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# EXPLORE

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**Bodelwyddan Castle & North Wales**

Discover our hotel and the outdoors

## Places to visit

From classic seaside towns to the unique quirkiness of Portmeirion, there are so many interesting and unusual places to visit in North Wales that you might struggle to choose! Luckily, that's where our local team come in – we've asked them to recommend the best North Wales has to offer and they've come back with some corkers, ranging from expansive beaches to the forests of Snowdonia.

## Things to do

There's more than one way to shoe a horse, and indeed there's more than one way to climb Snowdon as well – just one of our top things to do in North Wales is the famous mountain railway, but our local guide also features a magical trail through Wonderland, Italian terrace gardens, and some of Wales' wildest wildlife. Put together by our local team, this is the best of North Wales as written by the North Welsh.



We've partnered with ViewRanger to create walking and cycling routes for all levels of ability – tap [here](#) for more info.



POSTCODE &  
DIRECTIONS



OPENING  
HOURS



PARKING  
CHARGES

# THE BEST OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

You don't have to walk far to enjoy unspoilt views of the North Wales countryside – Bodelwyddan Castle looks out onto open fields with mountains and the Irish Sea also in view. Our gardens are home to their own little delights too, which you can discover on a tour with our grounds team or at your leisure.

## **Walled garden**

Our walled garden here at Bodelwyddan is a little bit special – a wander around the perimeter will reveal holes where fires were once lit, heating the wall to provide an even warmer sheltered climate for the plants growing within, including a 400-year-old mulberry tree.



## **East Lawn castle view**

Take a little wander around the edge of our grounds and down onto the East Lawn to be greeted by this picture-perfect view of Bodelwyddan Castle in all its glory standing against the North Wales skyline.

## **Clwyddian Hills view**

Walk to the top of our main hill and you'll be able to enjoy unbeatable views of the Clwyddian Hills. In just one photo you'll be able to capture Bodelwyddan Castle, its grounds, the marble church, Prestatyn and the glorious Welsh coastline.



# TOWNS AND VILLAGES

From seaside resorts to the adrenaline capital of Wales, shopping outlets and a trail through Wonderland, there are plenty of towns and villages to explore around Bodelwyddan Castle.

## Llandudno

The largest seaside resort in Wales, Llandudno is famous for its nearly two-mile Parade, Grade II listed pier with all the classic holiday elements you'd expect, Happy Valley gardens and chairlift, and amusement arcades. Everything you'd want from a day at the beach.



LL30 1BB  
24-minute drive



£3 for 4 hours



## Llandudno – Alice in Wonderland Trail

Alice Liddell (the real Alice in Wonderland who inspired Lewis Carroll) spent many a summer holiday in Llandudno, and now you can follow in her fictional footsteps and search across Llandudno for the Wonderland-inspired statues and carved figures. Maps are available from all tourist information areas.



LL30 1BB  
24-minute drive



£3 for 4 hours



## Betws-y-Coed

Surrounded by the thick Gwydyr Forest, Betws-y-Coed has an atmospheric alpine feel to it. The 'Gateway to Snowdonia' is surrounded by a network of hiking and cycling trails, some of North Wales' most picturesque castles and some unique adrenaline activities, including the world's fastest zip wire.



LL24 OBD  
34-minute drive



£3 for 4 hours



## Rhos-on-Sea / Colwyn Bay Beach

Nestled between Llandudno and Colwyn Bay, the harbour of Rhos-on-Sea is reminiscent of a traditional Welsh coastal village. The town is home to St Trillo's Chapel, the smallest church in Britain with a capacity of only six, and the Harlequin Puppet Theatre, the only venue designed and built for puppets.



LL29 8ED  
12-minute drive



Pay & Display  
parking



## Portmeirion

Perhaps most famous as the location of 1960s TV show 'The Prisoner', Portmeirion was designed and built in the style of an Italian village between 1925 and 1975, and is now one of North Wales' premier tourist destinations, with several cafés, tea rooms, and an Italian-style homemade gelato shop.



LL48 6ER  
1 hour 20-minute  
drive



9.30 – 5.30  
£11-13 per person



Free parking

# BEACHES AND THE OUTDOORS

North Wales is famous for its mountain ranges and fresh air, but look a little closer and you'll be amazed at what surprises it has in store. We asked our team to recommend some of the 'hidden gems' of North Wales, and this is what they came up with:

## Isle of Anglesey – Llanddwyn Beach

Anglesey is home to a staggering 125 miles of coastline (including our personal favourite, Llanddwyn Beach) with a network of walking routes for all levels of fitness. Trekking between dense forest and the mountains of Snowdonia, this is a hiker's heaven, a walker's wonderland, and a pedestrian's paradise.



LL61 6SG  
60-minute drive



## Aber Falls

The postcode takes you to Aber Falls car park – from there it's a 6km walk to the falls, but with very little incline don't be put off by the distance, as you'll be rewarded with the sight of the iconic waterfall crashing down green-covered rocks into the river below.



LL33 0LP  
35-minute drive



9am – 5pm



£3 per day

## Llanddulas Beach

Winner of the Green Coast award for 'hidden gems', beaches in Wales that are untouched and rugged, this long stretch of beach intersperses paths of sand and pebbles and looks out onto the Irish Sea – on a clear day you can spot the Isle of Man on the horizon.



LL22 8HB  
11-minute drive



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### Bodnant Garden

Bodnant Garden is famous for its five Italian terraces that feature two rose gardens, ornamental pools and pergola walkways. The gardens have undergone extensive conservation work over the last few years and the benefits are clear to see, a beautiful landscape that changes with the seasons.

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|  <p>LL28 5RE<br/>23-minute drive</p> |  <p>Free parking<br/>Entry: Free for National Trust members</p> |
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### Snowdon Mountain Railway

Definitely the easiest way to climb Mount Snowdon, the mountain railway is also the most picturesque with panoramic views out over the national park. It is the only public ‘rack and pinion’ railway in the UK, allowing the trains to operate on the steep gradient of Snowdon.

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|  <p>LL55 4TT<br/>50-minute drive</p> |  <p>£31 return</p> |  <p>£4 for 4 hours</p> |
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### The Great Orme

The Great Orme is a 207-m tall chunk of limestone rising straight out of the sea, accessible by walking, driving, cable car or the Great Orme tramway. Boasting heathlands, sheer cliffs, grassland and woodland, the area is also home to the Kashmir goats that have become famous during lockdown times.

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|  <p>LL30 2XG<br/>30-minute drive</p> |  <p>10am – 6pm</p> |  <p>Cable car:<br/>£11 return<br/>Tramway:<br/>£8.10 return</p> |
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# GRAB & GO



Heading out for a busy day sightseeing and want to grab a bite to eat on the go? We've got you covered. As well as our packed lunch (perfect for taking with you for a full day out), we also offer a range of grab-and-go options, including:

## SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES

*all served with crunchy slaw on white or brown bloomer*

**Prawn, avocado, dill & mayonnaise 7.25 | 7.75**

**Honey roast ham with wholegrain mustard 6.75 | 7.25**

**Red Leicester cheese with onion chutney  6.75 | 7.25**

**Chunky egg with cress, mayonnaise & roquette  6.50 | 6.95**

## BETROOT WRAPS

*all served with crunchy slaw*

**Chickpea, avocado, red onion, carrot, mayonnaise & spinach  7.25**

**Tuna with cheese, spring onion, celery & paprika mayonnaise 7.50**

## CREAM TEA FOR TWO

**Fruit or plain scones, clotted cream, butter, preserves and a choice of tea or coffee 10.95**

## TIME FOR CAKE

**Slice of cake 3.50**

ask your host for today's selection

**Cream tea for two 10.95**

fruit or plain scones, clotted cream, butter, preserves, a choice of tea or coffee

**Toasted teacake  3.50**

with butter

**Fruit or plain scone  3.50**

with clotted cream & strawberry jam

And if you're a bit like us and struggle to function without your morning cuppa, we've got grab-and-go hot drinks too!

*Visit our coffee shop or café during opening hours to order yours*

# VIEWRANGER AT BODELWYDDAN CASTLE

## What is ViewRanger?

ViewRanger is one of the world's leading digital exploring guides, available for all Apple and Android devices, that lets you explore local areas on foot or by bike like never before. We've joined forces to provide a few routes around our hotels and villages for all levels of fitness. With ViewRanger you can follow the map with or without a data connection, with viewpoints, interesting attractions and helpful advice along the way.

## How do I download ViewRanger?

It couldn't be simpler!

- 1 Go to your phone or tablet's app store
- 2 Search for "**ViewRanger**" and download "**ViewRanger - Hiking Trails & Bike Rides**" by Augmentra
- 3 Use the below web address or scan the QR code and it'll open up with our selection of routes for **Bodelwyddan Castle** (it's up to you whether to create an account, although we do recommend it).

## How do I get going?

Simply tap the signpost button in the top left corner of the app and select your chosen route. You can do this from the starting point or back at the hotel, and you can even download the route so there's no need to use up your data allowance while you're wandering.



## All of the routes are self-guided so that you can do them at a time and pace that suits you. Here are a few tips to help you enjoy your adventure:

- Check the weather and be prepared with wet weather gear, or a coat, hat and maybe sunscreen when necessary
- Wear sensible shoes or walking boots, most of our routes are on well-worn paths, tracks, trails or woodland and pastoral land. There might be some muddy areas, gates or stiles to cross
- Pack a bottle of water, not all routes have a café or pub en-route
- Capture the beautiful countryside with your camera
- Take your mobile phone just in case of emergency



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