôn. Pan fydd y lôn yn troi i'r Ch croeswch y gamfa ar y Dd ac arni'r arwydd Gop Hill. Ymlaen ac i fyny'r cae a chroesi'r gamfa. Anwybyddu'r GM gyntaf a'r gamfa garreg ar y LIDd gan fynd tua'r coed ac ymlaen gan



Pheasant  
Ffesant

Scarlet pimpernel and Heartease growing in stubble fields

Llys y cryman ac Ofergaru yn tyfu yn y caeau soff



groesi'r gamfa garreg / GM yn y gornel sydd â'r arwydd 'Gop Hill' arni, (anwybyddu'r gamfa/GM fwy amlwg sy o'ch blaen).

5. Dilyn y llwybr caniatol (saeth wen) gan wyro i'r Ch wrth ymyl y coed. Cyn hir, bydd y llwybr yn dringo'n raddol drwy'r coed cyn ailymuno â'r ffin lle mae golygfda dda (yr Wyddfa tua'r gorllewin).

Ymlaen ar hyd ymyl y coed, gwyo i'r hanner-Dde drwy'r coed a gadael y llwyn. Dilyn y llwybr ar draws llethr deheuol y garnedd sy ar gopa'r Bryn Gop (golygfeydd eang o'r copa).

Dychwelyd i lawr y llwybr ac, ar ôl ychydig o fetrau, disgyn i'r Dd a thrwy'r GM. Mynd yn groesgornel i'r Ch ac i lawr y llethr. Ar ôl 50m troi i'r Dd i graig sy'n brigo gydag ogof y tu isaf iddi. Dilyn eich camau'n ôl o'r ogof i'r Ch a disgyn i llwybr llydan, gwastad, gwyrrdd, anamlwg ar draws canol llethr Bryn Gop. Dilyn y llwybr llydan i'r Dd gan fynd y tu uchaf i Fferm Gop ac adfeilion colomendy 17g, cyn gwyo i'r Dd i groesi camfa ar waelod y llwyn. Mynd ymlaen dros gamfa arall, yna i lawr canol cae mawr gan wyro i'r Ch tua'r ffordd gan fynd heibio polyn telegraiff, croesi'r gamfa sydd o'ch blaen, a dros gamfa arall sy yng nghornel y cae nesaf ac i'r ffordd.

6. Dilyn y llwybr i'r Dd ac i Waenysgor. (DS Ffordd brysur!) Ymlaen ar hyd y ffordd i fyny'r allt ac o'r pentref i'r maes parcio.

## Gwaenysgor - Llanasa



Llanasa was founded around the church of the second Bishop of St Asaph. Many people who drowned in the nearby Dee Estuary are buried here, including the crew of the Point of Ayr lifeboat who drowned on 4th January 1854 in heavy seas.

Gop Hill gives superb views, ranging from Blackpool Tower to the mountains of Snowdonia. Legend associates the large Bronze Age cairn (14 metres high and 100 metres wide) on the summit with Queen Boadicea's final resting place but excavations revealed no evidence of burials. Below the summit is a small cave where the remains of 14 Neolithic people buried in a crouched position were found.

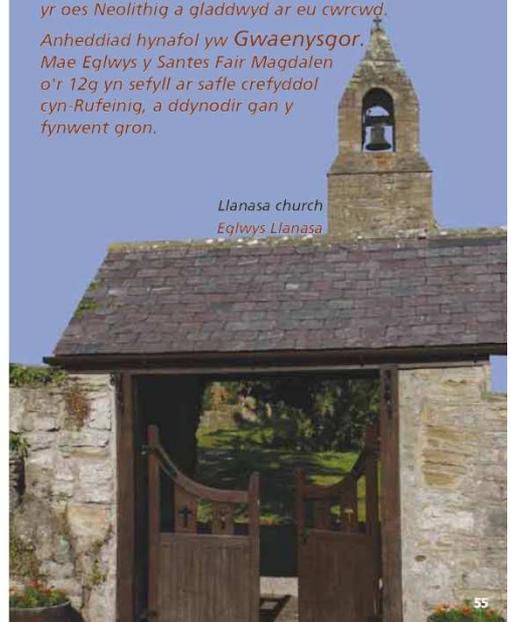
Gwaenysgor is an ancient settlement, whose 12thC Church of St Mary Magdalene stands on an important pre-Roman religious site, denoted by its circular churchyard.

Sefydlwyd Llanasa o gwmpas eglwys ail Esgob Llanelwly. Claddwyd nifer o bobl a foddwyd yn aber yr Afon Ddyfrdwy yn y fynwent hon, gan gynnwys criw Cwch Achub y Parlwr Du a foddodd ar 4 Ionawr 1854 mewn môr garw.

Ceir golygfeydd gwych o ben y Gop, o dŵr Blackpool i Eryri. Yn ôl y chwedl mae cysylltiadau rhwng y garnedd Oes yr Efydd (14 metr o uchder a 100 metr o led) sydd ar y copa â bedd y Frenhines Buddug, ond ni ddaeth unrhyw dystiolaeth o gladdu yn dilyn cloddio archeolegol. Y tu isaf i'r copa, mae ogof fechan ble darganfuwyd gweddillion 14 o bobl yr oes Neolithig a gladdwyd ar eu cwrwd.

Anheddiad hynafol yw Gwaenysgor. Mae Eglwys y Santes Fair Magdalen o'r 12g yn sefyll ar safle crefyddol cyn-Rufeinig, a ddynodir gan y fynwent gron.

Llanasa church  
Eglwys Llanasa



## 15 (a). Whitford

To reach the start of the walk, drive through Caerwys and cross junction 31 of the A55. At the next roundabout, go straight ahead and quickly turn right to Whitford.

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### Whitford

Sea views, woodland, rolling farmland

Distance: 8 km / 5 miles

Time: 3 hrs

**Parking:** Limited roadside parking in Whitford or at pub with landlord's permission (SJ147782)

**Grade:** Moderate, several stiles, can be muddy

**Facilities:** Pub in Whitford

**Livestock:** Lots of sheep and cattle

#### Golygfeydd o'r môr, coedlannau, tir amaeth

Pellter: 8 km / 5 milltir

Amser: 3 awr

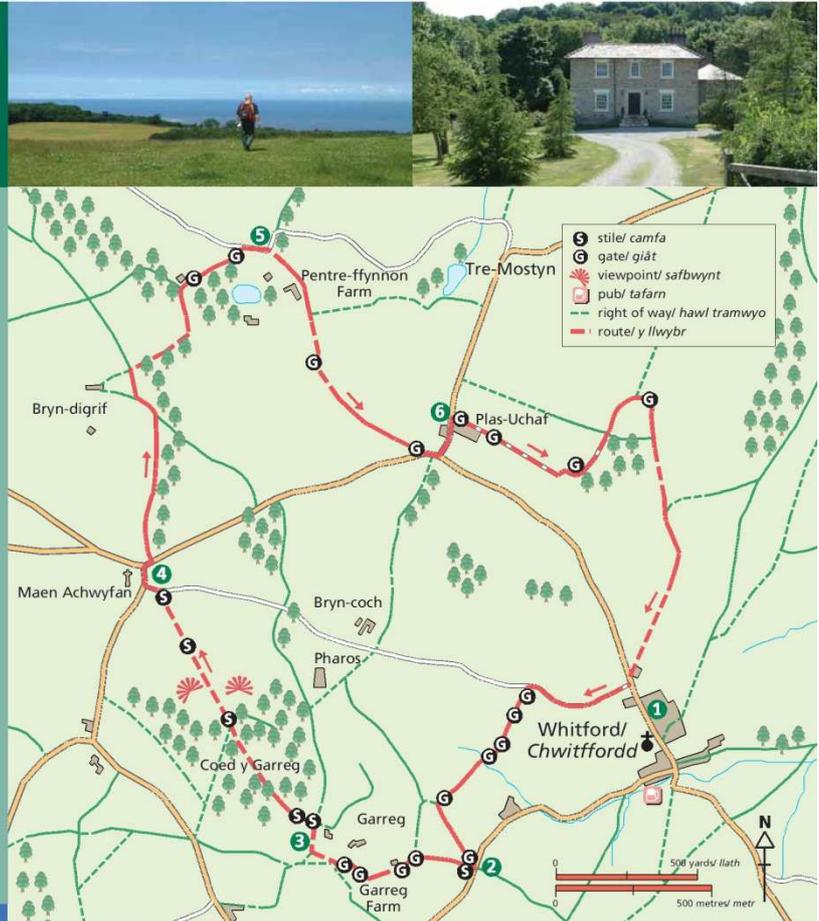
**Parcio:** Rhai lleoedd i barcio ar ochr y ffordd yn Chwitffordd neu wrth y dafarn gyda chaniatâd y landlord (SJ147782)

**Graddfa:** Cymedrol, nifer o gamfeydd, gall fod yn fudlyd

**Cyfleusterau:** Tafarn yn Chwitffordd

**Da byw:** Llauer o ddefaid ac o wartheg

Waymarking / Arwyddion:



#### The Walk

1. With your back to the church turn L and walk along road. Take first L along lane, before lodge on R. Turn L by finger post, signed Pennant Walk, thro' gate onto path (can be muddy). Continue along path thro' 3 more small gates, passing large pond on L and crossing stream. Where path enters field continue ahead following RH boundary. Go thro' gate then turn L on path, following LH field edge.
2. Go thro' gate at end and immediate R, crossing stile into field (ignore marker ahead to road). Walk along RHS of field to farm. Go thro' gate into farmyard. Turn R towards farmhouse, then L thro' gate beside old barn. (Farmhouse on R). Follow path thro' gate into field. Walk up field diagonally R heading for gate and waymarkers in corner. Thro' gate onto sunken path and follow path uphill. At top of lane turn L onto drive with Mannog Appaloosa stud on R.
3. At track junction turn R, signed Pennant walk, up drive of white cottage, Garreg Ucha.

Follow path to L of cottage and continue to woodland edge. Cross stile and after 10m cross 2nd stile L into woodland. Continue ahead on bulldozed track thro' to woodland edge. At path junction continue ahead over stile into field (*but first detour R 200m up track to the Pharos*). Walk diagonally down L across 2 fields, crossing stile between fields. Cross stone stile onto road.

4. Turn L along road, R at T-junction (look for Maen Achwyfan on LHS in field) then turn R again, signed Whitford. Just past cottage on L, turn L onto track and continue for 500m. Bear R where track forks, then with gate ahead turn R, signed Pennant Trail, along narrower path with wall/ fence on LHS. Continue ahead as path narrows greatly, walking between two hedgerows. At small path crossroads continue downhill, following old stone wall on R. Near bottom of hill bear R and continue past cottage on L. Go thro' gateway and along cottage drive to gate onto road.

5. Turn R along road. Take first R, after 40m, along drive of Pentre Ffynnon Farm. Pass farm



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Pharos

## 15 (b). Whitford



on R and continue on obvious track between hedges to gate. Enter large field and follow marker arrows, along a row of oaks, to white metal gate onto road. Turn L along road. At road junction, with large tree in middle, take L fork.

6. At farm buildings on R, cross road following Pennant walk sign. Go thro' white gate past metal barns, then continue ahead passing old tithe barn on R. Continue on path between 2 fields. At woodland edge turn L thro' gate, skirting woodland on R. Ignore path joining L at 2 gates and go thro' gate at end of path, skirting woodland on R, ignoring path joining on L. Go thro' gate at end of path and cross large field, through a dip, heading for waymarker post on drive. Turn R along drive to reach lodge. At lodge turn L along road. Walk back to Whitford village.

### Y Daith Gerdded

1. Gyda'ch cefn at yr eglwys, trowch i'r Ch a cherdded ar hyd y ffordd. Cymerwch y cyntaf Ch ar hyd y lôn cyn y lodge sy ar y LIDD. Troi i'r Ch wrth yr arwydd 'Llwybr Pennant', mynd drwy'r giât ac i'r llwybr (gall fod yn fwdlyd). Ymlaen ar hyd y llwybr a thrwy 3 giât arall gan fynd heibio llyn mawr ar y LlCh a chroesi'r nant. Pan fydd y llwybr yn mynd i'r cae ewch yn syth ymlaen gan ddilyn y ffin LIDD. Ewch drwy'r giât a thro'i i'r Ch ar y llwybr gan ddilyn ymyl LlCh y cae.

2. Drwy'r giât ar y pen ac wedyn i'r Dd ar unwaith, gan groesi'r gamfa i'r cae (anwybyddu'r arwydd sydd o'ch blaen ar y ffordd). Ymlaen ar hyd LIDDde'r cae ac i'r fferm. Drwy'r giât i'r buarth. Troi i'r Dd i gyfeiriad y ffermdy. Troi i'r Ch drwy'r giât sy yn ymyl hen sgubor (y ffermdy ar y LIDD). Dilyn y llwybr drwy'r giât ac i'r cae. Cerdded yn groesgornel i'r Dd i fyny'r cae gan anelu am y giât a'r arwyddion yn y gornel. Drwy'r giât i'r llwybr suddedig a dilyn y llwybr ar i fyny. Ar ben y lôn, troi i'r Ch i'r dreif gan gadw Mannog Appaloosa ar eich LIDD.

3. Ar gyffordd y llwybrau trowch i'r Dd, (arwyddion Llwybr Pennant) ac i fyny dreif y tŷ gwyn o'r enw 'Garreg Ucha'. Dilyn y llwybr ar LlCh y tŷ hwn ac ymlaen i ymyl y goedlan. Dros y gamfa ac ar ôl 10m dros yr ail gamfa ac i'r Ch i'r coed. Syth ymlaen ar hyd y llwybr llydan a gafodd ei droi gan darw dur ac ymlaen at ymyl y goedlan. Ar gyffordd y llwybrau ewch ymlaen dros y gamfa ac i'r cae (ond cyn hynny gellir gwyo i'r Dd i fyny'r llwybr i'r Pharos). Cerddwch yn groesgornel i



Ragged robin grows in wet meadows enroute. Blodau'r brain yn tyfu mewn dolydd gwlyb

lawr i'r chwith dros 2 gae, croesi camfa rhwng y caeau. Croesi'r gamfa garreg ac i'r ffordd.

4. Troi i'r Ch ac ar hyd y ffordd, i'r Dd wrth y gyffordd T, (edrychwch am Faen Achwyfan ar y LlCh mewn cae) trowch i'r Dd eto – arwyddion Chwitffordd. Yn syth ar ôl mynd heibio'r bwthyn ar y LlCh, trowch i'r llwybr llydan ac ymlaen am 500m. Gwyo i'r Dd pan fydd y llwybr yn fforchio, yna pan fydd y giât o'ch blaen, troi i'r Dd, (arwyddion Llwybr Pennant), ar hyd llwybr culach gyda wal/ffens ar y LlCh. Ymlaen wrth i'r llwybr gulhau'n arw, gan gerdded rhwng y gwyrchoedd. Ar gyffordd y llwybrau ewch ymlaen i lawr yr allt gan ddilyn hen wal gerrig sy ar y Ll Dd. Yn ymyl gwaelod yr allt gwyrwch i'r Dd ac ewch ymlaen heibio'r bwthyn ar y LlCh. Ewch drwy'r giât ac ar hyd dreif y bwthyn i'r giât ac i'r ffordd. Troi i'r Dd ar hyd y ffordd. Cymerwch y cyntaf Dd, ar ôl 40m, ac ar hyd dreif Fferm Pentre Ffynnon. Ewch heibio'r fferm ar y LIDD ac ymlaen llwybr llydan amlwg rhwng y gwyrchoedd ac i'r giât. Ewch i mewn i gae mawr a dilyn y saethau, dilyn rhes o goed derw i giât fetel ac i'r ffordd. Troi i'r Ch ar hyd y ffordd. Ar gyffordd y ffordd, gyda'r goeden fawr yn y canol, ewch ar y fforch Ch.

6. Wrth adeiladau'r fferm ar y Dd, croesi'r ffordd gan ddilyn arwyddion Llwybr Pennant. Ewch drwy'r giât wen a heibio'r ysguboriau tun yna ymlaen heibio'r hen sgubor ddegwm sy ar y LIDD. Ymlaen wedyn ar y llwybr rhwng y 2 gae. Ar ymyl y goedlan, troi i'r Ch a thrwy'r giât ar hyd ymyl y goedlan sy ar y LIDD (Anwybyddu'r llwybr sy'n ymuno o'r Ch). Drwy'r giât sy ar ben y llwybr gan groesi'r cae mawr, cerdded drwy'r pant, tuag at arwyddbost ar y dreif. Troi i'r Dd ar hyd y dreif nes cyrraedd lodge. Wrth y lodge, troi i'r Ch ac ar hyd y ffordd. Cerdded yn ôl i bentref Chwitffordd.

## Chwitffordd

Thomas Pennant, 18th century zoologist and travel writer, was born at Downing, near Whitford. His 'Tour in Wales' popularised North Wales, setting a trend for wealthy young Englishmen to tour the Welsh mountains. He is buried in Whitford church.

### The Pharos

This round stone structure is reputedly a Roman lighthouse built to help ships navigating up and down the Dee Estuary. Others think it is a 17th century watchtower, built to give warning of pirate raids!

### Maen Achwyfan 'Lamentation Stone'

This carved stone dates from the 10th century. Its function is uncertain. It may have been used for preaching or as a sanctuary stone. Others suggest it was a slaughter monument as many bones and skulls have been found closeby.

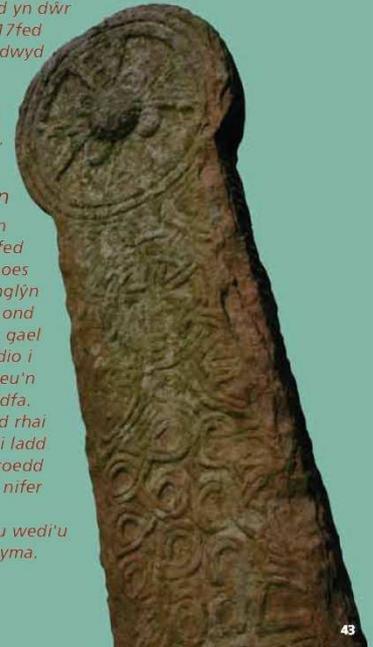
Ganed Thomas Pennant – swolegydd ac awdur llyfrau teithio yn yr 18 ganrif – yn Downing, ger Chwitffordd. Bu ei lyfr 'Tour in Wales' yn gyfrwng i wneud Gogledd Cymru'n lle ffasiynol ar gyfer Saeson oedd am ymweld â'r mynyddoedd. Claddwyd yn Eglwys Chwitffordd.

### Pharos

Dywedir mai goleudy Rhufeinig yw'r garreg gron hon, a adeiladwyd i helpu llongau i fordwyo yn aber yr Afon Ddyfrdwy. Yn ôl pobl eraill, roedd yn dŵr gwyllo o'r 17fed ganrif a godwyd i rybuddio rhag ymosodiad môr ladron.

### Maen Achwyfan

Mae'r maen hwn o'r 10fed ganrif. Nid oes sicrwydd ynglŷn â'i bwrpas, ond efallai iddo gael ei ddefnyddio i bregethu neu'n garreg noddfa. Awgrymodd rhai mai carreg i ladd anifeiliaid roedd hi, gan fod nifer o esgyrn a phenglogau wedi'u darganfod yma.



## 16. Ruthin Craft Centre

[www.ruthincraftcentre.org.uk](http://www.ruthincraftcentre.org.uk) Tel: 01824 704774 Postcode: LL15 1BB

The award-winning craft centre is a dynamic zinc and cast-stone building with undulating roofs to echo the surrounding Clwydian hills.

It has three galleries, six artist studios, a retail gallery, education and residency workshops, a tourist information gateway and a café with courtyard terrace.



### How to get there (15 miles and half an hour from GwenoIdy):

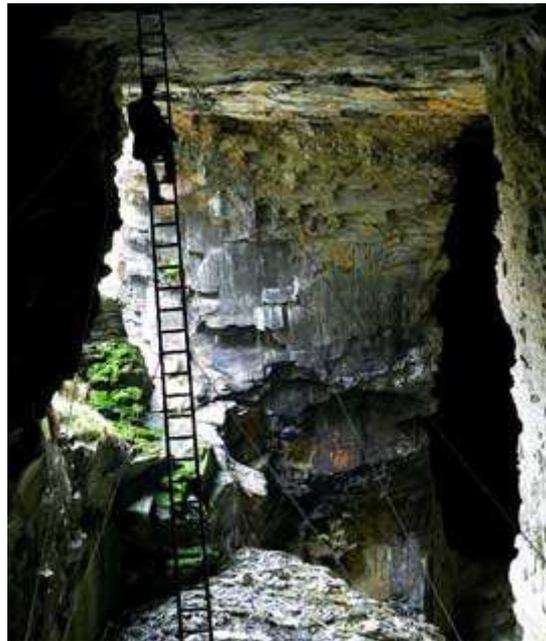
Go down the hill to the Afonwen craft centre and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. Just after the village of Bodfari turn left on the B5429 to take the road along the west side of the Clwydian Hills to Ruthin (follow local signposts). The Craft Centre is opposite Tesco near the roundabout at the east end of the town.

## 17. Llechwedd Slate Caverns

[www.llechwedd-slate-caverns.co.uk](http://www.llechwedd-slate-caverns.co.uk) Tel: 01766 830306 Postcode: LL41 3NB

Llechwedd Slate Caverns in Blaenau Ffestiniog is part of a living, working slate mine that has been active since 1836.

There are 2 spectacular underground tours to explore the underground world of the Victorian Slate Miner. You go deep inside the Welsh mountains, but the temperature in the mine is about 54F throughout the year, making the caverns ideal for your family day out come rain or shine.



**(Llechwedd is also now the home to part of Zipworld and Bounce Below – see page 53.)**

### **How to get there (40 miles and an hour from Gwenoaldy):**

Go down the hill to the Afonwen craft centre and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. From there take the A543 across the Denbigh Moors, join the A5 towards Betws-y-Coed, then turn left onto the A470 to Blaenau Ffestiniog.

## 18. Trefriw Woollen Mill

[www.t-w-m.co.uk](http://www.t-w-m.co.uk) Tel: 01492 640462 Postcode: LL27 0NQ

Trefriw Woollen Mills is a manufacturer of traditional Welsh bedspreads/blankets, tweeds and travelling rugs. Welsh tapestry is made into cushions, dinner sets, shoulder bags and purses. Tweed is tailored into hats, caps, jackets, capes, ruanas and skirts. Visitors can see the weaving and hydro-electric turbines which generate the mill's electricity (Mon - Fri all year). Additional machinery can be viewed in the summer. Products manufactured at the mills are available in the shop, together with pure wool knitwear, accessories and sheepskin products.



### How to get there (40 miles and an hour from Gwenoldy):

Go through Caerwys to the A55 and turn left towards Conwy. Near Llandudno turn left on the A470 to Llanrwst. Turn right on B5106 to Trefriw.

## 19. Chester

[www.visitchester.com](http://www.visitchester.com) Tel for information: 01244 400007

Unless you just want to benefit from Chester's excellent shopping opportunities, it is worth planning your visit in some detail. There are many things designed for visitors, with general walking tours and some with a Roman emphasis on offer. It has a cathedral, the marvellous Grosvenor Museum, and many public buildings to see. It has a city centre horseracing course and a river, the Dee, which flows through the city offering boat cruises. There are many excellent pubs and restaurants.



### How to get there (26 miles and 35 minutes from Gwennydd):

Drive through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and travel east. There are many ways into Chester, four of which offer a park-and-ride facility to compensate for the fact that parking in the city is expensive and can be difficult. We usually follow the A55 left when the road ahead becomes the A494 and then take the A483 towards Chester. There is a park and ride at CH4 9DE on the A494 with buses every 10 minutes (peak) and 15 minutes (off-peak).

## 20. Llandudno

[www.llandudno.com](http://www.llandudno.com) Tel for tourist information: 01492 577577

Llandudno is Wales's largest resort, uniquely situated between the Great and Little Ormes with two wonderful beaches, the award winning North Shore and the quiet, sand duned West Shore. Llandudno has kept its Victorian and Edwardian elegance and splendour, despite its modern attractions.

During the Victorian era, roads on the Great Orme were still fairly primitive and the steep slopes prevented all but the most sure footed from reaching the summit. Llandudno was fast becoming a very popular tourist resort, so it wasn't long before local businessmen latched on to the idea of a cable tramway. A little over 15 months after construction work started at the bottom of the Orme, the line was declared safe by the Board of Trade. On 31st July 1902 the first car moved off from Victoria Station, to the sound of the town band playing "God save the King".

Suddenly, Llandudno's Mountain did not seem quite so big and inhospitable as it once had. Now people of all ages and physical abilities could enjoy the rugged scenery, fascinating wildlife, and spectacular views. The Great Orme had gone public! Another unusual way of reaching the top was added in 1969. A Cabin Lift, which runs from the ornamental gardens known as Happy Valley, is the longest in Great Britain. The leisurely ride gives passengers a unique opportunity of enjoying breathtaking aerial views without actually flying!



### How to get there (29 miles and 40 minutes from GwenoIdy):

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and drive west towards Conwy. Take the A470 into Llandudno.

## 21. Park Hall Farm

[www.parkhallfarm.co.uk](http://www.parkhallfarm.co.uk)    Tel: 01691 671123    Postcode: SY11 4AS

Park Hall Farm near Oswestry in Shropshire is one of the region's most exciting all-weather family visitor attractions, and judged by many of our visitors to be well worth the drive from Gwenoldy. With regular hands-on animal activities, two massive indoor playbarns and lots of outdoor play and driving activities, there is never a dull moment for the children. At a more sedate pace, there are museums, exhibitions and beautiful surrounding countryside.



### How to get there (34 miles and an hour from Gwenoldy):

Turn right at the bottom of the hill and take the A541 through Mold and towards Wrexham. Take the A483 and the A5 towards Oswestry and Shrewsbury. Just before Oswestry, follow local signs to Park Hall.

## 22. Chester Zoo

[www.chesterzoo.org](http://www.chesterzoo.org)    Tel: 01244 380280    Postcode: CH2 1LH

Every visit to Chester Zoo is a unique and exciting experience. Arguably the UK's number one Zoo, close to the historic city of Chester, it is set in 110 acres of award-winning gardens. In this spectacular setting are over 7000 animals – more than 400 species of rare, exotic and endangered wildlife. The zoo provides excellent welfare for the animals and an engaging experience for its 1.4 million annual visitors.

Chester Zoo's gardens are deservedly famous and provide a glorious backdrop to the animals. With plants from around the world, the gardens reflect the natural habitats of some of the most exotic species.

Play areas are spread around the Zoo to give children the chance to burn off some of their energy.



### How to get there (27 miles and 35 minutes from Gwenoldy):

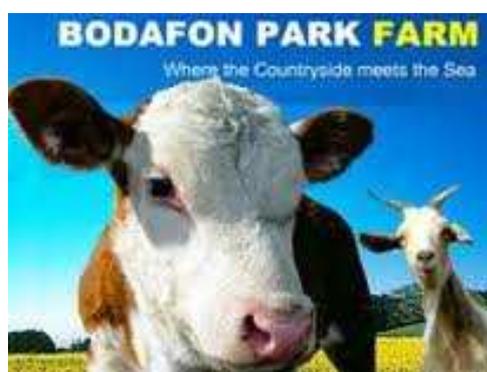
For satnav the postcode for the zoo is CH2 1EU. Go to junction 31 on the A55 and turn east towards Chester. Follow the A55 until it becomes the A494. Just before the start of the M56, take the sliproad left onto the A5117, then turn right onto the A41 and follow local signs to the zoo.

## 23. Bodafon Farm Park

[www.bodafonfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.bodafonfarmpark.co.uk) Tel: 01492 549060 Postcode: LL30 3BB

For children, Bodafon Farm Park offers fun days out which are both informal and educational with tractor rides and an adventure playground in a safe environment.

For adults, Bodafon Farm Park offers a place to let your kids run wild while you relax with a nice cup of tea or coffee and put your feet up in our scenic surroundings. You can take a walk around our birds of prey area or browse our art gallery and arts and crafts shop.



### **How to get there (29 miles and 40 minutes from GwenoIdy):**

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and travel west towards Conwy. After 20 miles take the A470 towards Llandudno and follow local signs to Penrhyn-side and the farm park.

## 24. Welsh Mountain Zoo, Colwyn Bay

[www.welshmountainzoo.org](http://www.welshmountainzoo.org)

Tel: 01492 532938

Postcode: LL28 5UY

Set in North Wales, high above Colwyn Bay with panoramic views and breathtaking scenery, beautiful gardens are home to a caring conservation zoo, the national zoo of Wales. Roam the wooded pathways, relax on the grassy slopes and spend a lovely day learning about many rare and endangered species from Britain and around the world including snow leopards, chimpanzees, red pandas and Sumatran tigers.

Enjoy the penguin parade, chimp encounter, Bear Falls, Condor Haven and the Children's Farm plus much more. Visit the Sealions' Rock and watch the Californian sealions being trained. Have fun in the exciting and extensive Jungle Adventureland and Tarzan Trail Adventure Playground. For the more technically inclined, visit the Media Centre where you can do a virtual tour of the zoo and play some great educational games.



### **How to get there (25 miles and 35 minutes from GwenoIdy):**

Go down the hill, turn left then right up the hill to Caerwys, going through the village to junction 31 of the A55. Turn left towards Conwy and follow local signs in Colwyn Bay to the Zoo.

## 25. Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools

[www.discoverflintshire.co.uk/Things-to-do/Family-Fun/Leisure-Centres](http://www.discoverflintshire.co.uk/Things-to-do/Family-Fun/Leisure-Centres)

Should you be looking for indoor activities, Flintshire has a great range of leisure centres and swimming pools.

For up-to-date information on locations, opening times and prices, use the website link above via our wireless broadband in the cottage or from the computer in the bakehouse.

Please ask for our assistance if required.



## 26. Talacre beach

**Postcode: CH8 9RD**

Talacre is well known for its sand dunes and long, flat beach stretching westwards to Prestatyn and Rhyl. It has a disused lighthouse and, in the dunes, a Site of Special Scientific interest where natterjack toads live and breed. Drive past the parade of shops and onto the beach approach for free parking.



### **How to get there (11 miles and 20 minutes from GwenoIdy):**

Go straight across the A55 at junction 31 north of Caerwys and take the left turn at the roundabout towards Prestatyn (A5151). Follow local signs to the right to Llanasa, then to Gwespyr and Talacre.

## 27. Newborough Warren and Llanddwyn Island National Nature Reserve

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newborough\\_Warren](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newborough_Warren) Postcode: LL61 6RS

Newborough Warren is a wild place with huge open beaches, sand dunes and pine woods. You will have fabulous views across to Snowdonia and may see ravens flying over the sea. It is a wonderful place for a walk in all seasons and a good bathing beach in the summer. If you wish, you may extend your walk to take in parts of the pine forest.

There is a charge for parking cars.



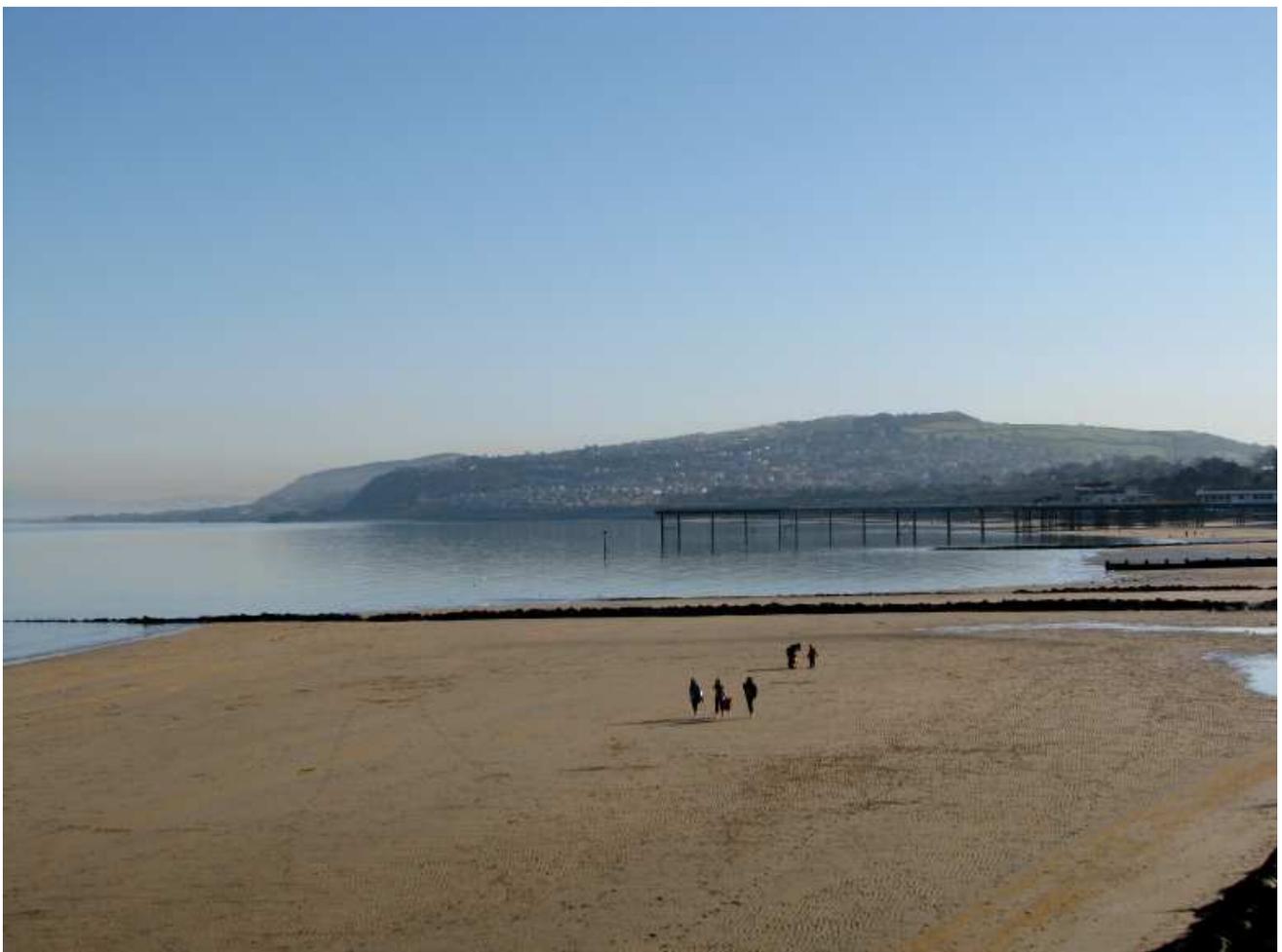
### How to get there (55 miles and an hour and a quarter from GwenoIdy):

Travel west along the A55 in the direction of Conwy. Follow signs to Bangor, then Anglesey and cross the bridge over the Menai Straits. Take the A4080 to the south-west corner of the island.

## 28. Rhos on Sea beach

**Postcode: LL28 4**

There are several aspects to Rhos-on-Sea beach. The stretch of beach that sits between the village shops and the harbour is probably the most popular section in the summer months. Access to the sand and shingle beach is via steps from the promenade or a ramp at the Rhos Point end of the beach. The stone breakwater that forms the harbour wall creates a pleasant sheltered area popular for bathing and paddling. But if lazing on the beach is not your thing then head a few hundred yards to the west around Rhos Point to the mussel beds for a wide variety of seabirds including oyster-catchers, dunlins, cormorants and many more. Walk a few hundred yards in the other direction towards Colwyn Bay and there are wide expanses of sand and plenty to explore as the tide recedes.



### **How to get there (24 miles and 35 minutes from Gwenvoldy):**

From junction 31 of the A55 travel west in the direction of Conwy. Follow local signs to Colwyn Bay and Rhos on Sea.

## 29. Llandudno

[www.llandudno.com](http://www.llandudno.com)

Llandudno is a Victorian seaside resort on a curve of bay sheltered by the Great Orme to the west and the Little Orme to the east. Beautiful Victorian buildings look out over a wide promenade and sandy beaches.

The Pier is one of Llandudno's greatest attractions. It is the longest pier in Wales and full of attractions and amusements for children. This really is the traditional seaside beach with donkey rides and a Punch and Judy show which has been presented by the same family since 1860.



**How to get there (30 miles and 45 minutes from GwenoIdy):**

Travel west along the A55 in the direction of Conwy. Follow signs to Llandudno.

## 30. Crosby Beach and *Another Place*

[www.sefton.gov.uk/around-sefton/antony-gormleys-another-place.aspx](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/around-sefton/antony-gormleys-another-place.aspx) Postcode: L23 8

Another Place consists of 100 cast-iron, life-size figures created by the sculptor Antony Gormley, spread out along three kilometers of the foreshore, stretching almost one kilometre out to sea. Contractors spent three weeks lifting the figures into place and driving them into the beach on the-metre-high foundation piles.

The *Another Place* figures - each one weighing 650 kilos - are made from casts of the artist's own body and are shown at different stages of rising out of the sand, all of them looking out to sea, staring at the horizon in silent expectation. The work is seen as a poetic response to the individual and universal sentiments associated with emigration - sadness at leaving, but the hope of a new future in another place.



### **How to get there (50 miles and an hour and 20 minutes from Gwensoldy):**

Drive through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and turn east towards Chester. Via the A494 and the A550, join the M53 towards Liverpool, going through the Mersey Tunnel. Take the A5036 along the coast and follow local signs to Crosby and *Another Place*.

## 31. Rhuddlan Castle

[www.rhyl.com/rhuddlan.html](http://www.rhyl.com/rhuddlan.html)    Tel: 01745 590777    Postcode: LL18 5AD

Rhuddlan may not be as well known as some other north Wales castles, yet it has much in common with its illustrious neighbours.

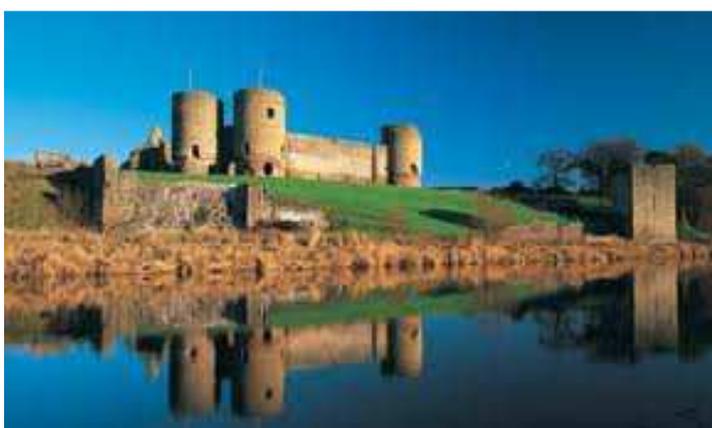
Like Caernarfon and Conwy, it was built as one of the 'iron ring' of fortresses by the English monarch, Edward I, in his late 13th century campaigns against the Welsh.

Rhuddlan's massive twin-towered Gatehouse (heralding the inner core of a characteristic concentric 'walls within walls' system of defences) immediately catches the eye.

But possibly the most impressive engineering achievement of the castle builders can be seen alongside the fortress. Although not immediately apparent to today's visitors, Rhuddlan (almost 3 miles from the coast) was a castle that remained faithful to Edward I's principle of seaborne access.

The clue lies in the unnaturally straight course of the River Clwyd alongside, which was canalised to allow provision of the castle by ship, a truly mammoth task involving 1,800 ditchers. Remains of a defended river gate still exist in the outer ring of walls, overlooked by the towers of the powerful diamond-shaped inner ward.

Open from the end of March to the end of October.



### How to get there (14 miles and 20 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Travel west along the A55 in the direction of Conwy. Take the A525 towards Rhyl and follow local signs to Rhuddlan.

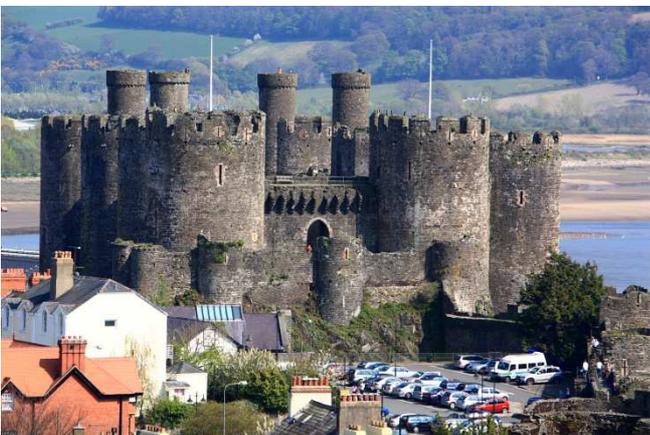
## 32. Conwy Castle

**www.conwy.com    Tel: 01492 592358    Postcode: LL32 8LD**

Words cannot do justice to Conwy Castle. The best, simple description is found in the guidebook published by CADW, the Welsh Historic Trust, which states: "Conwy is by any standards one of the great fortresses of medieval Europe." Conwy along with Harlech is probably the most impressive of all the Welsh castles. Both were designed by Edward I's master castle builder, James of St. George, and while Harlech has a more storied past, Conwy's eight massive towers and high curtain wall are more impressive than those at Harlech.

Unlike Harlech however, Conwy Castle and town are surrounded by a well-preserved wall lending an additional sense of strength to the site. A similar town wall exists at Caernarfon Castle, but is far less complete and gets lost in the modern town. By contrast, Conwy's well-preserved wall helps the town maintain a medieval character lost by other Welsh castle-towns over the years. Construction of Conwy began in 1283. The castle was an important part of King Edward I's plan of surrounding Wales in "an iron ring of castles" to subdue the rebellious population. The highly defensible wall Edward built around the town was intended to protect the English colony planted at Conwy. The native Welsh population were violently opposed to English occupation of their homeland.

Today, Conwy is approached from the east via the A55 through North Wales. Approaching Conwy, the castle seems to suddenly rise out of the hills. The majestic old suspension bridge connecting the castle with the main peninsula, depicted in many representations of the castle over the years, still guards the main approach to the castle.



### **How to get there (27 miles and 40 minutes from GwenoIdy):**

Go through Caerwys and turn west (signposted Conwy) at junction 31 of the A55.

### 33. Beaumaris Castle

[www.castlewales.com/beamar.html](http://www.castlewales.com/beamar.html) Tel: 01248 810361 Postcode: LL85 8AP

Beaumaris, begun in 1295, was the last and largest of the castles to be built by King Edward I in Wales. Raised on an entirely new site, without earlier buildings to fetter its designer's creative genius, it is possibly the most sophisticated example of medieval military architecture in Britain.

This is undoubtedly the ultimate "concentric" castle, built with an almost geometric symmetry. Conceived as an integral whole, a high inner ring of defences is surrounded by a lower outer circuit of walls, combining an almost unprecedented level of strength and firepower. Before the age of cannon, the attacker would surely have been faced with an impregnable fortress. Yet, ironically, the work of construction was never fully completed, and the castle saw little action apart from the Civil War in the 17th century.



**How to get there (50 miles and an hour and 5 minutes from GwenoIdy):**

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and drive west past Conwy and Bangor, following signs to Anglesey. After crossing the Menai Straits, take the A5025 to Beaumaris.

## 34. Caernarfon Castle

[www.caernarfon.com](http://www.caernarfon.com)    Tel: 01286 677617    Postcode: LL55 2AY

Mighty Caernarfon is possibly the most famous of Wales's castles. Its sheer scale and commanding presence easily set it apart from the rest, and to this day, still trumpet in no uncertain terms the intention of its builder Edward I. Begun in 1283 as the definitive chapter in his conquest of Wales, Caernarfon was constructed not only as a military stronghold but also as a seat of government and royal palace.

History comes alive at Caernarfon in so many ways - along the lofty wall walks, beneath the twin-towered gatehouse and within imaginative exhibitions located within the towers. The castle also houses the Regimental Museum of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, Wales's oldest regiment. Caernarfon's position of pre-eminence in historic rankings is recognized in its status as a World Heritage inscribed site.



**How to get there (57 miles and an hour and 15 minutes from Gwenoaldy):**

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and travel west past Conwy and Bangor. Turn onto the A487 to Caernarfon.

## 35. Denbigh Castle

[www.denbigh.com/castle.html](http://www.denbigh.com/castle.html)    Tel: 01443 336000    Postcode: LL16 3NB

The striking ruins of Denbigh Castle, crowning a steep hill above the town, enjoy commanding views of the pastoral Vale of Clwyd and the round-backed hills of the Clwydian range.

The castle's finest feature is its striking triple-towered Great Gatehouse bearing the unmistakable stamp of Master James of St George, the architectural genius responsible for all of Edward's major North Wales castles.

Also of great interest are the town walls, almost two-thirds of a mile long. The eastern section, defended by the Countess Tower and Goblin Tower, is particularly fine.



### How to get there (8 miles and 15 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Go down the hill and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. Follow signs to the town centre, then to the Castle.

## 36. Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways

[www.festrail.co.uk](http://www.festrail.co.uk) Tel: 01766 516000

The Ffestiniog Railway is the oldest railway company in the World still running trains, being founded by Act of Parliament in 1832. The railway was built as a gravity and horse drawn line to transport slate from the quarries in the mountains around Blaenau Ffestiniog. As the slate industry flourished, so did the railway and the town of Porthmadog. Slates from Blaenau Ffestiniog were exported all over the globe - many in ships built in Porthmadog.

The Welsh Highland Railway is North Wales' newest - and the UK's longest - heritage railway and is now open throughout from Caernarfon to the Ffestiniog Railway's Harbour Station in Porthmadog. The two lines offer visitors a journey across Snowdonia more than 40 miles in length.

Welsh Highland trains cross the width of the Snowdonia National Park, past the foot of Snowdon and the beautiful village of Beddgelert, before travelling the length of the Aberglaslyn Pass - voted the most beautiful spot in the UK by members of the National Trust. Trains also call at Pont Croesor, alongside the RSPB's Glaslyn Osprey Centre and Nantmor, which allows walkers the option of walking through the Aberglaslyn pass in either direction and returning by train.



### **How to get there (49 miles and an hour and a quarter from GwenoIdy):**

The station which links the two railways (whose extremities are at Caernarfon and Blaenau Ffestiniog) is Porthmadog.

Turn west along the A55 in the direction of Conwy. Take the A470 south to Betws-y-Coed, then the A5, B4407, B4391, A470 and A487 to Porthmadog (LL49 9DY).

## 37. Snowdon Mountain Railway

[www.snowdonrailway.com](http://www.snowdonrailway.com)    Tel: 0844 493 8120    Postcode: LL55 4TY

The railway takes you almost to the summit of Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales. The views during the journey, and from the new visitor centre at the summit, can be awe-inspiring.



### How to get there (49 miles and an hour from Gwendoldy):

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 on the A55 and travel west almost to Bangor. Take the A5 briefly, then the A4244 and A4086 to Llanberis.

## 38. Great Orme Tramway

[www.greatormetramway.co.uk](http://www.greatormetramway.co.uk) Tel: 01492 879306 Postcode: LL30 2NB

This is Great Britain's only remaining cable operated street tramway and one of only three surviving in the world. Operation of the tramway differs from the famous and unique San Francisco system in that, like the Lisbon lines, it is a street funicular, where the cars are permanently fixed to the cable and are stopped and started by stopping and starting the cable.

The service takes you from close to the centre of Llandudno up onto the Great Orme above the town.



### **How to get there (29 miles and 40 minutes from GwenoIdy):**

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and drive west towards Conwy. Take the A470 into Llandudno.

## 39. Llangollen

[www.llangollen-railway.co.uk](http://www.llangollen-railway.co.uk) Tel: 01978 860979 Postcode: LL20 8SN

Llangollen Railway is a mainly steam-hauled Heritage Railway Line starting at Llangollen Station located beside the Dee River Bridge in Llangollen Town, and continuing for 7½ miles upstream, following the River Dee to the village of Carrog.

The Railway remains close to the waters of the river for most of its length. On the north bank at Llangollen Station, the river is crossed on to the south bank via the Dee Bridge, approximately one mile upstream from Llangollen.



### How to get there (24 miles and 40 minutes from GwenoIdy):

Go down the hill and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. Just after the village of Bodfari turn left on the B5429 to take the road along the west side of the Clwydian Hills to Ruthin (follow local signposts). Take the A525 and the A542 over the Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen.

## 40. Talyllyn

[www.talyllyn.co.uk](http://www.talyllyn.co.uk)    Tel: 01654 710472    Postcode: LL36 9EY

The Talyllyn Railway is a historic narrow-gauge steam railway, set in the beautiful Mid-Wales countryside. Running from Tywyn to Abergynolwyn and Nant Gwernol, the line passes the delightful Dolgoch Falls and there are excellent forest walks at Nant Gwernol.

Built on a gauge of 2 feet 3 inches, the Talyllyn Railway is one of a number of narrow-gauge lines in north and mid Wales built in the 19th century to carry slate, in the Talyllyn's case from the Bryn Eglwys quarries near Abergynolwyn. Opened in 1865, the line runs the seven and a quarter miles from Tywyn (on the Cardigan Bay coast) to Nant Gwernol, from where a series of horse-drawn tramways continued into the mountains. The slate traffic ceased in 1946 following a serious rock fall in the quarry. The restored, volunteer-staffed railway opened in 1951. The Reverend W Awdry, author of the Thomas the Tank Engine books, was an early volunteer.



### **How to get there (67 miles and an hour and 40 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

This is quite a long but very spectacular drive, most of it through the Snowdonia National Park. Turn left at the bottom of the hill and drive through Denbigh and Bala. Follow the A494, B4416, A470, A487, B4405 and A493 to Tywyn on the west Wales coast.

## 41. Bodnant Gardens

**www.bodnantgarden.co.uk    Tel: 01492 650460    Postcode: LL28 5RE**

Bodnant Garden is one of the most beautiful gardens in the UK, spanning some 80 acres and is situated above the River Conwy on ground sloping towards the west and looking across the valley towards the Snowdonia range.

The Garden has two parts. The upper garden around Bodnant Hall consists of the terraced gardens and informal lawns shaded by trees. The lower portion, known as the "Dell" is formed by the valley of the River Hiraethlyn and contains the Wild garden.

An endeavour has been made at Bodnant Garden to grow a wide range of interesting and beautiful plants from all over the world, particularly China, North America, Europe and Japan that are suited to the Welsh climate and soil. As well as this, care has been taken to place the plants in such a way that they enhance each other and contribute to the general beauty of the garden throughout the seasons.

The Garden will interest amateur and professional gardeners, artists, photographers and families alike.



### **How to get there (28 miles and 35 minutes from GwenoIdy):**

Go down the hill and cross the A541 to go through Caerwys to the A55. Turn west and travel almost to Conwy before turning south on the A470. Follow local signs to Bodnant Gardens.

## 42. Plas Newydd Country House and Gardens

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-plasnewydd](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-plasnewydd) Tel: 01248 715272 Postcode: LL61 6DQ

Plas Newydd, the ancestral home of the Marquess of Anglesey, bears witness to a turbulent history: noble beginnings during Henry VIII's reign, triumphant success at Waterloo, bankruptcy at the turn of the 20th century and the revival of the family fortunes in the 1930s. The house is famous for its association with Rex Whistler, and contains his exquisite romantic mural and the largest exhibition of his works. Located on the Menai Straits, with glorious views across Snowdonia, you can stroll through an Australasian arboretum, Italianate summer terrace or follow a woodland path leading to the marine walk along the Straits.



### How to get there (46 miles and an hour from GwenoIdy):

From junction 31 on the A55, drive west past Conwy and Bangor and cross the straits to Anglesey. Follow the A5 briefly, then the A4080 to Plas Newydd.

### 43. Bodelwyddan Castle

[www.bodelwyddan-castle.co.uk](http://www.bodelwyddan-castle.co.uk) Tel: 01745 584060 Postcode: LL18 5UY

Bodelwyddan Castle is situated in Denbighshire, North Wales. Set in 260 acres of magnificent parkland, the Castle is a partner of the National Portrait Gallery and is open to the public most days throughout the year.

As well as being a historic house and museum with a free audio tour available, the Castle also boasts large areas of formal garden and natural woodland. A particular feature is the area of practice trenches dating from the First World War. There is a children's play area.

The Castle is run by an independent charitable trust with the aim of providing education and public services.



#### How to get there (12 miles and 20 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and turn left towards Conwy. You will see the castle on your left opposite the 'marble' church by an exit from the A55.

## 44. Ness Botanic Gardens

[www.nessgardens.org.uk](http://www.nessgardens.org.uk)

Tel: 0845 0304063

Postcode: CH64 4AY

Ness Botanic Gardens is a wonderful place to visit and offers something for everyone. It is a place to sit and admire the stunning views across the Dee estuary and a sanctuary away from the chaos of everyday life. Not only are the gardens beautiful, they also house one of the most interesting plant collections in the country. The gardens are owned and managed by the University of Liverpool and science and research are major components of all the work done here. Plant conservation is also vitally important to Ness, and there is a large number of important and rare plants in the gardens.



### **How to get there (28 miles and 40 minutes from Gweneddy):**

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and turn right towards Chester. Continue on the A494 then the A550 towards Birkenhead, then the A540 and follow local signs to Ness.

## 45. Chirk Castle

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-chirkcastle](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-chirkcastle) Tel: 01691 777701 Postcode: LL14 5AF

Completed in 1310, Chirk is the last Welsh castle from the reign of Edward I still lived in today. Features from its 700 years include the medieval tower and dungeon, 17th-century Long Gallery, grand 18th-century state apartments, servants' hall and historic laundry. The award-winning gardens contain clipped yews, herbaceous borders, shrub and rock gardens. A terrace with stunning views looks out over the Cheshire and Shropshire plains. The parkland provides a habitat for rare invertebrates, wild flowers and contains many mature trees and also some splendid wrought-iron gates, made in 1719 by the Davies brothers.



### How to get there (30 miles and 50 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Go down the hill and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. Just after the village of Bodfari turn left on the B5429 to take the road along the west side of the Clwydian Hills to Ruthin (follow local signposts). Take the A525 and the A542 over the Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen. Leave Llangollen on Hill Street (off the A5). At Pontfadog join the B4500 and follow signs to Chirk Castle.

## 46. Erddig

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-erddig> Tel: 01978 355314 Postcode: LL13 0YT

Described as 'the jewel in the crown of Welsh country houses', Erddig is a fascinating yet unpretentious early 18th-century country house which reflects a gentry family's 250 years of upstairs-downstairs life.

The extensive downstairs area contains Erddig's unique collection of servants' portraits, while the upstairs rooms are an amazing treasure trove of fine furniture, textiles and wallpapers.

Outside, an impressive range of outbuildings includes stables, a smithy, a joiners' shop and a sawmill. There is a superb 18<sup>th</sup> century formal garden and a landscaped park. The estate offers walks, and bicycle and carriage rides.



### **How to get there (25 miles and 45 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

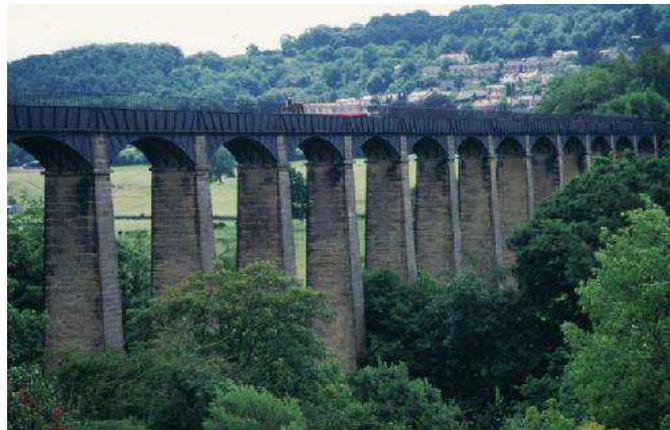
Go down the hill and turn right to take the A541 to Mold and towards Wrexham. Take the A483 towards Oswestry and follow local signs to Erddig.

## 47. Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pontcysyllte\\_Aqueduct](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pontcysyllte_Aqueduct)

Sited on the Llangollen canal, the Pontcysyllte aqueduct is one of only 3 World Heritage Sites in Wales (there are 28 in the UK). A footpath runs alongside the canal over the aqueduct.

Built by Thomas Telford and William Jessop, the aqueduct is 1,007 ft (307 m) long, 11 ft (3.4 m) wide and 5.25 ft (1.60 m) deep. It consists of a cast iron trough supported 126 ft (38 m) above the river on iron arched ribs carried on nineteen hollow masonry piers (pillars). Each span is 53 ft (16 m) wide.



### How to get there (28 miles and 55 minutes by car from Gwenvoldy):

Go down the hill and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. Just after the village of Bodfari turn left on the B5429 to take the road along the west side of the Clwydian Hills to Ruthin (follow local signposts). Take the A525 and the A542 over the Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen. Drive east to the village of Trevor on the A539.

## 48. Gladstone's Library (formerly St Deiniol's Library)

<http://www.st-deiniols.com> Tel: 01244 532350 Postcode: CH5 3DF

Gladstone's Library is one of a kind - a residential library and meeting place dedicated to dialogue, debate and learning for open-minded individuals and groups who are looking to explore pressing questions and to pursue study and research in an age of distraction and easy solutions.

Access to the collection is free of charge but anyone wishing to use the Library on a non-residential basis should complete an application form and provide two forms of ID, one with a recent photograph and one (dated within the last three months) showing proof of address. This allows use of the collection for reference purposes only. The Reading Rooms are open to non-residents from Monday-Saturday inclusive from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm.

The Coffee Shop, Food for Thought, has recently been refurbished and can now seat up to sixty people.

It is open as follows: Monday to Friday: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm; Saturday and Sunday: 10.00 am to 2.00pm. Lunch is served daily from 12 noon to 2.00 pm.



### How to get there (20 miles and half an hour by car from Gwenoldy):

Go through Caerwys to the A55 and drive east towards Chester. Take the slip road left to stay on the A55 when the road ahead becomes the A494. Take the A550 left to Hawarden and follow local signs.

## 49. Valle Crucis Abbey

<http://www.llangollen.com/valle.html>    Tel: 01978 860326    Postcode: LL20 8DD

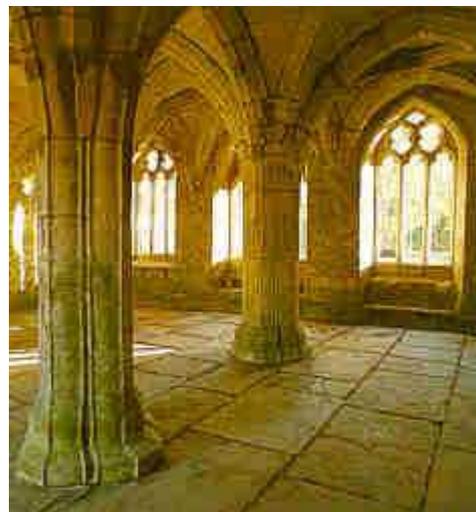
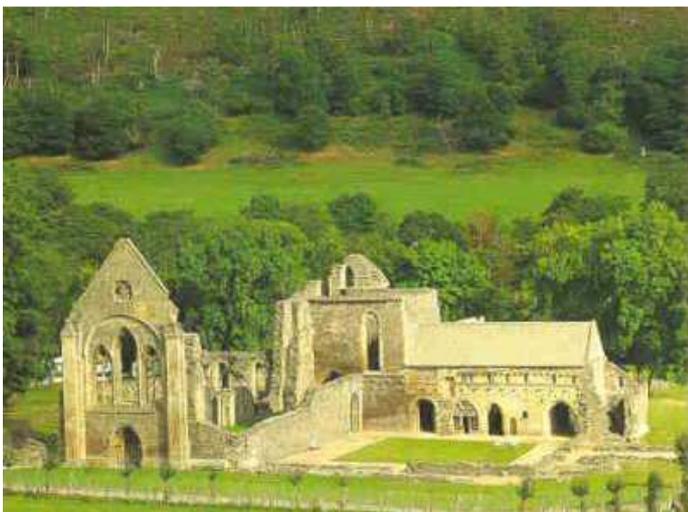
The evocative ruins of Valle Crucis lie in green fields beneath Llangollen's steep sided mountains. In medieval times, this was a remote spot (ideal for austere Cistercian monks, who deliberately sought out wild and lonely places). Their Abbey, founded in the 13th century and added to a century later, has fared better than many of its contemporaries against the ravages of time, history and neglect.

Many original features remain, including the glorious west front complete with an elaborate, richly carved doorway, beautiful rose window and 14th century inscription 'Abbot Adams carried out this work; may he rest in peace. Amen'.

Other well preserved features include the east end of the Abbey (which overlooks the monks' original fishpond) and lovely Chapter House with its striking rib-vaulted roof. But Valle Crucis is not just a lesson in medieval ecclesiastical architecture.

A visit to this fascinating site evokes the lives of the Cistercian monks - successful sheep farmers and enthusiastic supporters of Welsh culture as well as devout men of religion.

Valle Crucis, the 'Valley of the Cross', is named after Eliseg's Pillar, a 9th century Christian memorial cross which stands nearby.



### **How to get there (28 miles and 40 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):**

Go down the hill and turn left on the A541 towards Denbigh. Just after the village of Bodfari turn left on the B5429 to take the road along the west side of the Clwydian Hills to Ruthin (follow local signposts). Take the A525 and the A542 over the Horseshoe Pass towards Llangollen.

## 50. Sir Henry Jones Museum

[www.sirhenryjones-museums.org](http://www.sirhenryjones-museums.org) Tel: 01745 860630 Postcode: LL22 8PR

Situated in the beautiful village of Llangernyw, also famous for the huge, ancient yew tree in St Dilgain's Churchyard, this small museum is the house where Henry Jones grew up. Like most other children in the late 19th century, Henry Jones left school at 12 and went to work. But unlike others, Henry was encouraged to study. Working with his father, the village shoemaker, during the day and 'working at my books ... throughout the small hours and till morning came', he won a scholarship to train as a teacher. Continuing his studies, he eventually became Professor of Moral Philosophy at Glasgow University.



### **How to get there (28 miles and 55 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):**

Drive through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and turn left towards Conwy. At Bodelwyddan, turn left up the hill and then right to take the B5381. Turn left onto the A548 to Llangernyw.

## 51. Horse Riding at Bridlewood

[www.bridlewood.co.uk](http://www.bridlewood.co.uk) Tel: 01745 888922 Postcode: CH8 9JN

Bridlewood has a carefully selected range of well cared-for ponies and horses to provide the size, type and temperament of mount to suit any rider, from complete novices to experienced riders. Whatever your ability, there is a horse or pony that you will enjoy riding safely. All instructors are B.H.S qualified and all rides are accompanied by experienced leaders to help you enjoy the full pleasures of safely riding good horses in beautiful surroundings. Riding hats are provided and conform to British Standards requirements.

Please telephone to make arrangements to view or ride.



### How to get there (10 miles and 20 minutes by car from Gwenvoldy):

Go straight across the A55 at junction 31 north of Caerwys and take the left turn at the roundabout towards Prestatyn (A5151). Follow local signs to the right to Llanasa. Follow local signs to Gwespyr and Talacre, then turn left at A548 and follow signs to Bridlewood.

## 52. Fishing

From [www.discoverflintshire.co.uk](http://www.discoverflintshire.co.uk):

### **Forest Hill Trout Farm and Fishery** Downing Road, Whitford, Nr Holywell

Tel: 01745 561141 Postcode: CH8 9FQ

In a wooded valley in the lush Flintshire countryside you will find four lakes stocked with brown and rainbow trout. Whether you're a fly fisherman or a bait angler, these free rising and hard fighting trout will delight you.

#### **How to get there (7 miles and 13 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):**

Go through Caerwys and cross the A55 at junction 31. Go straight on at the next roundabout and follow local signs to Whitford and Downing.

### **Seven Springs Trout Farm and Fishery** Caerwys, Nr Holywell

Tel: 01352 720511 Postcode: CH7 5BZ

Five spring-fed pools stocked with brown and rainbow trout up to 4lbs, reared on site at the fishery's own hatchery. All lakes are well stocked regularly and the hard-fighting fish offer anglers the prospect of excellent sport.

#### **How to get there (2 miles and 5 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):**

Go up the hill to Caerwys and turn right as the road curves to the left. Turn right at the 'Hillman Imp' garage, and follow the road to your destination.

### **Sarn Mill Fisheries** Denbigh Road, Nannerch, Nr Mold

Tel: 01352 720854 Postcode: CH7 5RH

Whether you are a trout angler or coarse fisherman, beginner or experienced, this is a fishery well worth visiting if you want good sport in a relaxing atmosphere amid beautiful surroundings.

#### **How to get there (2.5 miles and 5 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):**

Go down the hill and turn right on the A541 towards Mold. Follow local sign to the right to the Fisheries.

### **Glasdir Fisheries** Glasdir View, Y Nant, Pentre Halkyn

Tel: 01352 781303 Postcode: CH8 8BD

Made up of three lakes stocked with carp up to 23lbs, roach, bream, tench and golden rudd, with something for every angler.

#### **How to get there (7.5 miles and 15 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):**

Go down the hill and take the A541 towards Mold. Turn left on the B5121 to Pentre Halkyn and follow local signs to the Fisheries.

### **Tree Tops Fishery** Llanfynydd, Nr Mold

Tel: 01352 770648 Postcode: LL11 5HR

Located in the Llanfynydd valley with views down the valley and over Hope Mountain, making it one of the most scenic and varied fisheries in North East Wales.

#### **How to get there (27 miles and half an hour by car from Gwenoldy):**

Go down the hill and take the A541 through Mold. In Pontblyddyn take the A5104 to Treuddyn and turn left on the B5101 towards Llanfynydd. Just before the village follow local sign to the right to the Fishery.



## 53. Zipworld and Bounce Below

[www.zipworld.co.uk](http://www.zipworld.co.uk); [www.bouncebelow.net](http://www.bouncebelow.net)

Tel: 01248 601444 Postcodes: LL57 4YG and LL41 3NB

Zip World won international acclaim when it opened Zip World Velocity at Bethesda in March 2013. It includes a pair of zip lines, a mile long, where riders can exceed 100mph, 500ft high and experience the nearest thing to flying.

The newest member of Zip World, Titan, opened in June 2014 at Llechwedd Slate Caverns, near the historic slate mining town of Blaenau Ffestiniog. This is the first 4 person zip line in Europe and the combination of Velocity and Titan makes North Wales the zip line capital of the world.

Zip World Titan is also home to Bounce Below, a unique subterranean experience! It is not just the exhilarating thrills of the zip lines that will leave you breathless. To describe Bounce Below as a massive trampoline hardly does it justice.

The scenic 45 minute drive between Velocity and Titan is breathtaking and an experience in itself.

The websites offer online booking.



### How to get there:

**Zip World Velocity:** Drive through Caerwys and join the A55 west towards Conwy. Leave the A55 at junction 11 and follow signs for Bethesda and Betws y Coed. Pass through Bethesda. On leaving the village follow the brown signposts for Zip World and then directions for Welsh slate / Zip World. (45 miles, one hour from GwenoIdy)

**Zip World Titan:** Drive through Caerwys and join the A55 west towards Conwy. Leave the A55 at junction 19, take the A470 exit sign posted Betws y Coed/Llandudno. At the roundabout, take the first exit following the A470 towards Betws y Coed. After approximately 15 miles turn right (but continuing on the A470) towards Dolgellau/Blaenau Ffestiniog. Follow the road until you see the Llechwedd Slate Cavern sign – on your left. (53 miles, one and a quarter hours from GwenoIdy)

## 54. Tree Top Adventure Snowdonia

[www.ttadventure.co.uk](http://www.ttadventure.co.uk) Tel: 01690 710 914 Postcode: LL24 0HA

This is a high ropes centre which offers many thrilling activities from a rope course to gorge walking, from wet to dry activities. There is a big Welsh welcome for individuals and families and a special rope course for young children.



### **How to get there (40 miles and 55 minutes by car from GwenoIdy):**

Go through Caerwys to the A55 and turn left towards Conwy. Near Llandudno turn left on the A470 and go through Llanrwst until close to Betws-y-Coed.

## 55. Mountain Biking

Please ring in advance if you wish to hire a bike.

### Coed Llandegla Forest (OnePlanet Adventure)

[www.oneplanetadventure.com](http://www.oneplanetadventure.com) Tel: 01978 751656 Postcode: LL11 3AA

You can hire bikes for all the family and enjoy a range of trails to suit every ability and fitness level.

#### How to get there (22 miles and 35 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):

Turn right at the bottom of the hill and follow the A541 through Mold towards Wrexham. At Pontblyddyn take the A5104 towards Llandegla, then the A525 Wrexham road to arrive at your destination.

### Beddgelert Bikes

[www.beddgelertbikes.co.uk](http://www.beddgelertbikes.co.uk) Tel: 01766 890434 Postcode: LL55 4YE

Enjoy cycling in the Beddgelert Forest with views of the mountains of Snowdonia

#### How to get there (59 miles and an hour and a half by car from Gwenoldy):

Travel west along the A55 in the direction of Conwy. Take the A470 south to Betws-y-Coed, then the A5, A4086 and A498 towards Porthmadog and Caernarfon to reach the village of Beddgelert. The drive offers stunning scenery.



## 56. Golf introduction and Mold Golf Club

[www.moldgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.moldgolfclub.co.uk)

Tel: 01352 741513

Postcode: CH7 5EH

Gwenoldy is fortunate to be surrounded by golf courses of all styles, to suit all abilities, all within an hour's drive of the cottage. The nearest is the friendly 9-hole course just a mile away in Caerwys (tel: 01352 721222).

It is always advisable to phone ahead to arrange a tee-off time and some of the courses have on-line booking systems. All our recommendations allow weekend visitor play in some form but with higher green fees.

Mold Golf Club is over one hundred years old. At around 5500 yards it is an ideal holiday course for golfers of all skill levels. Its undulating layout offers views of the Clwydian Hills, Cheshire and the Peak District.



### **How to get there (8 miles and 15 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):**

Go down the hill and turn right towards Mold. Take the right turn to Cilcain and go through the village to Pantymwyn, where you will find the club.

## 57. Northop Golf and Country Club

[www.northopark.co.uk](http://www.northopark.co.uk)

Tel: 01352 840440 Postcode: CH7 6WA

This parkland course was designed in 1993 by John Jacobs, the former Ryder Cup captain and legendary golf teacher.

Northop is more than a golf club and is justly proud of its restaurant dining facilities.



### **How to get there (11 miles and 25 minutes by car from Gwenoldy):**

Turn right onto the A541 at the bottom of the hill and drive towards Mold. As you are approaching Mold, take a left turn signposted to Soughton. When you reach the Mold-Flint road, turn left and Northop lies just south of the A55 (which offers a more straightforward but less interesting route via junction 31 and Caerwys).

## 58. North Wales Golf Club

[www.northwalesgolfclub.org.uk](http://www.northwalesgolfclub.org.uk)

Tel: 01492 875325

Postcode: LL30 2DZ

The traditional seaside resort of Llandudno has two fine courses, the Maesdu and the North Wales. Both hosted many professional tournaments in the fifties and sixties. On balance we recommend North Wales for its true links character and views over the Conwy Estuary and Snowdonia Mountains.



### **How to get there (30 miles and 45 minutes by car from GwenoIdy):**

Drive through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and turn left, driving to Llandudno Junction. Turn right on the A470 and, as you approach the town centre, turn left on Maesdu Road and pass the Maesdu course before arriving at the North Wales Club.

## 59. Conwy Golf Club

[www.conwygolfclub.com](http://www.conwygolfclub.com)

Tel: 01492 592425

Postcode: LL32 8ER

Conwy is a serious championship links course. In 2006 it became the first Welsh club to hold a qualifying competition for the British Open. Recently hosting a Senior Professionals' tournament, the course received widespread praise for its overall conditioning and slick, fast greens.



### **How to get there (30 miles and 40 minutes by car from GwenoIdy):**

Drive through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and turn left, driving to junction 17 where you turn right and follow local signposting.

## 60. Royal Liverpool Golf Club, and further recommendations

[www.royal-liverpool-golf.com](http://www.royal-liverpool-golf.com)

Tel: 0151 632 7772

Postcode: CH47 4AL

Royal Liverpool, or Hoylake as it is more commonly known, is one of the most famous golf courses in the world. It has been the venue of the British Open on ten occasions, most recently in 2006 when Tiger Woods was the winner. The Open returns there in 2014. This is a demanding test of golf and a minimum handicap certificate of 21 is required and must be shown at arrival. Green fees are £100.

This is world class golf. Don't forget to allow time to soak up the history of the club's magnificent Victorian club-house.



### **How to get there (36 miles and one hour by car from Gwensoldy):**

Go through Caerwys to junction 31 of the A55 and turn right towards Chester. Continue on the A494 then the A550 towards Birkenhead, then the A540 to Hoylake.

**For the intrepid golfer prepared to drive the extra fairway or two, then consider the spectacular Nefyn-District course with its astounding clifftop setting (1 hour 50 minutes), or the two magnificent links north of Liverpool, Formby (1 hour 20 minutes) or the Open venue of Royal Birkdale (1 hour 30 minutes).**

## 61. The White Horse, Cilcain

Tel: 01352 740142    Postcode: CH7 5NN

Peter and Chris Jeory have run the White Horse since 1977 and take pride in providing a fine hostelry with a traditional country pub atmosphere. Open fires greet visitors in the winter months, there is a choice of real ales, and a regular bar menu is supplemented by a specials board that changes each week.

The White Horse has a plaque commemorating its appearance in the film *Hilary and Jackie*, the story of the late cellist Jacqueline du Pré, who holidayed near Cilcain.



### How to get there (7 miles and 10 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Turn right towards Mold at the bottom of the hill. After 4 miles take the right turn signposted to Cilcain. The road ends in the village at a T junction, where you turn right to find the pub immediately on your right.

## 62. The Red Lion, Llanasa

Tel: 01745 854291    Postcode: CH8 9NE

This is a small country pub serving good food and drink in a picture-postcard village.



### How to get there (8 miles and 15 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Go straight across the A55 at junction 31 north of Caerwys and take the left turn at the roundabout towards Prestatyn (A5151). Follow local signs to the right to Llanasa.

### 63. Y Dderwen (The Oak), Hendre

[www.ydderwen-theoak.com](http://www.ydderwen-theoak.com)

Tel: 01352 741466

Postcode: CH7 5QE

The Oak is a great, traditional North Wales pub which concentrates on high quality drinks, good company and community activities (singing, quizzes) but doesn't serve food. You are assured of a warm welcome and something which, these days, is a little bit different from the general run of pubs.



#### How to get there (6 miles and 10 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Go down the hill, turn right on the A541 and The Oak is on the right after just over 5 miles as you drive into the little village of Hendre.

## 64. The Fox, Ysceifiog

[www.heritagepubs.org.uk/pubs/national-inventory-entry.asp?pubid=283](http://www.heritagepubs.org.uk/pubs/national-inventory-entry.asp?pubid=283)

Tel: 01352 720241

Postcode: CH8 8NJ

The Fox is a gem – a very small traditional village pub with good food and drink and welcoming hosts and locals. Best to ring to book a table for food.



### **How to get there (3 miles and 10 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

The only disadvantage of going to The Fox is that the access roads into the village of Ysceifiog are narrow with occasional passing places. If you are not used to such roads, be sure to keep an eye out for suitable passing points as you may have to reverse if you meet a tractor and trailer coming the other way.

Go down the hill, turn right on the A541 and after about 2 miles turn left by a solitary white house following the signpost to Ysceifiog. This is the narrow road which leads to a T junction in the village: turn right to find The Fox – it's worth it.

## 65. The Blue Bell, Halkyn

[www.bluebell.uk.eu.org](http://www.bluebell.uk.eu.org)

Tel: 01352 780309

Postcode: CH8 8DL

This is a favourite real-ale drinkers' pub which wins lots of awards for its beers, community activities and frequently-edited website. It is a busy venue for music, in particular jazz. It doesn't serve food.



### How to get there (10 miles and 20 minutes from GwenoIdy):

Go down the hill and turn right onto the A541. Drive to Rhydymwyn ('rheed-uh-moo-win') and turn left beyond the Antelope Industrial Estate on the B5123 to find the Blue Bell just before the village of Halkyn.

## 66. The Piccadilly Inn, Caerwys

[www.thepiccadillyinn.co.uk](http://www.thepiccadillyinn.co.uk) Tel: 01352 720284 Postcode: CH7 5AW

The Piccadilly has been extended and extensively refurbished in recent times and has a good reputation for its bar and restaurant meals. It is the closest pub/restaurant to Gwenoldy – the other pub in Caerwys, The Royal Oak, doesn't serve food.



### **How to get there (1 mile and 5 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

Go down the hill, turn left and then immediately right up the B5122 hill to Caerwys and the Piccadilly is at the far end of the village on the left.

## 67. The Fat Boar, Mold

[www.thefatboar.uk.co.uk](http://www.thefatboar.uk.co.uk)    Tel: 01352 759890    Postcode: CH7 1EG

The Fat Boar is a fine example of a local pub which takes the serving of food just as seriously as the serving of good beers and wines. It is near the livestock and general auction site in Mold and offers modern décor and cuisine in a traditional country town pub building. Best to make a reservation at busy times.



### **How to get there (9 miles and 20 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

Turn right at the bottom of the hill and take the A541 to Mold. There is time-limited on-street parking in the town centre, as well as several car parks.

## 68. The Dinorben Arms, Bodfari

[www.dinorbenarms.co.uk](http://www.dinorbenarms.co.uk) Tel: 01745 775090 Postcode: LL16 4DA

This is a great country pub in an attractive local village. It enjoyed a major restoration and extension in 2017 and has quickly become a destination pub for fine food and drink. The interior is beautifully designed and outside there is a large terrace with wonderful views along the Vale of Clwyd. It has plenty of car parking space.



### How to get there (4 miles and 10 minutes from Gwenoldy):

Turn left at the bottom of the hill to Denbigh, then turn right in Bodfari (signposted Tremeirchion).

## 69. Glasfryn, Mold

[www.glasfryn-mold.co.uk](http://www.glasfryn-mold.co.uk) Tel: 01352 750500 Postcode: CH7 6LR

This is a usually busy pub that draws from far and wide. You'll find an interesting mix of locals – farmers, local businessmen, young couples, retired people, regulars, market goers: there's always an interesting buzz about the place, and locals and visitors alike seem to rub along very happily.

It's also the local for Theatr Clwyd – see their excellent programme of plays and films at [www.clwyd-theatr-cymru.co.uk](http://www.clwyd-theatr-cymru.co.uk) or ring the Box Office on **0845 330 3565**.

There is a wide-ranging food menu as well as a variety of beers and wines.



### **How to get there (11 miles and 20 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

Turn right at the bottom of the hill and take the A541 to Mold. Follow signs for Queensferry, then, after half a mile, left to County Hall. The Glasfryn is on the left.

## 70. The White Horse, Llandyrnog

[www.whitehorsellandyrnog.co.uk](http://www.whitehorsellandyrnog.co.uk)

Tel: 01824 790582

Postcode: LL16 4HG

The White Horse Inn offers a warm welcome, great beers (CAMRA member) and a large menu, with an excellent reputation for good home-cooked food made from local produce. Reservation will be necessary on weekend evenings. There is a large adjacent carpark with easy access.



### **How to get there (8 miles and 15 minutes from Gwenoldy):**

Turn left at the bottom of the hill, taking the A541 just beyond the village of Bodfari and turning left onto the B5429 to arrive at The White Horse on your left as you enter the village of Llandyrnog.