

Bach Wen

Local information - June 2021



Shopping

Clynog Fawr

5min walk from Bach Wen

Londis convenience store: a local shop and petrol station that offers a wide range of everyday essentials including confectionary, beers, wines and spirits, top up grocery items, fresh produce and food to go. This little shop is part of a local cooperative so please use when you can, to help support them.

Penygroes village

10-12mins by car from Bach Wen

Co-Op: a well-stocked shop with a focus on ethical practises and the nearest supermarket to Bach Wen.

Caernarfon

20 Mins by car from Bach Wen

Independent shops: head to Palace Street for a range of independent shops.

Palace Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1RR.

Supermarkets: Tesco & Morrisons

Pwllheli

20 Mins by car from Bach Wen

Supermarkets: Asda, Aldi, B&M, Home Bargains.

Entertainment

Caernarfon

Galeri Caernarfon Cinema

Doc Victoria, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, Caernarfon LL55 1SQ

Pwllheli

Neuadd Dwyfor,

A council run theatre and cinema, located centrally in Pwllheli that screens both contemporary and classic films as well as live productions by amateur and professional theatre companies in Welsh and English, including drama, dance, opera, concerts, puppetry, and music.

Bars, Cafes & Restaurants

Caernarfon

Galeri Caernarfon Cinema, Café and Bar

Doc Victoria, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, Caernarfon LL55 1SQ

Bar Bach

Cosy little bar

37 Castle Square, LL55 2AU

Y Gegin Fach

7 Pool Hill, Caernarfon LL55 1NP

Sunday and Monday closed

This translates to 'The Little Kitchen' and is an old-fashioned Welsh-speaking cafe. Visit here for a true Welsh experience, with mesh curtains and polka-dot tablecloths, this is the perfect place to sample some traditional Welsh dishes, including Welsh Rarebit, faggots and cawl, finished off with cuppa and Welsh cake or Bara Brith.

Black Boy Inn

Northgate Street, Caernarfon LL55 1RW

Tel: 01286 673604

The Black Boy Inn is a traditional Welsh 16th Century Inn and still holds most of its original features and is divided up into a series of cosy rooms. They have low ceilings with warped room beams, fireplaces, and Welsh ale on tap. The food here is quite typical pub grub but better with dishes like a beef-shin stew, local meat and seafood dishes, and many of the staples such as a roast dinner, pies, scampi, burgers, and fish and chips.

Wal Restaurant

4 Palace St, Caernarfon LL55 1RR

Tel: 01286 674383

A little Italian restaurant, with its cosy interior split up with roman arches made from the same stone the castle is made from with tables full of happy people. The staff are super friendly, serving up large plates of well presented, tasty food. The chargrilled steaks on the menu, bought from Llanfair Hall and dry-aged for a month are especially tasty. Other options here include the Italian classics such as pasta, risotto, and pizza. The menu is great value – with many of their lunch dishes being just over £10!

Osteria Caernarfon (Tuscan Restaurant)
26 Hole in the Wall Street, Caernarfon, LL55 1RF
Tel: 01286 678460
www.facebook.com/Osteria-Caernarfon

Villa Marina
Pizza & Mediterranean Grill
9 Rhes Sagontiwn, Caernarfon, LL55 2PN
Tel: 01286 677290
www.villa-marina.co.uk

Caernarfon Tandoori Restaurant
South Penrallt, Caernarfon, LL55 1NS
Tel: 01286 239667
www.caernarfontandoori.co.uk

Fu's Chinese
Block A, Doc Fictoria, Caernarfon, LL55 1TH
Tel: 01286 669410

Anglesey

Dylans
St Georges Road, Menai Bridge, Anglesey, LL59 5EY Tel: 01248 716714
<https://www.dylansrestaurant.co.uk>
Seafood, freshly baked bread and local produce. Modern styling with a boatyard theme with views out across the waters of the Menai Straights.

Pwllheli

Taro Deg
Tel: 01758 701271
A café that specializes in homemade food with a wide variety of cakes, biscuits and puddings made using locally sourced produce. You're guaranteed a warm welcome with Welsh music playing in the background.

Glasu Ice Cream and Café
Tel: 01758 613537
The only cafe in Pwllheli where you can enjoy Pen Llŷn's local artisan Ice Cream. Milkshakes, Sundaes, Waffles and everything else you'd expect to see at an Ice Cream Cafe. We also have a delightful menu of homemade food from breakfasts to lunches and more! Enjoy our freshly ground coffees or selection of fine teas. A warm welcome awaits you at Glasu Pwllheli.

Plas Bodegroes
Tel: 01758 612363
Multi award winning Restaurant with chic Boutique Bedrooms in a Georgian manor house set in beautiful private gardens less than a mile from Pwllheli. Dinner every night, afternoon tea and Sunday Lunch. <https://www.bodegroes.co.uk>

Y Bryncynan, Morfa Nefyn

Tel: 01758 720879

Y Bryncynan at Morfa Nefyn is one of the most welcoming Country Inns on the Llŷn Peninsula, set in attractive grounds some parts of the pub are over 200 years old, and steeped in history, the site where the pub stands is reputed to be the place where local hangings were carried out. Diners are catered for in our Bar and Restaurant areas, with a choice of popular homemade dishes using local produce, complimented by an ever changing specials board.

Criccieth

Dylans

Tel: 01766 522 773

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

Seafood, freshly baked bread and local produce. Glass fronted Art Deco Style building by the sea. Also has Dylans food vans pitched outside selling lovely food to eat on the deck looking out to sea.

Places to visit

Clynnog Fawr

Bach Wen is situated in this small and quiet village.

The main feature of the village is the parish church, dedicated to Saint Beuno, which is much larger than would be expected in a village of Clynnog's size. The site is said to be that of a Celtic monastery founded by Beuno in the early 7th century. Clynnog means 'the place of the holly-trees'. The church is recorded as having been burnt in 978 by the Vikings and later burnt again by the Normans. By the end of the 15th century, it was a collegiate church, one of only six in Wales. The church was an important stopping place for pilgrims heading for Bardsey Island and contains *Cyff Beuno*, an ancient wooden chest hollowed out of a single piece of ash and used to keep alms given by the pilgrims. *Maen Beuno* or "Beuno's Stone" has markings reputed to be those of Beuno's fingers. Outside in the churchyard there is a canonical sundial dated between the late 10th century and the early 12th century. *Ffynnon Beuno* (St Beuno's Well) is a Grade II* listed structure at the south-west end of the village. (*From Wikipedia*)

Caernarfon

A great town to walk around with lots to see such as the castle, independent shops, restaurants, bars that is convenient for supermarket shopping too. Caernarfon is home to Wales' most famous castle and an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mighty Caernarfon Castle commands the lion's share of attention, but the town's narrow streets and stylishly redeveloped waterfront also merit a visit. Other attractions include Welsh Highland Railway (which runs for 25 miles to Porthmadog), Hwylfan Fun Centre and the scenic Lôn Eifion recreational cycle route. Waterside Doc Fictoria is home to Galeri (contemporary arts complex with theatre and cinema). The Caernarfon Record Office has archives of Gwynedd (documents, images, maps and newspapers) stretching back 400 years. Cae'r Gors at nearby Rhosgadfan was home of Kate Roberts, one of Wales's most celebrated writers.

Caernarfon Castle

<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/caernarfon-castle>



Caernarfon Castle is recognised around the world as one of the greatest buildings of the Middle Ages. This fortress-palace on the banks of the River Seiont is grouped with Edward I's other castles at Conwy, Beaumaris and Harlech as a World Heritage Site.

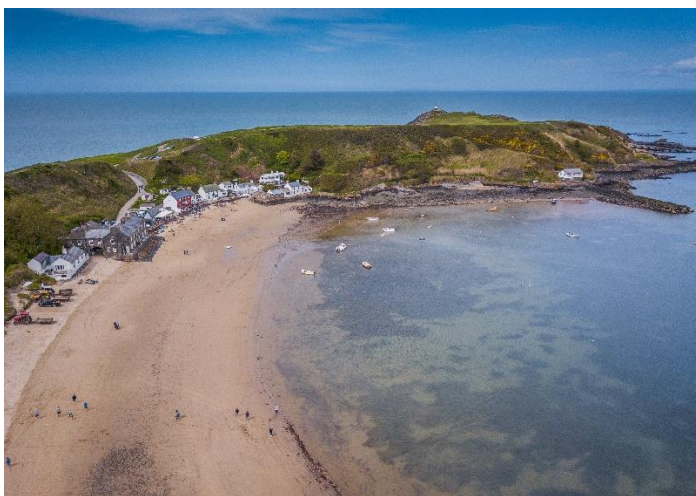
Opening Hours (these times may be subject to change).

Last admission is half an hour before closing. Early April to early June 9.30am-5pm daily. Early June to the end of September 9.30am-6pm daily. End of September to end of October 9.30am-5pm daily. End of October to end of March 9.30am-4pm Monday to Saturday, 11am-4pm Sunday.

Pwllheli

Llyn's 'capital' fills many roles - seaside resort with fine beach, busy market town with art galleries and very popular sailing and water sports centre with one of the best modern marinas in the UK. Hafan Pwllheli gives access to the inviting sailing waters of Cardigan Bay and the Irish Sea. See the wildlife – seals, seabirds and dolphins – on coastal cruises.

Ty Coch – Morfa Nefyn



A pub on the beach (literally), in the village of Porthdinllaen that is a mile away from Morfa Nefyn. Voted 3rd best beach bars in the world it is most definitely worth going to.

You must walk along the beach from Morfa Nefyn so watch out for the tides or park by the golf course and walk down through the gate, as only residents have access to the parking for the village.

Nant Gwrtheyrn



A Welsh Language and Heritage Centre, located near the village of Llithfaen.

Llithfaen is also known as 'the forgotten village' and it's in a stunning setting.

There is a café and deck looking out to sea and about 15 minutes' walk from the cafe along the coastal path towards Pistyll is a beautiful waterfall.

Abersoch



A popular seaside resort which has great beaches, internationally recognised sailing waters and beautiful scenery. It has blue flag beach, dog restrictions apply, April-September. There are shops and pubs in the village. The town hosts an annual summer jazz festival, a regatta and music festival. Beach huts can be rented by the day or week; enquire at the beach café. Coastal and inland walking is popular here. There are boat trips available to nearby St Tudwal and Bardsey Island.

Bardsey Island



The island is 1.5 miles (2.5 km) long and, at its widest point, it is just over half a mile (1 km) across. The island mountain rises to a height of 167 meters and the whole island has a surface area of 180 hectares, most of which is farmland.

Bardsey is a National Nature Reserve and a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It is a site which is both nationally and internationally important for wildlife. The wide range of wildlife includes birds, with Bardsey

sitting on a key migratory route for Europe's birds, rare flowering plants, lichens, liverworts and mosses, coastal grassland and heathland, sea cliff ledges and marine wildlife.

Llanbedrog Beach



Llandedrog, owned by the National trust, is a sheltered bay, ideal for family days at the seaside. Family fun adventure packs can be picked up at the car park; they contain a variety of interesting activities; bug hunting, games, leaf trails and more. There are 70 colourful beach huts along the beach which are so popular you need to book them a year in advance

Walk up Mynydd Tir y Cwmwd to the tin man- beautiful heathland and amazing views over Cardigan Bay.

Also visit the nearby Oriel Plas Glyn y Weddw- Wales's oldest art gallery is also one of the most picturesque.

Criccieth



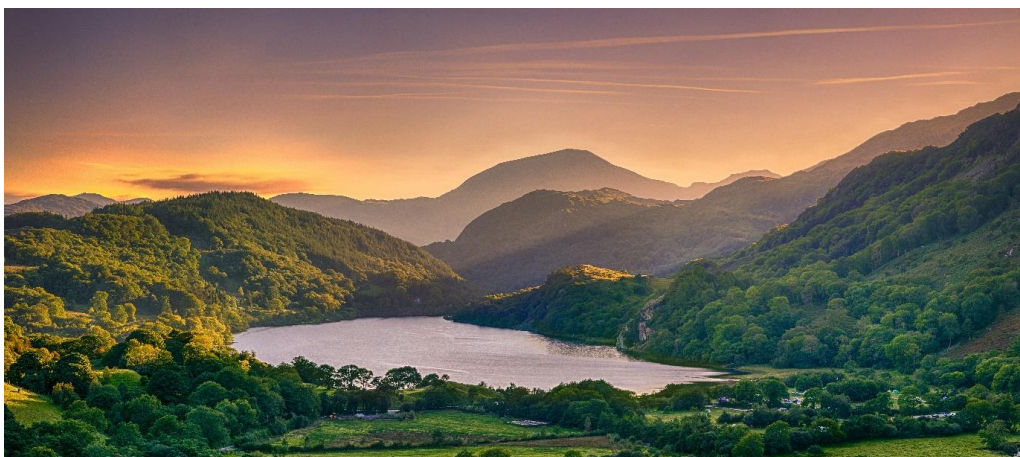
Victorian charm comes to the seaside with a medieval castle thrown in for good measure. Criccieth's two beaches are separated by a headland fortress with a fascinating, forceful history.

The resort is full of Victorian character – and flowers. Numerous restaurants and quality hotels, many with dreamy views across Cardigan Bay.

Yr Wyddfa

We recommend researching your visit to Yr Wyddfa

<https://www.visitsnowdonia.info>



Anglesey

<https://www.visitanglesey.co.uk/en/>



Anglesey is known for its beaches and ancient sites. The island is accessed by the 19th-century Menai Suspension Bridge and the Britannia Bridge and has some of the most impressive and rugged coastline in Wales. Head to

Portmeirion

Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, LL48 6ER

<https://portmeirion.wales/visit/explore/the-village>



Designed by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis in 1925, Portmeirion was built in imitation of a rustic Italian village, to demonstrate how a naturally beautiful place could be developed without spoiling it. Sitting at the feet of Snowdonia it makes for a charming dislocation that is truly unique. Portmeirion's place in popular culture has been set in stone as a result.

Beddgelert

Beddgelert Information Centre

Canolfan Hebog, Beddgelert, Caernarfon LL55 4YD

www.visitwales.com/attraction/visitor-centre/beddgelert-information-centre



Beddgelert could well be the prettiest village in Snowdonia, set in stunning scenery with a wide range of shops, pubs, cafes and scenic walks and is less than 90 minutes from Caernarfon.

Adventure attractions

Zip World

www.zipworld.co.uk

For a truly unique and exhilarating experience; the fastest zip wire in the world. Soar over Penrhyn Quarry where you could travel at speeds of up to 100mph while you take in the breath-taking views and feel the freedom of flight! Visit the website to find the other Zip World sites across north Wales.

Quarry Karts

<https://www.zipworld.co.uk/adventure/quarry-karts>

Gear up for a gravity-fuelled adventure with Quarry Karts and take on the UK's ONLY mountain cart experience as you travel down Penrhyn Quarry mountains.

Greenwood Family Park

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

Voted Best Family Attraction in North Wales for 4 years running. Greenwood Forest Park is set in 17 magical acres, where you will discover bags of woodland adventure, awesome attractions, and forest family fun.

Welsh Heritage Railways

<https://www.festrail.co.uk/trains>

The Welsh Highland Railway

The UK's longest heritage railway that runs for 25 miles from Caernarfon, past the foot of Snowdon and the picture postcard village of Beddgelert, then through the stunning Aberglaslyn Pass and on to Porthmadog.

Passengers ride in some of the most comfortable carriages on any heritage railway in the UK, including first class Pullman luxury and freshly cooked food delivered to your seat.

The Ffestiniog Railway

The world's oldest narrow-gauge railway with almost 200 years of history that takes you on a 13½-mile journey from the harbour in Porthmadog to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog.

The historic trains climb over 700 feet from sea level into the mountains through tranquil pastures and magnificent forests, past lakes and waterfalls, around tight bends (even a complete spiral) clinging to the side of the mountain or tunnelling through it!

Walks

If you love walking or hiking these are the local Ordnance Survey maps of the area.
Llyn Peninsular/Pen Llyn 123 OS Landranger
Llyn Peninsular East 254 OS Explorer
Llyn Peninsular West 253 OS Explorer

Very local

Bach Wen Burial Chamber



The monument consists of the remains of a chambered long cairn, dating to early Neolithic (c. 4,200BC - 3,000BC). It's a short 10min walk from Bach Wen. Head out of Bach Wen gates near the reception and go straight across the road up the dirt track with the sea on your right, go through a farm gate and along another field. You should be able to see the burial chamber higher up on your left. Keep dogs on a lead as there are sheep and cows in the fields.

Ye Eifls



Yr Eifl is the range of three hills that dominate the skyline from Bach Wen. Tre'r Ceiri, the second highest of the hills, has on it one of the best examples of a Stone Age or Neolithic settlement in Europe on its summit. Views from the summits, on a clear day, extend to Ireland, the whole of Cardigan Bay, Anglesey, Snowdonia, and the northern mountains of England. The central peak, the tallest at 561 metres (1,841 ft), is called Garn Ganol; the most seaward, and smallest peak, is Garn For, home to a large quarry which overlooks Trefor village.

Trer Ceiri Iron Age Hillfort

Trer Ceiri Postcode: LL53 6NU

5-10min drive from Clynnog Fawr on the B4417 Road



Iron Age Hillfort of Tre'r Ceiri is about a 1.5 mile walk from the conveniently located car park near the village of Llithfaen. In total its 3 miles there and back with a moderate climb, so a reasonable level of fitness is required.

The walk starts from the Yr Eifl car park, just to the west of the hill. From here you can pick up footpaths heading northeast up to the hill fort.

The fort dates back to the Iron Age and is thought to have been constructed around 200 B.C. It sits at a height of 450 metres (1,480 ft) and is considered one of the finest forts in the UK, with much of the original structure still in place. There are also fabulous views to the surrounding mountains and the coastline with Cardigan Bay clearly visible. The fort sits on the slopes of Yr Eifl so you could continue your walk by heading west from the fort to climb to the adjacent summit.

Clynnog Fawr - Trefor

Walk around Bwlch Mawr, Gyrn Goch and Gyrn Ddu, the hills behind Bach Wen. From Clynnog Fawr take the footpath behind the village to join a quiet lane which takes you around the southeast side of Bwlch Mawr. Leave the lane for a gradual climb up behind Bwlch Mawr and through a bleak but spectacular open heartland and moor landscape to the skirt the southeast sides of Gyrn Goch and Gyrn Ddu.

You gradually descend back towards Trefor where the final part of the walk will take you through a mature woodland to the foothills of Yr Eifl past the old quarry. Then follow the route in the direction of the Caernarfon – Pwllheli road. Follow the cycle path parallel with the road back to Bach Wen.

Distance: 15.0 km / 9.3 miles

Approx time: 5 hours

Ordnance Survey Map: OS Explorer 253: Llyn Peninsula East

Parking by the pier

National Trust Coastal Walks on the Llŷn Peninsula

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/porth-y-swnt/trails/porth-meudwy-coastal-walk>

Porthor and Whistling Sands Walk

30mins -1hr (easy walk)

Start: Car park at Whistling Sands, grid ref: SH170293

Follow orange way markers it's a circular route. When you reach the road turn left and head back to the carpark. The views are spectacular along this rugged coastline on the northern side of the Llŷn Peninsula. This is a great walk to absorb some of the history and heritage of the area. Dogs are welcome on the walking trail but are not allowed on the beach from 30th March to the end September

Porth Meudwy coastal walk__

1-2hrs moderate walk (dog friendly)

Start: Porth y Swnt car park Aberdaron

Enjoy a coastal walk from Aberdaron to Porth Meudwy, a small fishing cove at the tip of the Llŷn Peninsula that was once the embarkation point for pilgrims making the journey to Bardsey Island.

Lanbedrog walking trail

2hrs moderate (dog friendly)

Start: Llanbedrog beach National Trust car park grid ref. SH 33017 31530

This walk through the woodland up to Mynydd Tir-y-Cwmwd headland will reward you with spectacular views of the peninsula and Cardigan Bay.

Plas yn Rhiw and Rhiw village walk

1hr moderate (dog friendly)

Start: car park at Plas yn Rhiw grid ref: SH237282

A relatively short but quite challenging walk with fantastic coastal views and interesting history. Head up through coastal woodland to the village of Rhiw, skirting around the base of the mountain and back down to Plas yn Rhiw along country lanes

Nantlle Ridge- Slightly inland

<https://www.walkupsnowdon.co.uk/walks-along-nantlle-ridge/>

This is an enjoyable walk with lots of variety. It begins at Rhyd Ddu with an easy ascent of Y Garn. It then goes on to cross the Nantlle ridge, which is a spectacular ridge. There is a small amount of scrambling on the way up to Craig Cwm Silyn before an easy walk to Mynydd Craig Goch at the end of the ridge. Unfortunately, the descent to Nantlle is rather boggy so keep this special walk for a good day. Also note that transport is required both ends to avoid a long walk along the road.