

Llandudno

Llandudno was developed as a resort by the Victorians and today it offers something for everyone - from ancient mine sites, and a cliff top nature reserve to traditional seaside amusements, a leading contemporary art gallery and a wide variety of cafes and shops.

Here are some of our suggestions - you could easily combine these with a visit to nearby Conwy to complete the day.

Attractions and things to do

1. Walk around the Great Orme cliff top nature reserve

Park at West Shore (free on street parking) and walk to the end of the promenade towards the Great Orme in front of you (the sea on your left). Follow the road which climbs the Orme - past the last house on the right you will shortly come to an information board on the left side of the road. Opposite that you will find a signposted public footpath leading up the cliff on your right hand side (marked * on the attached map).

Follow this path to the top, where you will see a stone wall enclosing a farm. Walk clockwise around the outside of the farm to enjoy spectacular views - west to Anglesey and east towards Colwyn Bay and beyond.

Keep following the footpath past an ancient church and around to the tram mid-way station. You can follow the tram way up to reach the summit cafe; when you're ready to descend simply follow the tram way down (do keep to the pavement!!)

You can also drive one-way around the Great Orme and get stunning views! The route starts near the pier - toll payable.

2. Great Orme tram and cable car

If you don't want to walk up (or down!) the Orme you can take the tram or cable car (one way or return). The town-level tram station is on Church Walks; the cable car departs from Happy Valley (above the entrance to the pier). Both have stations at the summit of the Orme and the tram also has a mid-way station.

Note the cable car is cash only and doesn't run on windy days!

3. North Shore Promenade and pier

No visit to Llandudno is complete without a walk along the long promenade! It's a couple of miles from the modern lifeboat station at the east end of the prom to the pier at the west - just watch the seagulls if you're holding an ice cream... they swoop!!!

The pier was built as part of Llandudno's development by the Victorians and a walk to the end offers lovely views around the bay, and the opportunity to play classic British seaside amusements (the 2p pushers are our favourite!!).

4. Oriel Mostyn (closed Mondays) -11-12 Vaughan Street

Contemporary gallery and visual arts centre in a striking modern space behind an impressive Edwardian terracotta facade. Six gallery spaces exhibiting the best in international contemporary art and craft, showing artists and makers from Wales and beyond.

Onsite cafe serving light meals, cake and refreshments and a lovely gift shop.

5. **Penderyn Distillery** (closed Mondays) - Lloyd Street (in centre of Llandudno, but not marked on our map)

Open every day, this whisky distillery is in a converted school a short walk from the main shopping street - the stunning, modern extension is well worth seeing.

Interesting tours are available, along with tastings (!), and the large gift shop stocks the full range of excellent Welsh whiskies.

Food and drink

5. Providero - Upper Mostyn Street

Serving Heartland Coffi and simple lunches.

6. Dudley & Georges - Upper Mostyn Street

Lovely general store next to Johnny Dough's that also does light lunches - try the delicious toasties!

7. Johnny Dough's pizzeria - Upper Mostyn Street

A small local chain, with another in Conwy, this place serves great wood-fired pizza, local beer and gin. Open from 12.00 until 21.00.

8. Heartland Coffi - Unit 3, Cwrt Roger Mostyn, Builder Street (behind railway station)

Heartland supply our breakfast coffee! They're very friendly and open to the public on weekdays for coffee tasting and sales.

9. West Shore beach cafe - south end of West Shore promenade (painted bright blue!)

Family run cafe serving breakfast, lunch and home made cakes (including GF). Outdoor seating in summer!

10. Coast cafe - east end of Llandudno North Shore promenade, by lifeboat station / paddling pool

Seaside cafe (bigger branch in Rhos on Sea). Serving lunch, cakes and hot & cold drinks.

11. Looking Glass - Upper Mostyn Street

Alice in Wonderland themed ice cream parlour with an array of different flavours.

Another warning though - **WATCH OUT FOR SEAGULLS!!!!** They will swoop from any direction so be careful!!!

