

Henfaes Isaf: About the Area

Places to eat

Restaurants

Llandrillo (2.8 miles)

The Berwyn (*Our favourite for Sunday lunch and evening meals. Only open Thursday to Sunday.*)

Berwyn St

Llandrillo

Corwen

LL21 0TH

01490 440550

Please note: *The Berwyn is a small restaurant and booking is strongly advised.*

Tyddyn Llan (Michelin star) For a really special treat!

Llandrillo (3 miles)

LL21 0ST

01490 440264

Cost: £60 per person for three courses

<http://www.tyddynllan.co.uk/>

Llangollen (13 miles, 23 minutes)

The Corn Mill (*Beautiful location overlooking the Dee, excellent menu.*)

The Corn Mill

Dee Lane

Llangollen

LL20 8PN

01978 869 555

<http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/cornmill/homepage/>

Corwen (3 miles)**Abul's Spice** (*Indian restaurant and takeaway*)

The Square

Corwen

LL21 0DE

01490 413016

Sunday to Thursday 5 – 11pm, Friday to Saturday 5 – 11.30pm

Open bank holidays.

Winner of Best Indian in Wales, 2015 and 2016.

BYOD or you can buy a drink from pub next door and bring it in.

Email: info@abulspice.co.uk<http://www.abulspice.com/>**Old Wives' Tales** (*Portuguese bistro with acoustic musical evenings*)

Bridge Street

Corwen

07413 965625

<https://www.facebook.com/oldwivestalescorwen/>**Rhug Estate (3.4 miles)**

Corwen

LL21 0EH

01490 413000

This organic farm has a day-time restaurant – the Bison Grill, as well as a takeaway and a well-stocked farm shop.

<https://www.rhug.co.uk/eat>**Glyndwr Farmers' Markets**

Location : Rhug Estate

Times: 10am-4pm

Occurrence: first Sunday each month (May - October)

Pubs

The Blue Lion (*newly re-opened village pub*)

Cynwyd (*1 mile*)

LL21 0LD

01490 413656

The Grouse Inn (*Excellent location overlooking the Dee, good food menu and real ales.*)

Carrog (*6 miles, 13 minutes*)

LL21 9AT

01490 430272

<http://www.thegrouseinnocarrog.co.uk/>

The Dudley Arms (*Traditional pub serving home-cooked food and real ales.*)

1 High Street

Llandrillo (*3 miles*)

LL21 0TL

01490 440223

<http://dudleyarms.wales>

Activities

The following activities are shown arranged by distance from Henfaes Isaf, with nearest activities listed first. Details correct as of June 2016.

Corwen Leisure Centre (*3.5 miles*)

Swimming pool, Fitness suite, All weather pitch

Carrog Road,

Corwen,

LL21 9RW

01490 412 600

<http://corwenleisurecentre.denbighshireleisure.co.uk/>

Fishing (River Dee)

Day tickets are now available on the Crogen 1 Crogen 2 and Crogen 3 beats. Tickets can be purchased from two Corwen outlets: -

GM Hughes the Newsagents
The Square,
Corwen
LL21 0DE
01490 413185

Corwen Manor
8 London Rd,
Corwen,
LL21 0DR
01490 413196.

The price of each ticket is £20 per day. Please note that Day Tickets are for Trout and Grayling only. Standard Club Rules Apply.

For further information, see the Corwen Anglers Association website
<http://www.corwenanddistrictanglingclub.co.uk/>

Berwyn Mountain Llamas (*3 miles, 7 minutes*)

Llama trekking in the Berwyn Mountains

Hafod Wen
Berwyn Street
Llandrillo
Denbighshire
LL21 0TH
01490 440355
Email: enquiries@berwynmountainllamas.co.uk

Get Wet the Adventure Company (5 miles, 9 minutes)

High Ropes, also other activities available. Situated on B4401 between Bala and Corwen

Coed Craig-Crogen
Nr Llandderfel
Gwynedd
01678 521 239

<https://www.get-wet.co.uk/adventure-activities/details.asp?ActivityID=2>

Bala Golf Club (11 miles, 22 minutes)

10 hole course. Visitors welcome

Penlan
Bala, Gwynedd
LL23 7YD
01678 520359

<http://www.golffbala.co.uk>

Neuadd Buddug Cinema (11 miles, 22 minutes)

Small community cinema

Pensarn Road, Bala
LL23 7SR
01678 520800

Bala Adventure and Watersports (11 miles, 22 minutes)

Offers a wide range of activities for the whole family. Canoe and sailboat hire.

Bala Lake Foreshore
Bala, Gwynedd
LL23 7SR
Email: info@balawatersports.com
01678 521059
<http://balawatersports.com/index.php>

With its beautiful lake and watersports adventure centre, this is definitely worth a visit. You can hire canoes and sailing boats. There is a lakeside

miniature railway, and a picnic spot and pebble beach at Llangower stop. Follow the path across the wooden footbridge to find the hidden beach with rope swings!

Bala Lake Railway (*11 miles, 22 minutes*)

Events throughout the year at this lakeside miniature railway.

<http://bala-lake-railway.co.uk/>

National Whitewater Centre (*14 miles, 25 minutes*)

Rafting, canyoning, cafe and visitor trail

National White Water Centre

Frongoch

Bala

Gwynedd

LL23 7NU

01678 521083

<https://www.nationalwhitewatercentre.co.uk/>

Llangollen Steam Train

You can now start your journey from Corwen. (3 miles, 8 minutes)

Llangollen Railway (*13 miles, 23 minutes*)

The Station

Abbey Road

Llangollen

LL20 8SN

01978 860979

<http://www.llangollen-railway.co.uk/>

Events are scheduled throughout the year, such as the Heritage Rail Gala, Days Out with Thomas, Spring Steam Gala, Real Ale Train, Fish and Chip Special, Victorian Weekend.

Whitewater Active *(13 miles, 23 minutes)*

<http://www.whitewateractive.co.uk/>

This activity centre offers whitewater rafting, abseiling, kayaking and gorge walking.

Chapel Street
Llangollen
LL20 8NW
01978 860763

Horsedrawn boat ride along the canal at Llangollen *(13 miles, 23 minutes)*

<http://www.horsedrawnboats.co.uk/>

Book a 45 minute or 2 hour trip. You can also hire a narrowboat here.

New Dot Cinema *(13 miles, 23 minutes)*

<http://newdotcinema.org/dot/>

A community cinema, opened in July 2015.

Llandegla Laser Combat *(14.9 miles, 25 minutes)*

From age 7.

The postcode is LL11 3AA, but Sat Nav will not take you directly to the field.

From the Ruthin direction, take the A525 east towards Wrexham. Coed Llandegla Forest is signposted from the road.

<http://www.llandeglalasercombat.com/>

Abseil UK *(15.7 miles, 28 minutes)*

Abseil into the 120ft Devil's Gorge!

Camddwr Cottage
Llandegla Road

Llanarmon Yn Ial
CH7 4QX

<http://www.abseiluk.com/>

Llandegla Forest *(16 miles, 28 minutes)*

Mountain Bike Hire – Over 40km of carefully graded and way marked trail through Llandegla forest. You can hire bikes. Suitable for beginners to professionals.

<http://www.oneplanetadventure.com/>

Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre *(16 miles, 26 minutes)*

Cerrigydrudion

Corwen

Conwy

LL21 9TT

You can hire bikes here. Fishing also available.

<http://www.llyn-brenig.co.uk/>

Go Below Underground Adventures *(21.5 miles, 32 minutes)*

Underground caving trips in former slate mine. Great fun for all the family.

Conwy Falls, A5, Betwys y Coed

LL24 0PN

<http://www.go-below.co.uk/>

Zip World Fforest Coaster *(24 miles, 36 minutes)*

“Rollercoaster” toboggan ride through the forest.

Zip World Fforest A470,

Betws-y-Coed

LL24 0HX

<https://www.zipworld.co.uk/adventure/detail/fforest-coaster>

Gwydyr Stables Riding and Trekking Stables *(26.5 miles, 44 minutes)*

Ty Coch
Penmachno
Nr Betws-y-Coed
Snowdonia
North Wales
LL25 0HJ

<http://horse-riding-wales.co.uk/>

Surf Snowdonia *(32 miles, 52 minutes)*

Artificial wave surfing lagoon, kids soft play and a “Total Wipeout” style Crash and Splash Lagoon.

Conway Rd,
Dolgarrog,
Conwy,
LL32 8QE

<https://www.surfsnowdonia.com>

Walks

Wayfarer's Memorial Stone



Wayfarer was the name affectionately given to Walter McGregor Robinson, cycling pioneer from Liverpool in the years immediately after the First World War, and you can see the stone erected in his memory. You can walk to this point directly from Henfaes Isaf, see OS map in cottage.

Bike route also passes our door, information at:

<http://fc.radley.org.uk/~wocm/PDF/FOV1-00027812/FOV1-0002781D/Mountain%20Bike%20Wayfarer.pdf>

Cynwyd Waterfall and Reservoir (*Beware of steep drops!*)



Easy access across the fields on a public footpath, see OS map in cottage. Walking back up from the waterfall and across the footbridge, turn right up Waterfall Road and then into Cynwyd Forest for a circular walk.

<http://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/3676079>

Moel Ty Uchaf - Stone Circle



A magical spot with wonderful views, the cairn-circle of Moel Ty Uchaf stands high on a hill near Henfaes Isaf. It consists of 41 stones with a cist in the centre and an outlying stone to the north-north-east. Walkable from Henfaes Isaf, shorter walk if you drive to Hendwr on B road to Llandrillo and walk from there. See OS map for details.

Tan-y-Coed Burial Chamber, Rhydyglafes

The burial chamber dates back to the Neolithic Period, about 5500 years.



Caer Drewyn

This is an early circular stone fort with a large site and high, very thick, walls with inner raised walkways and curved stone entrance gateways with shelter for the guards. There is a well-marked walk to this little known but very significant historical site from an entrance a few yards uphill from **Corwen Leisure Centre**. The views are excellent and the situation of the camp is very memorable once you've walked around it and imagined how it used to be hundreds of years ago.

You can download an audio tour on your mobile, taking you from Corwen town centre to Caer Drewyn. Call 01490 555123 to download the mp3 files free of charge

<http://www.clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk/caer-drewyn/>



Pistyll Rhayader *(24 miles, 49 minutes by road – Approx 18km by foot!)*

This is the highest waterfall in Wales and well worth a visit. It is possible to walk here from Henfaes Isaf, but you might not have time to walk back the same day! Café at base of waterfall, variety of walks available.

<http://www.pistyllrhaeadr.co.uk/walks.html>

Places of Interest

Llangar Church

Llangar church contains medieval wall paintings and can be visited by arrangement with the custodian at Rhug Chapel, Corwen.

<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/llangaroldparishchurch-old/?lang=en>



Rhug Chapel

17th century chapel with amazing carvings and decorations. Prepare to be wowed!

<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/rugchapel/?lang=en>

Phone: 01490 412 025 for opening time information.



Llangollen *(13 miles, 23 minutes)*

This popular town is well worth a day's visit. There is white water rafting for the adventurous, a steep hill climb to see Castell Dinas Bran, which offers rewarding views across the Clwydian range and Offa's Dyke. You can also walk along the canal from Horseshoe Falls to Pontcysyllte to see Telford's aqueduct. This 11-mile stretch of the canal was awarded World Heritage site status in 2009. You can also take a trip in a horse-drawn boat.

There is also a promenade walk along the riverside, with access to stony outcrop islands in the river (great for kids), and you can feed the ducks. There is a children's playpark and crazy golf with café.

<http://www.new.llangollen.org.uk/>

Plas Newydd *(12.8 miles, 25 minutes)*

Home to the ladies of Llangollen.

Hill St

Llangollen

LL20 8AW

01978 862834

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/visitor/places-to-visit/museums-and-historic-houses/plas-newydd.aspx>

Valle Crucis Abbey *(12 miles, 24 minutes)*

Valle Crucis Abbey

LL20 8DD

01978 860326

<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/vallecrucisabbey/?lang=en>

Castle Dinas Bran *(12 miles, 24 minutes)*

Wern Road

Llangollen

LL20 8DU

<http://www.countryfile.com/days-out/castell-dinas-bran-llangollen>

Ruthin Gaol *(14.6 miles, 24 minutes)*

Find out about life in the Victorian prison system!

Clwyd Street

Ruthin

LL15 1HP

Email: heritage@denbighshire.gov.uk

01824 708281 (April-Sept)

Group bookings and special occasions: 01824 70

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/visitor/places-to-visit/museums-and-historic-houses/ruthin-gaol.aspx>

Lake Vyrnwy *(19 miles, 41 minutes)*

Take a scenic drive via the Tanat Valley. You can walk around the forested sculpture park where there are cafes, bike hire, RSPB Reserve and shop.

<http://www.lake-vyrnwy.com/>

Chirk Castle *(19.5 miles, 36 minutes)*

Magnificent medieval fortress with beautiful gardens. A day out with something for all ages.

Chirk

Wrexham

LL14 5AF

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chirk-castle>

Erddig *(22.6 miles, 44 minutes)*

Of particular interest here is the story of the family and their servants, and the beautiful walled garden.

Wrexham

LL13 0YT

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/erddig>

Dolgellau/Penmaenpool *(28.5 miles, 46 minutes.)*

Lots to do here – try the Precipice Walk, visit the Penmaenpool nature reserve, eat at the famous George III pub or hire a bike along the former railway line featured in Julia Bradbury’s “Railway Walks”.

<http://www.mawddachestuary.co.uk/places/penmaenpool.html>

<http://www.mawddachtrail.co.uk/mawddach-trail.html>

http://www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/___data/assets/pdf_file/0015/115323/PresipiceWalk_e.pdf

Bodnant Garden *(35.8 miles, 54 minutes)*

Tal-y-Cafn
Near Colwyn Bay
Conwy
LL28 5RE
<http://www.bodnantgarden.co.uk/>

Fairbourne/Barmouth *(38 miles, 1 hour)*

Beaches, fish and chips, ice-cream - Barmouth is a traditional Victorian resort with lots of golden sands.

<http://barmouth-wales.co.uk/>

Festivals

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Dates:

Annual international music festival

<http://www.international-eisteddfod.co.uk/>

Llangollen Fringe Festival

Dates:

Music, comedy, dance

<http://www.llangollenfringe.co.uk/index.php/en/>

Corwen Walking Festival

Corwen has an annual walking festival in September, offering a fantastic selection of walk for all ages and abilities.

<http://www.corwenwalkingfestival.co.uk/>

Llangollen Walking Festival

Held in May each year

<http://www.llangollenwalkingfestival.co.uk/>

Llangollen Food Festival

Dates:

<http://www.llangollenfoodfestival.com/>

Bala Lake Railway Model Railway Exhibition

Dates:

<http://bala-lake-railway.co.uk/events/>