

Places of Interest

Plas Newydd - National Trust house and garden. The ancestral home of the Marquis of Anglesey. It contains the largest collection of Rex Whistlers' works plus his romantic mural. Stunning views towards Snowdonia. Check opening times.

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch - Village with the longest name. The 1st Marquis of Anglesey memorial column stands 28m high, built of Moelfre limestone in 1817. You can climb up the 115 steps to the balcony and enjoy the stunning views. St Mary's church which is dated 1851- 1852 is at the bottom of a steep hill near the Menai Straits. The footpath which goes through the church yard, takes you down to the Straits where you can see a statue of Horatio Nelson. As you enter the village you will see an octagonal tollhouse and opposite that is the W I Hall which was where the first W I was set up in Britain in 1915.

Sea Zoo- Is 15 minutes drive from the cottage, see the conservation work...Lobster Hatchery, Sea Horse Nursery, Shark Pool Grids, Crashing Waves and Virtual Scuba diving and much more. Well worth a visit.

Llanddwyn Island - Owned by the Forestry Commission. Drive through the pine forest down to the car park. Walk along the beach to Llanddwyn Island. Follow the footpath on the island which leads to the old lighthouse, pilot cottages and boathouse. The island is a Nature Conservancy; therefore dogs must be kept on leads. There are maps of Forest walks. Car Park £3.00

South Stack - Small Island with lighthouse. Walk down approx 400 hundred steps to the bridge and cross onto the island where you can go round the lighthouse. Visit Elins Tower RSB centre and view the sea birds, maybe if you are lucky you might see the puffins.

Wylfa Head - Visitors centre exhibitions films and hands-on- displays. Nature trail walks through woodland... lovely views. No dogs allowed.

Cemaes Bay - a small fishing port with good coastal walks.

Moelfre - A very interesting village - There is now a Seawatch centre which reminds visitors of the importance of the sea to the village and to the coast around the island. The Royal Charter steam ship was shipwrecked off Moelfre in October 1859 and 100yrs later in October 1959 the Hindlea ran into problems and was wrecked. You will see a memorial stone for the Royal Charter on the cliff top close to Porth Helaeth which marks the place where the she sank. Moelfre is famous for its lifeboat station

and the famous lifeboat coxswain Dick Evans. The lifeboat station and museum are well worth a visit.

Red Warf Bay - Sandy beach. There are two pubs that prepare really good food lunchtime and evening, using good local fish.

Llanddona - A very steep drive down to a large sandy beach. It was once reputed to be the home of witches!

Penmon Priory - St Seiriol founded a monastery here in the 6th century. The dovecote was built in 1600, which housed about 1000 pigeons.

Beaumaris - castle, pier - you can book fishing and pleasure boat trips, the old gaol well worth a visit. Best fish and chips on the island. Good Sunday Roast served at the Sailors Return.

Pili Pala - Butterfly farm is about 15mins from the cottage. There you can see butterflies, iguanas, dragons, tegu and monitor lizards. Also in the tropical area there are tarantulas scorpions and fire bellied toads and other creepy crawlies. Pets corner, bouncy castle and a cafe. Open all the year round from 10am till dark.

Llandudno - Is a Victorian holiday resort with a pier and prom. You can take a tram or cable car to the top of the Great Orme for panoramic views of Snowdon and Anglesey.

Bodnant Gardens - well known botanical gardens, garden at its finest in May - absolutely stunning. Entry with National Trust card or RHS

Llanberis - is in Snowdonia National Park. From the town you can catch the train or walk to the summit. At the top of Snowdon you will see the new visitors centre. While in Llanberis visit the Electric mountain visitor's centre, and then do a trip deep into the Electric Mountain, it is amazing.

Llyn Padarn - Dinorwig Quarry Hospital, this has now be turned into a museum which houses some of the original equipment dating back to the 1800's. The hospital was built in the middle of the 19th century, accidents often happened in the quarries The Slate museum was opened in 1972 in the Victorian workshops, and houses the largest waterwheel on the British mainland 15.4 metre in diameter. You can also visit miner's houses. Definitely worth a visit.

Pete's Eats - While in Llanberis Pete's eats is a must! Originally opened as a climbers and walkers cafe, now everyone goes there! Huge choice of sandwiches, toasted sandwiches cooked food most dishes served with "homemade chips" just what you need after a good walk! Good mug of coffee, a large selection of teas.

Blaenau Ffestiniog - slate mines and caverns. Travel by miners train takes deep into the slate mine. Also a slate miner's village, as it used to be, complete with a pub which serves lunches.

Aber Falls - A good walk up from the car park through a wooded plantation to the waterfalls look out for the choughs, ravens and peregrine falcons on your way. At the falls you can see wild angelica and lady's mantle growing out of the crevices by the falls. In the winter the falls freeze and you could see people ice climbing.

Portmeirion - Italian Village, picturesque. Where the cult 60's TV series The Prisoner was filmed.

The Anglesey Coastal Footpath - This fantastic path runs along the entire 125 miles of coast line with stunning views and includes Holy Island in the West. The official Coastal Footpath guide book can be found at the cottage.

Aberffraw - A cluster of houses, church and chapel sit just above high water mark of the estuary and River Ffraw. Lovely sandy beach with sand dunes, plus a good cafe. Just 20 minutes from the cottage.

Caernarfon - A busy town with a fine castle. Just outside the town (to the west) is RAF Llandwrog an old RAF station. Here you can take pleasure flights over the mountains and visit an aviation museum. This contains number of jet fighters that you can sit in the cockpits.

Bangor - A busy cathedral and University City. Home to the premier Welsh football club Bangor City who play in the Welsh premier league. Games are played at their new ground Nantporth on the banks of the Menai Straits. Kick off at either 7.30pm on a Friday or 2.30pm on a Saturday. There is also a Victorian Pier.

Cycling on Anglesey - The national cycling routes 8 and 5 provide an excellent circular tour of the Island on quiet roads.

Burial sites and Henges - Anglesey has a large number of Neolithic / Iron Age burial mounds and Henges. These are normally free and there is an excellent example of such a site called Bryn Celli Ddu close to the cottage at Llandaniel Fab.

St Mary's Church, Llanfairpwll - Lies immediately below the great stone structure of the Britannia Rail Bridge. The church is reached along a quiet lane leading past the Carreg Bran Hotel, under the railway bridge to the shore. Sunday service in both Welsh and English and check times for the services. There is a Catholic Church in Menai Bridge

Pen Ceunant - is a warm and friendly walker's café on the lower slopes of Snowdon, about a hundred yards from the Royal Victoria Hotel on the Llanberis path up Snowdon, the best hot chocolate I've tasted!

Penrhyn Castle - A National Trust property - 19th century neo-Norman castle sits between Snowdon and the Menia Straits elaborate carvings plus a one ton slate bed! Restored Victorian kitchens, Railway Museum. Lovely grounds with stunning views.

Hidden Gardens - Plas Cadnant plus traditional tea rooms. Historic gardens under restoration quite spectacular. Red squirrels have been sighted in the gardens. Check opening times leaflets in the cottage.

Oriel Mon Llangefni - Art Gallery and Exhibition Centre featuring the history and culture of Anglesey. Sir Kyffin Williams and Charles Tunnicliffe Exhibitions, plus local artist's, craft shop, good cafe. Admission is free. Municipal golf driving range and golf course no membership needed just pay and play.

The Dingle (Nanty y Pandy) Llangefni - **Local Nature reserve 25 acres of wooded valley** rich in wildlife and history. Walk to the Cefni reservoir nice gentle walk part boarded. Circular walk suitable for families with children.

These are just a few places that might be of interest. There are leaflets in the cottage advertising places of interest. You will also find books with circular walks and also Ordnance Survey maps, which might be of use, please leave them in the cottage at the end of your holidayThank you