



Great Orme Coastline

## North Wales Coast

*"I love the North Wales Coast; to me, the contrast between natural and cultural landscapes provides endless opportunities to see and learn about the area from new perspectives. The classic piers and grand seaside architecture combined with sweeping bays and thriving nature reserves gives a seaside experience that intrigues, entertains and relaxes."*

GRUFF OWEN, Wales Coast Path Officer.

### From Rhyl to Conwy

Follow the Wales Coast Path and enjoy traditional seaside resorts, cheery, fun packed piers and the relaxing solitude of long, sandy beaches, the North Coast has it all. Enjoy this 3-day adventure by basing yourself in Llandudno alternatively stay en route near the settlement at the end of each day.

### Getting there

Llandudno can be reached by direct, stopping trains from Chester, Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport also Chester and by changing at Llandudno Junction, Birmingham, Cardiff.

### Suggested base

Stay in Llandudno which is now the biggest seaside resort in Wales. It's an archetypal Victorian seaside resort, oozing elegance and tradition whilst equally appealing to contemporary tastes. A great base from which to explore the landscape and history of the North Coast of Wales.

### Accommodation

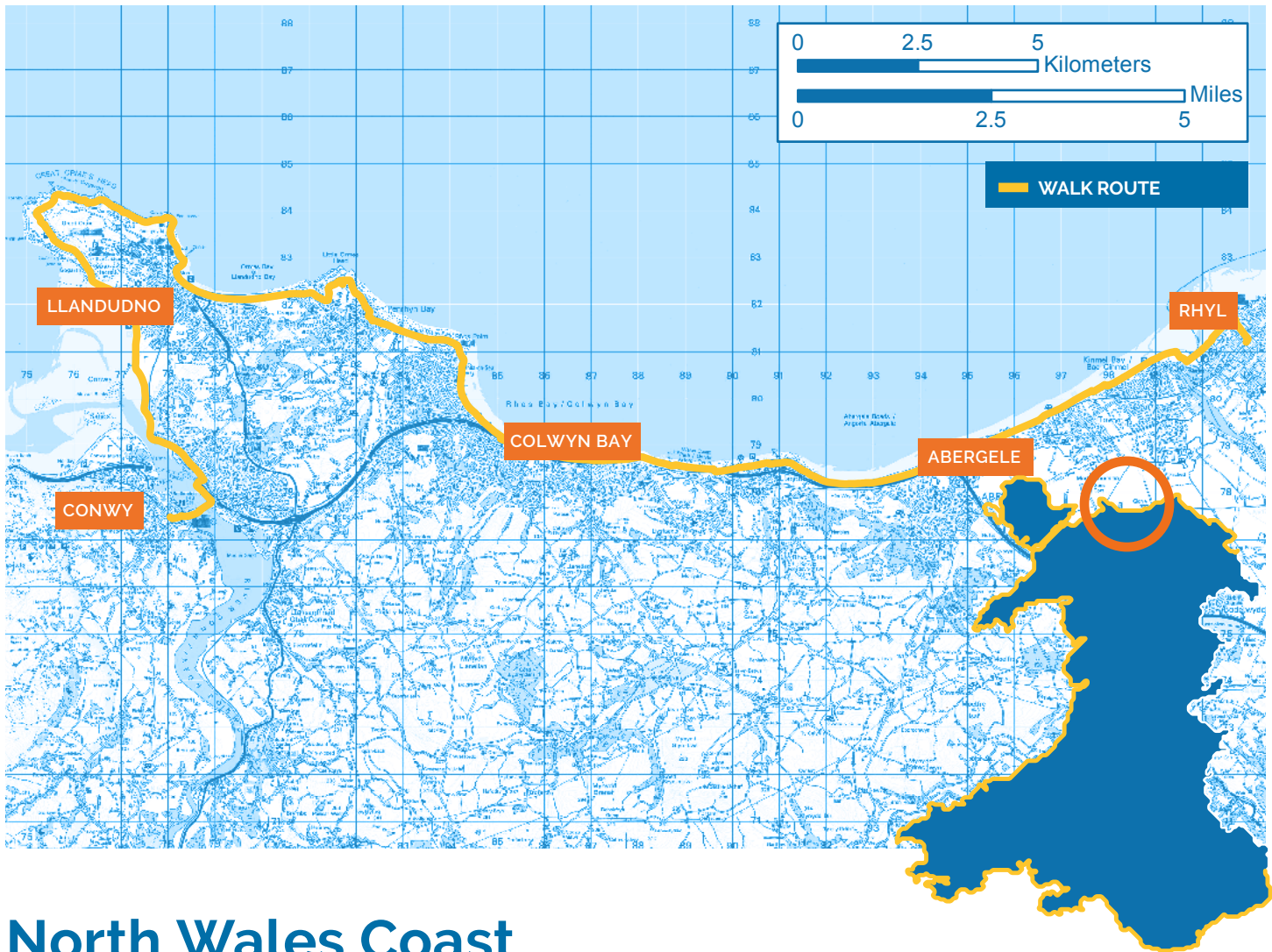
Llandudno has a wide variety of accommodation, there is so much that there is something for everyone!  
[visitllandudno.org.uk](http://visitllandudno.org.uk)

If you require any assistance booking your accommodation Llandudno Tourist Information Centre offer a reservation service where they check availability and book it on your behalf. This service costs a small fee and they also require a 10% deposit to secure the room(s) at the time of booking. This is non-refundable. Should you wish to take advantage of this service, please call them on **01492 577 577** or e-mail your requirements to [llandudnotic@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:llandudnotic@conwy.gov.uk)

### Eating Out

You'll never be stuck for something to eat with Llandudno's wide selection of places to eat out.

[eatingout.ws/restaurants-and-bistros/searchresults?sr=1&poly=631](http://eatingout.ws/restaurants-and-bistros/searchresults?sr=1&poly=631)



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### Terrain

As the Wales Coast Path closely follows the coastline inevitably you will encounter erosion, steep cliffs and rocky paths. Please take care and we advise that you choose footwear and clothing appropriate to these conditions and to suit the predicted weather.

### Difficulty

This is a relatively easy section of the Wales Coast Path along paved promenades and where it follows the road there are wide pavements. There is a section without paving, where it traverses the flanks of the Little Orme. This is a relatively short section and can be avoided if you don't fancy it.

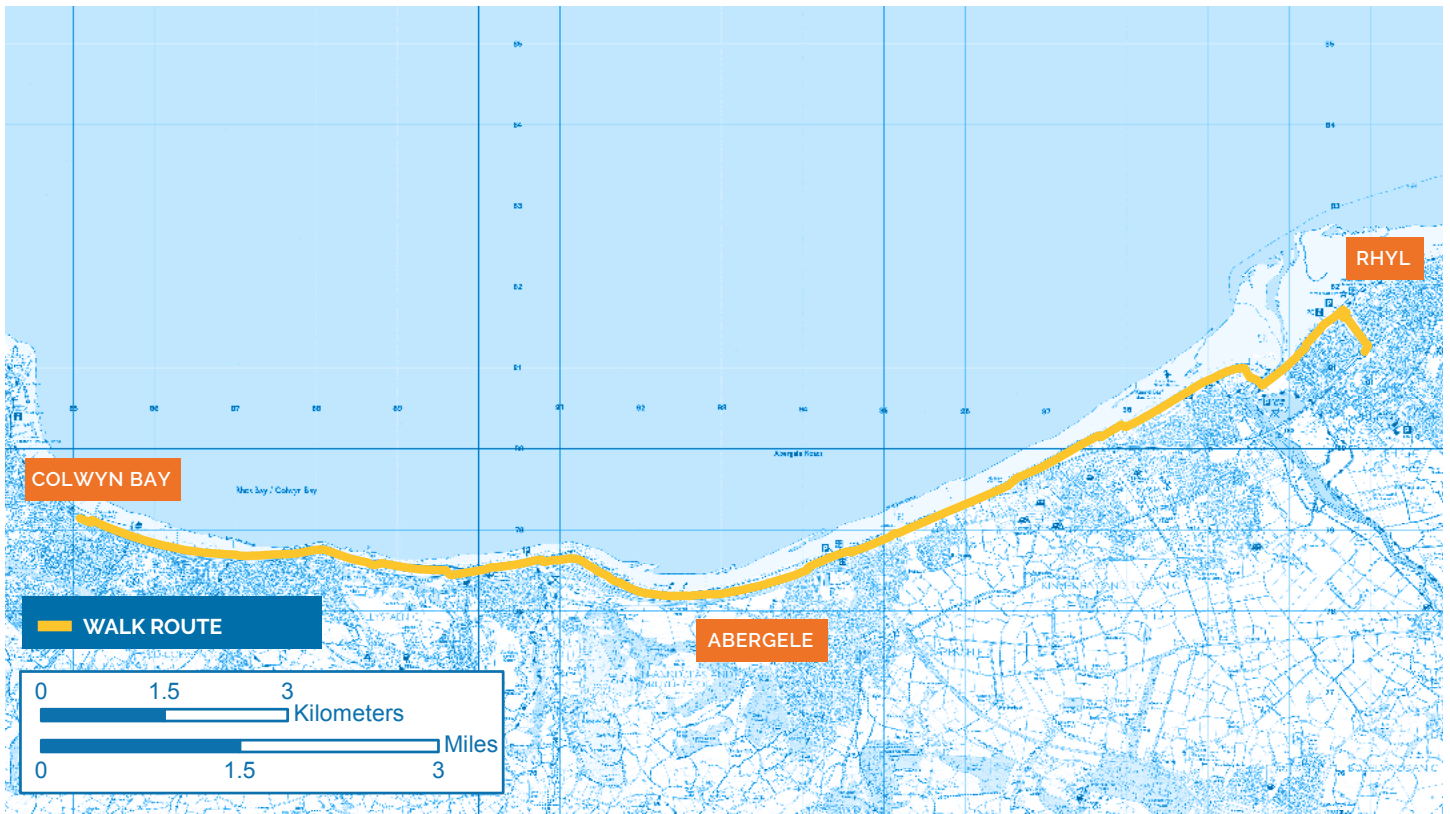
### Public Transport

Details of transport are with each walk, but please check for times on Travel Line Cymru: [traveline.cymru](http://traveline.cymru) or National Rail [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk) or Transport for Wales [tfwrail.wales](http://tfwrail.wales)

### Baggage Handlers

For those wanting to stay en route, take the strain out of the journey by using luggage handlers to transfer your luggage to your next stop.

[walescoastpath.gov.uk/plan-your-visit/planning-carrying-help/?lang=en](http://walescoastpath.gov.uk/plan-your-visit/planning-carrying-help/?lang=en)



## Rhyll to Colwyn Bay 10.5 miles

*Be on the lookout for skylarks and seals along this accessible stretch of the Wales Coast Path.*

### Start

At Rhyll, exit the station and bear right towards the High Street. Follow the High Street down through the pedestrian area, use the pedestrian crossings to go straight ahead, past the clocktower, until you reach the promenade and the sea. At the seafront turn left. You're now on the Wales Coast Path.

Follow the path along over Rhyll Harbour and walk alongside Kinnel Nature Reserve. This small, sand-duned reserve is home to native maritime plants such as sea holly, bird's foot trefoil, common restharrow and lucerne. If you're lucky you might hear the Skylark or see the seals close to shore. There is a refreshment kiosk here so although you haven't yet come far you might want to take a short break with nature!

Follow the path continuously now with the glorious stretch of sand on your right, you'll pass numerous holiday homes before you reach Pantri Bach Café where you might like a cuppa but if you're in need of something more substantial you can treat yourself to fish and chips as there are plenty of spots along the route. Soon you'll pass Abergele and Pensarn station.

A little further along the Path at Llanddulas Bay there are some welcome public toilets. Continue past Raynes Jetty and into Colwyn Bay where you'll find shops and cafes galore.

Colwyn Bay Station is just off the Wales Coast Path where you can catch the train back to Llandudno. Alternatively, if you investigate further into town, you'll be able to pick up one of the regular buses.

### Transport to the start of the walk

#### Bus

Take the number 12 bus Palladium (Stop C), Gloddaeth Street, Llandudno, to Rhyll bus station. The bus takes approximately 80 minutes and runs about every 10 minutes.

#### Train

Alternatively take the train from Llandudno Station to Rhyll Station which takes just 30 minutes.

### Return to base

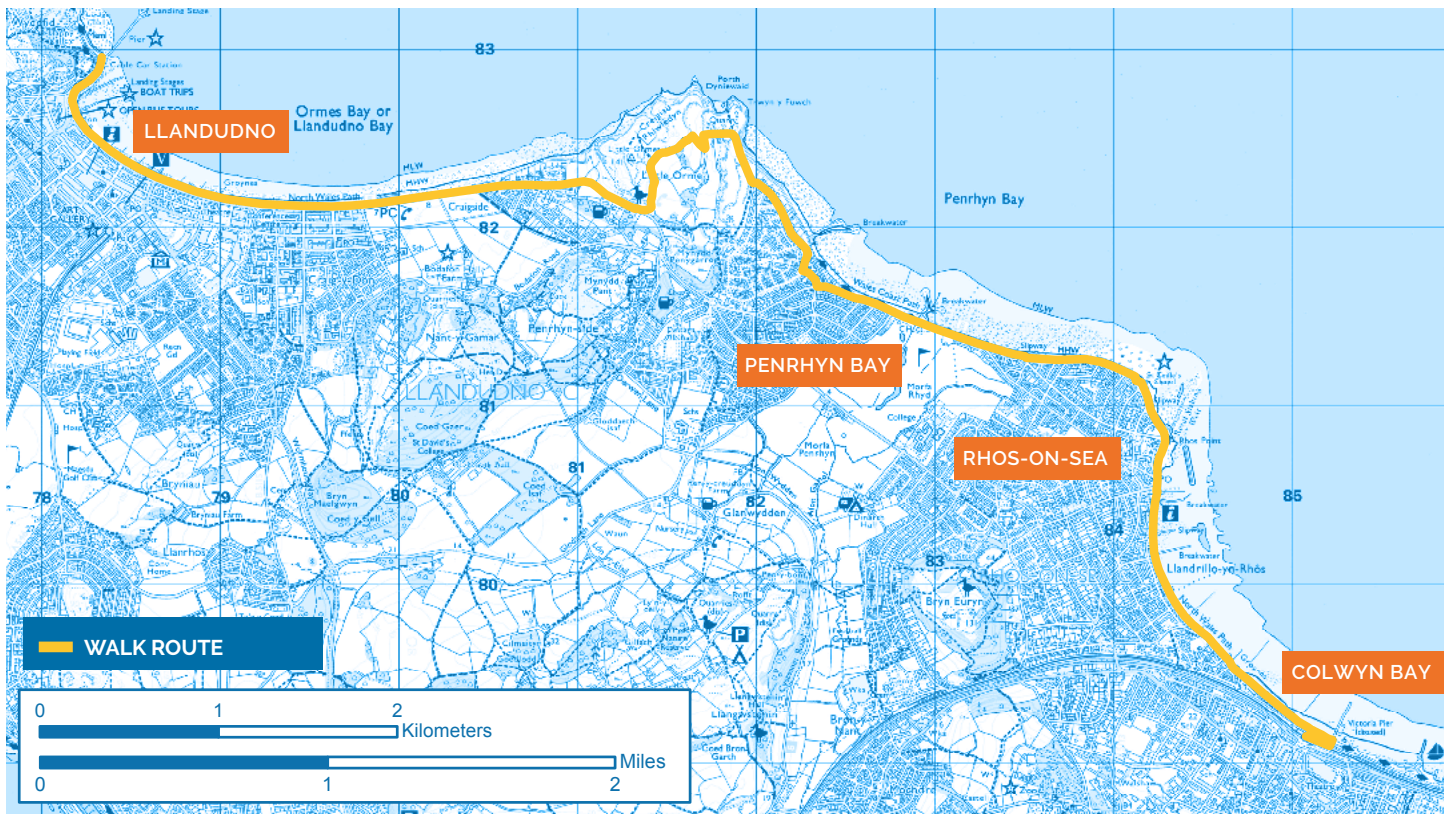
#### Bus

Take the number 12,13,14, or 15 bus from St Paul's Church, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay to Llandudno.

#### Train

Take the train from Colwyn Bay train station to Llandudno. The train takes approximately 20 minutes and runs approximately every hour but do check as occasionally it is every two hours.





## Colwyn Bay to Llandudno 6.5 miles

*From ice cream and promenades to breath taking views from limestone crags this walk sums up all that is the North Wales Coast.*

### Start

At Colwyn Bay train station, follow the underpass to the right of the Station to reach the Promenade with the sea stretching before you; here you will join the Wales Coast Path.

Turn left and follow the promenade along the historic seafront of Colwyn Bay. Get your walk off to a good start by stopping at the ice cream bar along the way. Replenished, continue straight ahead towards the sweep of bay which is Rhos on Sea - here you can take advantage of the collection of small shops, cafes and public toilets.

On leaving Rhos keep a look out for The Holy Well and St Trillo's Chapel, with only 6 seats it is claimed to be the smallest active chapel in Wales. It really is tiny so keep your eyes peeled for the sign!

Continue walking straight ahead, eventually when the main road bends to the left continue up the residential street in Penrhyn Bay Beach Drive. When you meet a junction follow the road to right towards the sea and continue until the road ends and meets steps up signposted the Wales Coast Path. Here begins your walk across the limestone headland known as Little Orme, famous for seabirds and seals.

You'll see the old quarry remains and get a magnificent view back on your walk so far. Follow the path over the headland until it drops down again to reach the road.

Follow the Wales Coast Path back to Llandudno with the view of the Great Orme ahead. On reaching Llandudno reward yourself with a pat on the back and a cup of tea along its grade 2 listed pier. At an impressive 2,295 feet, the Victorian pier is the longest in Wales!

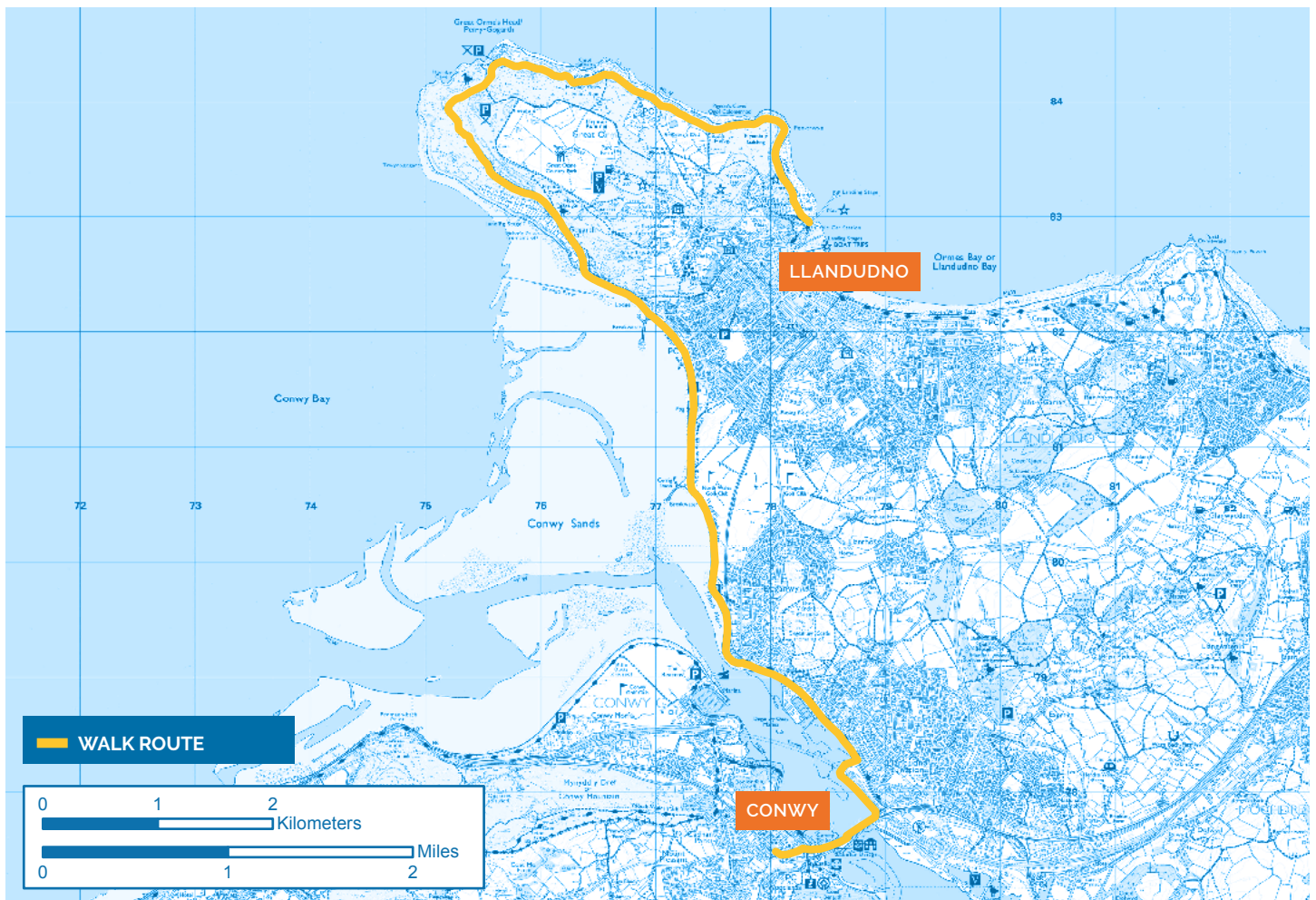
### Transport to the start of the walk

#### Bus

From Mostyn Street, Opposite the North Western Gardens, Llandudno, take 12,13,14,15 bus to The Station (previously The Central) on Rhos Road, Colwyn Bay. Journey takes 28 minutes to Colwyn Bay and there is a bus every 10 minutes.

#### Train

Train to Colwyn Bay from Llandudno leaves every hour and takes about 15 minutes.



## Llandudno to Conwy 8 miles

*Time travel with us along the Wales Coast Path, from the Victorian pier at Llandudno to the Medieval Castle at Conwy, all via The Great Orme itself!*

### Start

At Llandudno Pier. With the pier behind you head right and follow Happy Valley Road which turns into Marine Drive and hugs the coastline around the Great Orme. The path circuits the Great Orme headland allowing you fabulous views both ways along the coast and over to the Isle of Anglesey. There are many attractions on the Great Orme that you may wish to visit on your return, but don't worry if your legs are weary, they include a tram car and a cable car to the top! Following the path and at the tip of the headland, which can be windy, there's a welcome café with cake and a log burning stove.

You'll follow the path on to Llandudno's west shore, through Deganwy and past the marina with a view of your destination Conwy.

See if you can spot the impressive medieval castle, built by Edward I, during his conquest of Wales, between 1283 and 1289. Continue to follow the Wales Coast Path signs and cross the bridge into Conwy. You've arrived! Be sure to take some time to explore this lovely town, which includes Britain's smallest house, measuring just 72 inches across! Once you've explored, return to Llandudno via bus or train.

### Return to base Bus

From Town Ditch Road in Conwy take the number 5 bus to Llandudno - The bus takes 18 minutes and leaves every 15 minutes.

### Train

Walk to Llandudno Junction Station which is back over the bridge towards Llandudno but please note this is a 30-minute walk. The Train to Llandudno station takes 12 minutes and leaves every hour, sometimes every half hour. Alternatively, you can catch the train to Conwy station to Llandudno Junction and change trains to get to Llandudno.





Conwy Marina



Llandudno Pier



Great Orme Tram

## North Wales Coast Additional Attractions for your stay

### Great Orme Tramway

A cable hauled tramway which has been running for over a century, transporting visitors to the Great Orme, a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Among the many sights to look out for are dozens of bird colonies and a herd of Kashmiri goats, who've lived wild here for many years.

### Llandudno Cable Car

The cable cars take you from Happy Valley Road on a breath-taking journey to the summit of the Great Orme giving you fabulous views over Llandudno Bay. There are toilets and a café at the start. Why not go up by cable car and back down by the Tramway for two experiences in one!

[tripadvisor.co.uk/ShowUserReviews-g190724-d3491224-r650038993-Great\\_Orme\\_Cable\\_Cars-Llandudno\\_Conwy\\_County\\_North\\_Wales\\_Wales.html#REVIEWS](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/ShowUserReviews-g190724-d3491224-r650038993-Great_Orme_Cable_Cars-Llandudno_Conwy_County_North_Wales_Wales.html#REVIEWS)

### Pen Y Dinas Hillfort

Once on the Great Orme you'll find aspects of this megalithic fortress ruin. Although there is not a great deal to see the views are spectacular and the tranquillity of the site evokes a sense of the past. Those who visit confirm it's well worth the effort.

[tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction\\_Review-g190724-d3491213-Reviews-Pen\\_y\\_Dinas\\_Hillfort-Llandudno\\_Conwy\\_County\\_North\\_Wales\\_Wales.html#REVIEWS](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g190724-d3491213-Reviews-Pen_y_Dinas_Hillfort-Llandudno_Conwy_County_North_Wales_Wales.html#REVIEWS)

### Bodnant Garden, Tal-y-Cafn, near Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL28 5RE

With secret corners, sweeping lawns, grand terraces and lush woodland, you'll experience many gardens in one at Bodnant and as a bonus it also has a lovely café and shop.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/bodnant-garden](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bodnant-garden)

### Aberconwy House, Castle Street, Conwy, LL32 8AY

The only medieval merchant's house in Conwy to have survived the tempestuous history of the walled town, over nearly six centuries. Each room is furnished according to the period and an audio-visual presentation that shows daily life from different periods in its history.

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