VISITOR GUIDE

Aberdovey & Tywyn



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Welcome to Aberdovey & Tywyn

Nestled on the edge of Snowdonia and just four miles apart, Aberdovey or Aberdyfi in Welsh and Tywyn offer some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales, where mountains meet the sea and every day brings a new adventure.

Whether you're here for windswept coastal walks, family beach days, outdoor adventures, or simply a well-earned break, this guide is your

key to unlocking the very best of this stunning stretch of Wales.
Inside, you'll find handpicked recommendations for things to do, great places to eat and drink, local shops to explore, and seasonal highlights to help you plan your perfect stay.

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- Parking pass
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For Families

From crabbing off the jetty in Aberdovey to building sandcastles on Tywyn's golden beach, there's plenty to keep the whole family entertained.

You'll find suggestions for rainy-day activities, scenic train rides, child-friendly eateries, and fun local attractions to make your stay both easy and memorable.

For Foodies

Whether it's freshly caught seafood by the sea, locally roasted coffee, or a cosy Sunday roast in a seaside pub, this area is full of flavours worth discovering.

We've included the best spots to eat, drink, and pick up local produce - plus a few hidden gems only the locals know about.

For Walkers

This coastline and surrounding hills are a walker's paradise. Stroll the scenic coastal path, climb up for breathtaking views over Cardigan Bay, or ramble through lush woodland trails.

We've highlighted some favourite routes for all abilities - from gentle family strolls to more challenging hikes.

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Calendar of Events



January

New Year's Day Dip

Locals and visitors take a chilly plunge into the sea to welcome the new year.

Monthly Beach Clean

Join the community for a beach clean-up, promoting environmental awareness.



February

Winter Wildlife Walks

Guided walks exploring local flora and fauna in the Dyfi Biosphere.

Valentine's at The Magic Lantern Romantic film screenings with special



March

St. David's Day Celebrations

Parades and cultural events honouring the patron saint of Wales.

Spring Craft Fair

Local artisans showcase handmade goods at Neuadd Dyfi.



April

We recommend checking local Facebook groups and official websites to

confirm dates and event details, as these can change due to weather conditions.

Tywyn Light Fest

Two days of entertainment on Tywyn Promenade, including light displays and live music.

Easter Open Day

Family-friendly activities at the Aberdyfi Lifeboat Station.



May

Yarn Bombing Llwyngwril

Yarn Bombers knit series of striking installations - on display from May-Sept

Slip to the Brit

Charity Beach Race - A fun run from Tywyn to Aberdovey along the beach raising funds for The Air Ambulance.



June

Wolverhampton to Aberdovey Bike Ride

Cyclists embark on a long-distance ride ending at Aberdovey Yacht Club.

Summer Solstice Walk

Celebrate the longest day with a guided evening walk.



July

Aberdyfi Kite Festival

A colourful display of kites on Aberdyfi Beach.

Awdry Extravaganza

A celebration of the creator of Thomas the Tank Engine with special trains and exhibitions at Tallylyn Station.



August

Race the Train

Runners compete against a steam train from Tywyn to Abergynolwyn.

Aberdyfi Food Festival

A showcase of local food and drink with live music - a must for foodies!



September

Barmouth Walking Festival

Guided walks exploring the local landscape.

Eliminator Swim-run

A 12km swim-run event in Aberdovey.



October

Aberystwyth Comedy Festival

A weekend of stand-up comedy performances.

Autumn Art Exhibition

Local artists display their work at Neuadd Dyfi.



November

Bonfire Night

Fireworks and bonfires in Tywyn and Aberdyfi.

Aberdovey Christmas Market

Festive stalls and entertainment to kick off the festive season.



December

Christmas Carol Concerts

Community singing events in local churches.

New Year's Eve Party

Celebrations at Neuadd Dyfi and many local bars and pubs - live music and fireworks.

Dovey Yacht Club/Clwb Hwlio Dyfi Set sail on the scenic estuary



Tucked away on the beautiful Dyfi Estuary in Aberdyfi, Dovey Yacht Club is a welcoming hub for sailing, windsurfing, wing foiling and kite surfing enthusiasts, paddleboarders, and visitors who simply love being close to the water.

With a rich history and a strong sense of community, the club offers excellent facilities and a varied programme of activities throughout the sailing season - including races, training sessions, and social events.

DYC is a RYA Training Centre so is an ideal place to learn to sail, taught by highly qualified sailing instructors.

The picturesque setting provides ideal conditions for both beginners and experienced sailors, and it's not uncommon to spot a mix of yachts, dinghies, windsurfers, kitesurfers and paddleboards enjoying the wide estuary on a sunny day.

Visitors are welcome to watch the action from the water's edge or even join in. Although the club is a private members club, temporary members are welcome. The clubhouse has a licensed bar with spectacular views across the estuary - a perfect spot to relax after a day on the water.

Whether you're a seasoned sailor, a curious beginner, or someone who simply enjoys a coastal view with a drink in hand, Dyfi Yacht Club is well worth a visit during your stay.

Location: Near Aberdyfi Wharf **Find out more:** www.doveyyachtclub.org.uk

Photo credit: Josh Cooper

Dyfi Wildlife CentreDiscover the Wild Heart of the Dyfi Estuary

The Dyfi Wildlife Centre is a mustvisit for anyone who loves nature, wildlife, or simply a peaceful walk in beautiful surroundings.

Situated in the heart of the UNESCO Dyfi Biosphere, this stunning eco-friendly centre is the home of the Dyfi Osprey Project and a gateway to rich wetlands brimming with life.

What you'll find:

The Dyfi Osprey Project – One of Wales' most inspiring conservation stories. If the ospreys return, they typically arrive in late March or early April and stay until September, raising chicks and thrilling visitors with their dramatic fishing displays. Live Nest Cameras; Watch the ospreys (if present) in real time from the observatory or online:

- Live Nest Cam www.dyfiospreyproject.com/live
- 360° observatory; Climb to the top of the centre for spectacular views over the reserve and estuary
- Accessible wetland trails
- Wander the peaceful boardwalks and keep an eye out for dragonflies, curlews, otters and more



 Café and shop; Enjoy locally made treats and pick up a nature-inspired gift in the bright, welcoming visitor centre

Good to know

- Located just outside Machynlleth (approx. 20 mins from Tywyn or Aberdovey)
- Open year-round, with longer hours during osprey season (April–September)
- Check dyfiospreyproject.com for latest visitor info, opening times and wildlife updates
- Free parking
- Accessible facilities

Whether you're here to spot ospreys, stretch your legs, or sip coffee with a view - the Dyfi Wildlife Centre is a relaxing and enriching day out for all ages.



Wild Swimming in and around Aberdovey & Tywyn

Cool off, slow down, and immerse yourself in the natural beauty and stunning scenery of Wales.

There's nothing quite like wild swimming to reconnect with nature, clear your mind, and add a little adventure to your day. Whether you're an experienced outdoor swimmer or just fancy a refreshing dip, both Aberdovey and Tywyn offers some stunning and accessible places to swim - each with its own charm and setting.

Aberdovey Beach

Swim with a backdrop of colourful houses and bobbing boats in the estuary. Best enjoyed on calmer days when the tides are gentle.

Tywyn Beach

More open and expansive than Aberdovey, Tywyn offers glorious sunsets and quieter corners for a peaceful swim - especially at the far north or south ends of the beach.

Top Tip

Check tide times and be mindful of changing conditions. Sea swimming is best when accompanied and during daylight hours. Watch out for rip tides.

Talyllyn Lake / Llyn Mwyngil

Set at the foot of Cadair Idris and surrounded by dramatic peaks, Talyllyn Lake is a truly magical freshwater swimming destination. The water is cool, and ideal for a slow, mindful float or an invigorating wild dip with breathtaking views all around.

Parking and access: Parking at the West end of the lake, near the jetty, with clear access to the water.
Facilities: No lifeguards or changing rooms - bring a towel and dry robe!
Extra tip: Swim early in the morning or at golden hour for the

Staying Safe while Wild Swimming

most peaceful experience.

- Never swim alone if you can help it.
- Acclimatise slowly to colder water - don't dive straight in.
- Know your limits and avoid strong currents, especially in the estuary.
- Wear water shoes if you're unsure about rocky or muddy entry points.
- Check the weather and tide times before heading out.

Beach Safety:

Enjoying Aberdovey & Tywyn shores responsibly

We haver some of the most beautiful beaches in Wales - perfect for swimming, paddling, sunbathing and water sports. But like all coastal environments, the sea can change quickly. Staying informed and aware means you can enjoy the water safely and confidently.

Understanding rip currents

Rip currents (or "rips") are strong, narrow currents of water that flow out to sea from the shoreline.

They can appear even on calm days and are a major cause of difficulty for swimmers.

How to spot a rip current:

- A deeper, darker patch of water with fewer breaking waves.
- Foam or debris being pulled away from the shore.
- Choppy water in a calm area.

If you get caught in a rip:

- Stay calm. Don't try to swim directly back to shore against the current - it will tire you quickly.
- Float on your back, keep breathing, and signal for help by raising one arm.
- Swim parallel to the shore until you're out of the rip, then head back in at an angle.

General Sea Safety Tips

- Swim between the red and yellow flags if lifeguards are present (usually in peak summer).
- Avoid inflatables in the sea currents and offshore winds can carry them away rapidly.
- Keep children within arm's reach, especially near the water's edge.
- Never swim alone and avoid swimming after heavy meals or alcohol.
- Check tide times before you head out - tide can come in fast and cut off access to safe exit points.
- Be aware of cold-water shock: the sea can feel much colder than expected, even in summer.

Tide and Safety Resources

Tywyn Tide Times: visittywyn.co.uk/tide-times

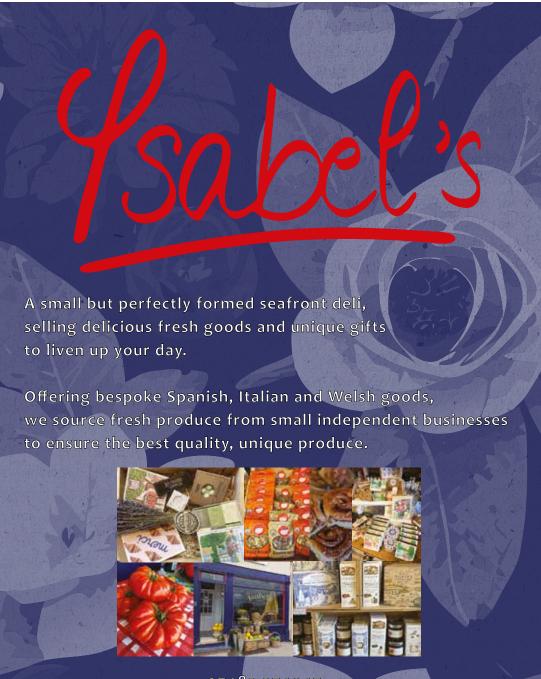
Aberdovey Tide Times:

tidetimes.org.uk/aberdovey

In an emergency: Dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

On the Beach

- Always take litter home
- Keep dogs under control and respect dog-restricted zones
- Always wear sun protection it's easy to get caught out!



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Aberdovey & Tywyn Food & Pub Directory

Aberdovey Tywyn

Whether you're after a pint with a sea view, a flat white by the beach, or a delicious dinner out - here's where to eat, drink and enjoy locally.

Pubs & Bars

Dovey Inn

Family friendly pub at the centre of the village - serves food, with outdoor seating.

Luna & Blu

New for 2025, wine bar cocktails and tapas.

Penhelig Arms

Cosy inn and restaurant, perfect for a relaxed drink, outside seating area.

The Britannia Inn

Traditional pub with sea views and a wide selection of real ales.

Tides Inn

Wine bar with a relaxed atmosphere, cocktails, and great music.

Pubs & Bars

Retreat Bar

Casual daytime café, good beer and pizza of an evening.

The Tredegar Arms

Traditional pub, great for pool and darts. Serves Sunday lunch.

The Victorian Slipway

Sea front venue, regular live music and local beers. Serves food.

The Whitehall

Friendly pub with regular live music and good traditional pub grub.

Cafés

Coast Deli & Dining

Offering local dishes over looking Church Bay.

Medina

Tucked away from the hustle of the crowds - lovely cake coffee and lunches.

Ottos Pizza

New for 2025 - freshly made pizzas, coffee and cocktails by the jetty.

Cafés

Cegin Fach

Takeaway or dine in - fantastic breakfasts.

Grays Coffee

Great coffee and cake.

Layla's Lounge

New for 2025 - deli style takeaway on the High St.

King's Cafe at Tywyn Wharf

A warm welcome awaits not just for train passengers! Serving breakfasts along with hot and cold snacks and great views of the trains!

Pebbles Tea Room

Lovely cafe and shop by beach, takeaway available

Rivingtons

Licensed cafe and gift shop, ice creams.

Toast

Delicious breakfasts, brunch and lunches, fabulous home-bakes

Restaurants

Bay of Bengal

Popular Indian with takeaway option too. Bring your own alcohol.

Coast Deli & Dining

Offering local dishes over looking Church Bay, fully licensed.

Harbour Kitchen

A gem of a restaurant - sea front serving freshly cooked dishes.

Seabreeze

Stylish dining with a focus on seafood and Welsh produce.

The Bear of Amsterdam

Lovely restaurant serving freshly cooked dishes.

Restaurants

Millie & Sid's

Set in a beautiful building

- great breakfasts and evening menu including pizzas and tapas.

Proper Gander

Modern British fare including Sunday roasts with excellent service.

Salt Marsh Kitchen

A gem for seasonal dishes and locally sourced ingredients.

Takeaways

Coast to Go

Coffee and sandwiches to take down to the sand.

Noon Line

Takeaway craft beers, cocktails, food and snacks - casual seating available outside.

The Fridge

Serving sandwiches, soups and a variety of hot food.

The Sandwich Shop

Situated on the front in Aberdovey - great sandwiches and drinks.

Walkers Fish & Chips

A seaside favourite - fish & chips by the sea.

Takeaways

Bay of Bengal

Takeaway or dine in Chippys Fish & Chips

Tasty traditional

takeaway on the High St

Dine India

Takeaway or dine in **Happy Garden Chinese**Takeaway only

Mor Fish & Chips

Classic seaside chippy with generous portions and varied menu.

Peckish Kebab & Pizza House

Open late, ideal for an easy night in.

Tywyn Bakery

Local bakery with freshly baked pastries and sandwiches to go - amazing sourdough.

Food Stores

Aberdyfi Butchers

Specialising in locally sourced fresh meat products

Dyfi Stores

Village store offering a wide range of daily cupboard staples.

Dyfi Post Office & Store

Offers a wide range of essentials including fresh bread, tinned goods and alcohol.

Food Stores

Co-op

Stock up on all your meats, pasties and other delights.

Premier & Post Office

Friendly store, wide range of essentials available - open late

The Spar

Deli and freshly made sandwiches, fresh bread, tinned goods, wide range of alcohol.

Useful info

Pharmacies

Abbey Healthcare Pharmacy, Aberdovey

Rowlands Pharmacy
Tywyn

Hospital

Tywyn Hospital, Minor Injuries, Bryn Hyfryd Road, Tywyn, LL36 9HH

Car Parks

Aberdyfi Main Car Park Electric charging points

Station Car Park, Aberdovey

Tywyn Car Park, Marine Parade

Tallylyn Railway Parking, Tywyn

Tywyn Monday Market

Outdoor market held weekly in Tywyn, It operates every Monday from May through to September, gates open at 7:00am

Swimming Pool

Tywyn Swimming Pool High St, Tywyn

Vets

Cambrian Veterinary Service, Tywyn

Williams Veterinary Surgeons, Tywyn

Aberdyfi Food Festival... a taste of the coast

Held annually in the heart of the village, the Aberdyfi Food Festival is a delicious celebration of local produce, coastal cuisine, and Welsh hospitality. This popular event brings together food lovers, artisan producers, and talented chefs for a day of tasting, shopping, and seaside atmosphere.

- Hot food vendors serving everything from fresh oysters to wood-fired pizza
- Local gin, cider and craft beer from independent distilleries and breweries
- Street performers and acoustic music adding to the vibrant, family-friendly vibe

What to Expect

 Artisan stalls showcasing the best of Welsh cheese, meats, preserves, seafood, baked goods Whether you're a serious foodie or simply looking to enjoy some great eats by the sea, the Aberdyfi Food Festival is a brilliant day out.



When & Where

Location: Football field by Aberdovey railway station

Date: Sunday August 17th

Come hungry, leave inspired - and be sure to take home a few

local treats!

Aberdovey & Tywyn Visitor Guide

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- Ride the Talyllyn Railway
 Step back in time aboard a
 steam train through Snowdonia's
 stunning scenery.
- Jump off the Jetty in Aberdovey
 A classic local thrill safely leap
 into the estuary on a rising tide!
- Visit the Honey Ice Cream Factory

Sample Tywyn's legendary honey ice cream, made on site and absolutely delicious at Holgate Ice Cream Shop.

- Visit the Magic Lantern Cinema
 Enjoy a quirky, cosy cinema
 experience in Tywyn complete
 with sofas and cocktails.
- Play a round of golf at
 Aberdovey Golf Club
 Challenge yourself on one of
 Wales' most scenic and historic
 links courses.
- Walk an Alpaca

 Beautiful setting, a truly
 unforgettable experience for
 animal lovers of all ages.

Explore Ynysmaengwyn

- Woodlands
 Wander historic woodlands
 and riverside paths just outside
 Tywyn, you might even see a fair
 in the secret fairy garden.
- Play a round of crazy golf
 On the seafront in Tywyn perfect
 for beginners and families.
- Visit the Narrow Gauge
 Railway Museum
 Located at Tywyn Wharf, this
 small but fascinating museum
 brings railway history to life.
- Stroll the Aberdovey Art & Craft Trail
 Pop into local galleries and artisan shops throughout the

- Indulge in fish & chips by the sea
 With Walkers in Aberdovey and
 Chippys and Mor in Tywyn there
 are many opportunities to enjoy this
 seaside classic!
- Climb to Pen y Bryn viewpoint
 Take in panoramic views over the
 Dyfi Estuary and beyond.
- Pack a picnic, fly a kite or just enjoy the miles of golden sand often quieter than Aberdovey beach.
- Swim at Talyllyn Lake
 Take a wild dip in one of Wales' most tranquil and beautiful lakes.
- Cycle the coastal road to
 Machynlleth
 A stunning (and manageable!) route
 with sea and mountain views all the
- Catch crabs from Aberdovey Jetty
 A family favourite just bring a line,
 bait and bucket.
- Visit the Dyfi Wildlife Centre (15 min drive)
 Discover ospreys, otters and more in a beautifully designed nature reserve
- Watch the sunset over Cardigan
 Bay from Tywyn Beach
 End the day with a peaceful moment
 on the beach you may also see
 dolphins passing by.
- Spot low-flying jets on the Mach
 Loop
 Keep your eyes and ears peeled for
 RAF training flights swooping through
 the vallevs.
- Walk along the beach from
 Aberdovey to Tywyn catch the
 train back

There's always something to discover on this gorgeous beach walk - whichever way you walk it!



The Mach Loop A thrilling sight in the skies

Just a short drive inland from Tywyn and Aberdovey lies one of the UK's most exciting and unique aviation experiences: The Mach Loop.

This series of valleys, nestled in the southern part of Snowdonia, is used by military aircraft for low-flying training - sometimes just hundreds of feet above ground level. It's a jaw-dropping sight as fast jets and transport aircraft swoop through the hills, often below where you're standing!

There's no published timetable - flights can happen on weekdays, but are never guaranteed. Part of the thrill is the anticipation, and the sound of an approaching jet echoing through the valleys is unforgettable.

Top Viewing Spots:

Cad East:

A favourite for photographers and aviation fans. Offers elevated views looking directly into the valley - perfect for spotting aircraft as they approach.

Nearest Postcode: LL40 2SH

Cad West:

Slightly easier to access than Cad East and a great all-round viewpoint with a wide perspective.

Nearest Postcode: LL40 2SH

Bwlch Exit:

A lower-level vantage point near where the aircraft exit the loop - good if you want to be closer to the action.

Nearest Postcode: LL40 2AB

Pack sturdy footwear and a warm layer, as the weather can change quickly in the hills. Even if you don't catch a flight, the panoramic views alone make the walk worthwhile.

Photo credit: Jonny B Photography - a regular on the Mach Loop.
Scan the QR code to view more of his incredible captures on Facebook.



Learn a little Welsh while you are here!

Croeso i Gymru -Welcome to Wales!

Welsh (Cymraeg) is a beautiful and ancient language that's still very much alive today.

While you're visiting Aberdyfi or Tywyn, why not learn a few phrases and surprise the locals? Here's a selection of easy and useful expressions to get you started - give them a go!

Greetings

Good morning
Bore da (BO-reh dah)

Good afternoon

Prynhawn da (prin-HAWN dah)

Good night Nos da (noss dah)

Thank you Diolch (DEE-olch)

Please

Os gwelwch yn dda (oss GWEL-ooch un tha)

Everyday phrases

How are you?

Sut dach chi? (sit dach chi)

Fine, thanks!

lawn, diolch! (YOWN, DEE-olch)

Where is the ...?

Ble mae'r...? (bleh MYR...?)

Toilet Toiled (TOY-led)
Café Caffi (CAF-ee)
Beach Traeth (tryth)

Fun Expressions!

Bye! Hwyl! (hooil)

It's nice today

Mae'n braf heddiw (mine brav HETH-yoo)

It's raining

Mae'n bwrw glaw (mine BOO-roo glaw)

I like Wales

Dw i'n hoffi Cymru (doo een HOFFee CUM-ree)

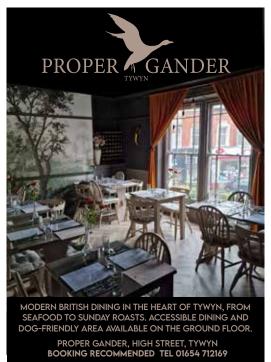
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The Magic Lantern Cinema Corbett Square, Tywyn



An unforgettable cinema experience with bags of character

Step into a movie theatre like no other. Nestled in the heart of Tywyn, The Magic Lantern is an independent, award-winning cinema housed in a beautiful old chapel - complete with comfy sofas, quirky décor, and a warm, welcoming vibe.

Showing a carefully curated mix of the latest blockbusters, arthouse gems, live theatre broadcasts, and family favourites, The Magic Lantern offers much more than just a movie. Grab a drink from the fully licensed bar (yes, you can take it to your seat!) and settle in for a truly memorable night out.

Whether it's a rainy afternoon or a relaxed evening after a day at the beach, this unique venue is the perfect place to unwind.

What makes it special?

- Quirky, atmospheric venue full of local charm
- Cosy seating; choose from armchairs, sofas, or classic cinema seats
- · Bar serving drinks, snacks
- Regular film nights, live events, and community events

Location:

Corbett Square, Tywyn LL36 9DF What's on & tickets:

tywyncinema.co.uk

Top Tips

- Book online early for popular screenings and live events - sofa spots go fast!
- Arrive early to grab a drink or snack from the bar before the film
- Check the schedule for special nights - like Welsh language films, documentaries or sing-alongs
- Perfect for rainy days, escaping the heat - or cosy evenings
- Keep an eye on events the Lantern also hosts live music, quizzes, and community gettogethers

Alpaca adventures at Geufron Farm

Just outside Bryncrug - a truly unforgettable experience for animal lovers of all ages.

Get up close and personal with Geufron Farm's friendly herd of alpacas on a unique countryside experience. Tucked into the scenic hills above Bryncrug, this family-run farm invites you to join a guided alpaca trek with breathtaking views over the Dysynni Valley.

After being paired with your own alpaca, you'll set off on a relaxed walk through peaceful fields, learning all about these curious, gentle creatures from the knowledgeable and welcoming hosts. Expect plenty of photo opportunities and a few laughs along the way - alpaca selfies are all part of the fun!

What to Expect:

- Meet, greet, and walk your own alpaca
- Learn about their personalities, care and quirks
- Scenic views across southern Snowdonia
- Ideal for families, couples, small groups

Location:

Just outside Bryncrug - full directions given at booking Book ahead:anturalpaca.com

Top Tips

- Wear sensible shoes the paths are grassy and can be muddy after rain
- Bring a camera or phone, the views and alpacas are both highly photogenic
- Book early in peak season, this is a popular experience and places are limited
- Suitable for most ages but children must be supervised
- Come curious! Hannah and Dean are passionate and love to share their alpaca knowledge



Supporting Lifesavers: The RNLI in Aberdovey



Tucked along the picturesque seafront in Aberdovey, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) station is home to a dedicated team of volunteers who serve as the front-line of coastal safety in the area. Day or night, in calm seas or stormy weather, these incredible men and women are ready to launch at a moment's notice to assist anyone in trouble on or near the water.

The Aberdovey RNLI station has a long and proud history of saving lives at sea. Operating an inshore lifeboat, the crew regularly responds to incidents ranging from capsized kayaks and drifting paddleboards to walkers caught by the tide. Their knowledge of the local coast and fast response time make a life-saving difference every year.

A Cause Worth Supporting

Visitors to Aberdovey can show their support in a simple but meaningful way - by stopping by the RNLI shop, located next to the lifeboat station. The shop is a hidden gem, offering a great range of RNLI-branded gifts, souvenirs, cards, toys, clothing, and homewares. Every purchase helps fund vital training, equipment, and support for the lifeboat crews.

Whether you're looking for a thoughtful keepsake or just want to learn more about the RNLI's work, a visit to the shop is a fantastic way to give back to those who keep our coastlines safe.

Top tip...

Check tide times and beach safety signs before heading into the water -Aberdovey's RNLI volunteers would prefer to keep you safe than rescue you!



Nestled in the heart of Tywyn, Clock Tower Books is a haven for book lovers of all ages. Browse a wide selection of fiction, non-fiction, Welsh interest, and children's titles.

Whether you're after a beach read or a thoughtful present, you're sure to find something special.

College Green, Tywyn Open Monday to Saturday





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- 6 College Green Tywyn, LL36 9BS





Talyllyn Railway A journey through time and scenery

Step aboard one of Wales' most charming heritage railways and experience the magic of steam travel through spectacular Snowdonia landscapes.

The Talyllyn Railway, based in Tywyn, is a historic narrow-gauge railway that's been delighting visitors since 1865.

Originally built to carry slate from the hills of Bryn Eglwys, today the lovingly restored steam trains transport passengers on a scenic 7-mile journey from Tywyn to Nant Gwernol, passing rivers, waterfalls, woodlands and mountains along the way.

What to Expect

- Steam-powered adventure through the stunning Fathew Valley
- Vintage carriages and beautifully restored stations
- Hop-on, hop-off stops at locations perfect for short walks and picnics
- A chance to visit the Narrow Gauge Railway Museum at Tywyn Wharf Station

- Family-friendly experiences and special events throughout the year, including Santa trains and gala weekends
- Advance booking recommended during peak season.
 Dogs and bikes welcome on certain services.

Whether you're a railway enthusiast, nature lover, or travelling with kids, the Talyllyn Railway offers a truly unique day out. Cafe and toilet on-site.

Getting There

Main station: Tywyn Wharf Station, on Neptune Road (close to the town centre and mainline station)
Parking available and well-signposted.

A great way to see more of the area without getting behind the wheel - let the train take the strain while you sit back and soak up the view.

For more information, pricing and time table please visit www.talyllyn.co.uk

<< Photo credit: Nathan Spence

Hit the Trails: discover mountain biking adventures

Happy Valley & Panorama Loop (Aberdovey side)

A scenic mix of bridleways, grassy climbs, and quiet country roads. This loop offers big views across the estuary and a rewarding, moderate challenge.

Best for: Confident leisure riders and e-bikers

Terrain: Mixed - expect some mud and moderate gradients

Dolgoch to Bryncrug Off-Road Route

Follow bridleways and forest tracks from the Dolgoch Falls area to Bryncrug, winding through tranquil countryside. A peaceful and picturesque ride with some good climbs.

Best for: Intermediate and

leisure riders

Distance: Around 6 miles

Nant yr Arian Forest Centre (Bwlch Nant yr Arian)

Ideal for a day out, this centre has family-friendly trails, red kites soaring overhead, and serious singletrack for more advanced riders. One of Wales' most scenic riding spots.

Best for: All levels

Facilities: Café, bike wash, trails

centre, playground

Coed y Brenin Forest Park (near Dolgellau)

The first dedicated mountain bike trail centre in the UK - and still one of the best. With a mix of green, blue, red, and blackgraded trails, it's a must-ride for any biking enthusiast visiting the area. Expect technical singletrack, boardwalks, river crossings and stunning scenery.

Best for: All abilities – from families to expert riders

Facilities: Bike hire, shop, toilets,

showers, skills area

Dyfi Forest - Mach Trails (near Machynlleth)

These legendary, unmarked routes wind deep through the Dyfi Forest and are a firm favourite with experienced riders. With links to the Atherton Trail network, it's a playground for adventure.

Best for: Intermediate to

advanced riders

Top tip: Download GPX routes or ride with someone local – signage

is limited

Advised...

Download Trailforks, Komoot, or MB Wales for trail maps and GPS. Always respect signage and trail grades - and pack a spare tube!



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6 Stunning Walks around Aberdovey & Tywyn

Cregennan Lakes Loop

Distance: 4 miles (there & back)

Difficulty: Moderate

Start/End: Cregennan Lakes
Car Park (near Arthog). A scenic
loop walk around the stunning
Cregennan Lakes, nestled
beneath the dramatic backdrop
of Cadair Idris. This peaceful
route offers panoramic views over
the Mawddach Estuary, rocky
outcrops, and mirror-like waters.

Bearded Lake Loop

Distance: 2.5 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

Tucked above Aberdovey in the hills, this circular walk around the mysterious Bearded Lake offers breathtaking views and legends of a water horse. Gentle inclines and uneven paths make for an adventurous yet accessible route.

Ynysmaengwyn Estate, Tywyn

Distance: 1-3 miles (across

varied paths)

Difficulty: Easy to moderate Explore ancient woodland, riverside paths, and the ruins of a grand house at Ynysmaengwyn, just outside Tywyn. Plenty of shade, history and space to roam - perfect for a leisurely afternoon stroll.

Hidden Waterfall – Abergynolwyn

Distance: 2 miles (return) **Difficulty:** Moderate

Tucked away in the village of Abergynolwyn, this short woodland walk reveals a magical hidden waterfall. A favourite with locals and easy to reach from the Talyllyn Railway. Wear decent footwear - it can get muddy!

Panorama Walk - Aberdovey

Distance: 4.5 miles (loop)

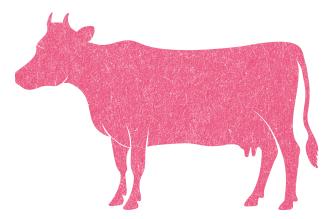
Difficulty: Moderate

A scenic climb with rewarding views over the Dyfi Estuary. Start from Aberdovey or Picnic Island and follow a well-marked route past farms, hills, and eventually a breathtaking panorama that lives up to its name.

Cadair Idris - Minffordd Path

Distance: 6 miles (return)

Difficulty: Challenging
One of Snowdonia's most iconic peaks, Cadair Idris is a serious hike for experienced walkers.
The Minffordd Path offers steep climbs, ridge lines, and dramatic views over Llyn Cau. A full-day adventure - bring proper gear, and check the weather!



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