Fun and Learning in the Environment

What Environment and Heritage Organisations Offer
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Fun the best way to learn

Having fun is the best way to start learning about the environment and heritage sectors. It is how all of us become emotionally connected with what we do. It makes us want to find out more and do more. With something new, while we are enjoying ourselves, we are learning all the time. Designing activities that mix fun and learning is extremely important for community groups. For new community groups, having a fun programme brings people together, creates interest, encourages learning and helps them build up a stronger sense of community, laying down the basis for volunteering and working together in the future.

Working in Partnership

The environment and heritage sectors offer many outstanding opportunities for activities in magnificent and inspiring surroundings. There are activities for all ages. Having a fun day out discovering local history, or working hard at planting trees can become a part of life for everyone. The organisations featured in this booklet want to work with you. Some of them have grant schemes. Others have activity budgets to support you. Staff are keen to find out what you need and develop their work in a culturally appropriate way. They are learning too and are interested in the cultural richness that you bring.

A Future full of New Opportunities

At the same time, they need people to care for and protect the environment, including aspiring to work in these sectors. Fun is a vital part of learning. Making sure fun always plays a role in all the steps of learning will ensure that the motivation to learn new knowledge and skills will be a lifelong habit.

Other BEN booklets linked to this one are:

- Love the Countryside, Work for the Countryside
- Working Together to Increase Employment

They are downloadable free from our website www.ben-network.org.uk and hard copies are available by emailing to ukoffice@ben-network.org.uk
Think through what you will do

In order to provide fun and learning activities for your community, you need to design a programme that has both elements. There are many lovely places to go to and things to do, but staff may not be able to support you if it is not arranged beforehand.

Planning the Details

• Find out what activities are available. The internet and libraries are very helpful
• Make sure staff know if heritage and environment activities are new to you. Discuss the programme with site staff. Ask how long they last and whether there is a cost, what is suitable, and what facilities, grants or support they can offer
• Find out opening times, entry fees and facilities available on site. If there are no toilets on site, ask where the nearest ones are
• Discuss your cultural needs, for example if food is provided and you do not eat pork for religious reasons, or you need a woman to work with a girls only group
• Ask for advice on health and safety, what to wear or bring, where to go and what number of people is best for an activity. Consider training volunteers in First Aid
• Get parking advice; how far you have to walk to where you want to be
• Maps, leaflets and information for your group if they are available
• Always have the phone number of your contact with you

A learning journey full of fun and potential

As you get more confident, you will relax and enjoy using sites that do not even have staff, and even if it rains! Families and individuals from your group may go on their own. As your group becomes experienced, discuss with organisational staff how you can deepen members’ interest; arrange shadowing, placements and training, get advice on educational courses that lead to careers, be supported to join committees. Don't forget that there are business opportunities too. All of these are on offer, but first, get out there and have fun.
Cadw is a Welsh word which means 'to keep'. Cadw is the Welsh Assembly Government's historic environment service. Our aim is to promote the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

Conwy & town walls - World Heritage Site Experience the authentic medieval atmosphere of this massive fortress and three quarters of a mile of impressive town walls with no less than 21 towers. It was built by the English monarch Edward I between 1283 and 1287.

Caernarfon Castle & town walls Begun in 1283, Caernarfon was constructed not only as a military stronghold but also as a seat of government and royal palace by Edward I. It was designed to echo Constantinople, the imperial power of Rome and the dream-castle, 'the fairest that ever man saw', of Welsh myth and legend.

Beaumaris Castle - World Heritage Site Edward I's great unfinished awesome masterpiece. It is regarded by many as the most technically perfect castle in Britain. Its ingenious 'walls within walls' design was state-of-the-art for the late 13th century.

Contact us to arrange visits and activities
Conwy & town walls, Head Custodian: 01492 592358
Caernarfon Castle & town walls, Head Custodian: 01286 677617
Beaumaris Castle, Head Custodian: 01248 810361

Our Website and Event Diaries www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

Fun and Learning Ideas
• Discover castle architecture and fantastic history
• Come with your drawing materials
• Volunteer to be a guide in your own language
Plas Tan y Bwlch Environmental Studies and Education Centre Our Environmental Studies Centre in a Victorian Country House is set in spectacular scenery. Our courses include arts and crafts, walking, photography, history, bird watching and wildlife. No previous experience required.

Hafod Eryri Our new visitors’ centre on Snowdon summit will open in 2008. The centre will include information about Snowdon, weather information, orientation and descent advice, as well as provide refreshments and shelter.

Mawddach Trail People come here to cycle, walk and enjoy 9 miles of flat smooth surface. This fantastic traffic free trail is clearly signposted and easy to follow. Its views are spectacular and it is an excellent place to see wildlife and bird watch.

Contact us to arrange visits and activities
Snowdonia National Park Authority: 01766 770274 or email: parc@eryri-npa.gov.uk
Plas Tan y Bwlch: 01766 772600 or email: plas@eryri-npa.gov.uk
Dolgellau Information Centre: 01341 422888
Betws y Coed Information Centre: 01690 710426
Carys Dafydd, Community Officer: 01766 772269
or email: Carys.Dafydd@eryri-npa.gov.uk

Our Website and Event Diaries www.snowdonia-npa.gov.uk Click on Image Gallery for wonderful pictures. Click on Things to Do, Leisure Walks or Cycling for detailed information

Fun and Learning Ideas
• Download a walking route from our website
• Bring your camera and make postcards to send home
• Volunteer to protect the park and learn about nature
Snowdonia Society  We are the leading charity working to protect and enhance the Snowdonia National Park. Over 2600 members support our diverse work including practical conservation work, policy based campaign work to protect the landscape of Snowdonia and different initiatives to encourage more sustainable use of the area.

Ty Hyll – the Ugly house. Capel Curig Our office is one of the most curious in all of Wales, it’s reputed to have been built overnight by two outlaw brothers in 1475! The ground floor is open as a visitor centre to educate people about our work. The surrounding woodlands and garden are actively managed by volunteers to provide food and shelter for wildlife, and you will see a whole host of wildlife on the nature trail.

Conservation volunteering Join one of our workdays. Help us to restore a section of upland footpath, plant native trees, improve a community area or clear litter. No experience needed as full training is provided along with necessary equipment. You just need some energy, enthusiasm and suitable outdoor clothing that you don’t mind getting dirty!

Walks and Talks We organise a regular programme of talks and walks to inspire and educate people. These are open to all, and free to members. They range from trips underground to explore old mine workings to conferences exploring current issues in the area.

Contact us to arrange visits and activities
Dan James, Operations Director: 01690 720287
or email: info@snowdonia-society.org.uk

Our Website and Event Diaries www.snowdonia-society.org.uk

Fun and Learning Ideas
• Arrange talks or visit Ty Hyll for inspiration and adventure
• Explore the spectacular National Park, help conserve it and picnic all in a day
• Find out about how to live more sustainably to protect nature
Welsh Fisheries Come and learn all kinds of fishing with us. Wales has some of Britain's richest and most famous salmon and trout rivers. Our staff improve fish habitats and protect fish from illegal fishing and pollution. We work in partnership with angling governing bodies, clubs and fishery owners to make the most of Wales' coastal and inland recreational fisheries.

The Dee Conservancy The harbour, navigation and local lighthouse authority for most of the Dee Estuary in North Wales. We provide aid to vessels using the Dee. We protect the estuary's wildlife. We set safety standards and predict weekly tide levels and times, and we promote the use of the estuary by modern vessels.

Tryweryn White Water Centre Our premier recreation asset attracting 70,000 visitors each year for rafting and canoeing. Situated in the Snowdonia National Park, it has a riverside trail suitable for wheelchair users, site interpretation, and rich and diverse riparian and woodland habitats. We manage the needs of conservation and recreation of the site.

Contact us to arrange visits and activities
Tel: 08708 506 506 (Mon-Fri 8-6) or email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Our website www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Fishing Wales website and event diaries www.walesfishingtales.com

Fun and learning ideas
• Tell traditional fishing stories from Wales and your country of origin
• Ask outdoor activity instructors to talk about their jobs
• Aspire to learn to become a fishing instructor
**Craflwyn** Environmental activity centre at the foot of Snowdon. It offers a large range of conservation volunteering opportunities. On the grounds is also Craflwyn Hall. It dates from the 19th century and is available for wedding receptions.

**Penrhyn Castle** 19th century fantasy castle with spectacular interiors, grounds and gardens. It was built for the wealthy Pennant family on profits from Welsh slate and Jamaican sugar. Features include extravagant carvings, a stunning art collection and a one-ton slate bed made for Queen Victoria. Regular events and exhibitions including, to Nov 2008, an exploration of the family connection to the transatlantic slave trade.

**Bodnant Gardens** World famous spectacular gardens with collections of rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias and camellias. The 2nd Lord Aberconwy created the gardens around a hundred years ago. Features include a wooded valley, stream and wild garden on the lower level, and overlooking them the large Italianate terraces and formal lawns on the upper level. Of particular note, blooming in May, is a 40 yard laburnum arch which gives a long tunnel of golden blooms. Come here for year round colour.

**Contact us to arrange visits and activities**
Craflwyn: 01766 510120  
Penrhyn Castle: 01248 353084  
Bodnant Gardens: 01492 650460

**Our Website and Event Diaries:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Fun and learning ideas**
- Track plants and trees from all over the world
- Get interested in gardening and learn through volunteering or apprenticeships
- What about a career as a botanical artist
Three amazing things to do Slate splitting demonstration - Dafydd, Evan or Carwyn will take you through the process of reducing a huge slate stone into wafer thin segments which can be set on your roof. You'll learn why it took them six years to learn the craft! And on site demonstrations of the work of the Blacksmith and the Carpenter.

‘Wow’ factor waterwheel It's the largest on mainland Britain (the largest is the Laxey Wheel on the Isle of Man) and is a superb example of hydro power - the 50-metres-wide wheel powered the workshops until the 1950s when a smaller Pelton wheel replaced it.

Quarrymen's Houses Numbers 1 - 4 Fron Haul. Learn about traitors and strikes, family and unemployment in this small terrace of houses - all decorated to different periods in the history of the slate industry.

Contact us to arrange visits and activities
Julie Williams, Marketing: 01286 873707 or email: julie.williams@museumwales.ac.uk
Elen Roberts, Education: 01286 873706 or email: elen.roberts@museumwales.ac.uk
Cadi Iolen, Curatorial: 01286 873 or email: cadi.iolen@museumwales.ac.uk

Our Website and Event Diaries www.museumwales.ac.uk

Fun and Learning Ideas
• Does your country of origin also have a slate industry?
• Canoe across the lake while you are here
• Look at the many crafts and businesses connected with slate
RSPB Conwy, Conwy  This beautiful nature reserve is a great place for exploring wildlife, with each season bringing a new experience. Nature trails weave through the reserve and allow visitors to appreciate the spectacular scenery, including the Snowdonia mountains and Conwy castle. Wading birds are a real highlight here and can be seen feeding and roosting on the lagoons.

The Glaslyn Osprey Project  A pair of ospreys has nested at Pont Croesor near Porthmadog every year since 2004. The viewing scheme close to the site offers great views of these magnificent birds through telescopes and binoculars. Meanwhile, wonderful close-up footage from the nest-cam is shown in the visitor centre. It is free of charge.

Black Grouse Watch  (booking essential) Visit Coed Llandegla in Denbighshire to enjoy an early morning guided walk and experience one of the UK’s most fascinating wildlife spectacles – the mating display of the male black grouse. These elusive birds gather at dawn to strut and mock charge one another in order to attract a mate. It's well worth the 5:30am start!

Contact us to arrange visits and activities
RSPB Conwy, Conwy: 01492 584091
The Glaslyn Osprey Project (end of March to the end of May): 01248 363800
Black Grouse Watch (late March to early September): 029 2035 3000
Or email: cymru@rspb.org.uk

Our Website and Event Diaries  www.rspb.org.uk/wales

Fun and Learning Ideas
• Borrow binoculars on site and learn how to use them
• Do some of these birds migrate from the countries you come from?
• What are different habitats? One way to find out is volunteering to take care of them
We organise education and community projects, field trips and events, volunteering and training at all our sites.

**Cors Goch** Different habitats include limestone grassland, heath, hedgerows, woodland, fen and open water. There is always plenty of colour - see primroses, spring squill, common rock rose, thyme and various orchids and heathers. In spring and summer listen for sedge and grasshopper warblers and look out for 15 species of dragonfly. Butterflies include Small Heath, Small Copper and Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary.

**Cemlyn** This Anglesey reserve is famous for its seabird colony and unique landscape. In summer see sandwich, Arctic and common terns breeding on islands in the lagoon. The sweeping shingle ridge is home to sea kale, thrift and yellow-horned poppy. Two reserve wardens monitor the wildlife from May to August and give information to visitors.

**The Spinnies** Over 185 species of birds have been recorded at this site near Bangor. See greenshank, kingfisher or the elegant little egret in the lagoon and a variety of waders and ducks on the estuary. Grey heron are seen all year round and in late summer a large flock of mute swans. Woodland, hedgerow and meadow birds, butterflies and wild flowers add to the richness.

**Contact us to arrange visits and activities**
Ben Stammers: 01248 351541

**Our Website and Event Diaries:** [www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/northwales](http://www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/northwales)

**Fun and Learning Ideas**
- Identify butterflies or see a porpoise for the first time
- Volunteer to survey wildlife or join in helping managing our reserves
- Explore rock-pools or learn to track an otter
**Cwm Idwal** Wales’s first National Nature Reserve is one of its most dramatic. This whole area was created during the last ice age when huge glaciers of ice carved out the valley that you see today. The plants and animals that you find here are ones that thrive in high mountains, because it is cold. One plant, the Snowdon lily, only grows in this area on cold rocky ledges.

**Newborough Warren /Ynys Llanddwyn** The huge beach has spectacular views across the water to Snowdonia and the Lleyn peninsula, with the biggest areas of sand dunes in Europe. In summer the dunes are full of wonderful flowering plants. On Llanddwyn Island, which is sometimes cut off by the tides, you will find the ruins of a historic medieval church dedicated to Saint Dwynwen, the Welsh patron saint of lovers.

**Coedydd Aber** Coedydd Aber is a wooded valley which runs from the sea to the dramatic Aber Falls. It’s a well-known beauty spot, popular since the Victorian times. The varied landscape is full of wildlife, with birds such as woodpeckers in the woods, peregrine falcons in the cliffs and dippers and grey wagtails on the river. You will also see signs of our ancient past with round huts and cairns.

**Contact us to arrange visits and activities**
For more information about our National Nature Reserves please contact CCW’s Enquiry Line: 0845 1306229 or email: enquiries@ccw.gov.uk

**Our Website** www.ccw.gov.uk

**Fun and Learning Ideas**
• Ask the nature wardens to talk about their work
• Aspire to become a volunteer warden on a National Nature Reserve
• What about a work placement with CCW?
Coed y Brenin Some of the best mountain bike trails in the world, with facilities to match. Whether you’re an expert or a novice, or simply want a gentle family ride among the stunning woods of North Wales, this is the place to head for. Then, after using up all that energy, take a shower and recharge your batteries in the state-of-the-art visitor centre, serving delicious hot meals and snacks.

Newborough Forest The 700-hectare forest on the isle of Anglesey forms part of the internationally-renowned Newborough Warren/Ynys Llanddwyn Special Area of Conservation. As well as a truly stunning location for enjoying quiet walks, riding and cycling, the woods are one of the last strongholds of the endangered red squirrel in Wales.

Moel Famau With Offa’s Dyke long distance footpath running along its boundary and Loggerheads Country Park nearby, Moel Famau forest is described as the gateway to rural Wales. It covers 579 hectares and has a relatively wide range of tree species – perfect for tree-spotting strolls or horse riding to get away from it all. It is within easy reach of Chester and Wrexham, which can be seen from its summit.

Contact us to arrange visits and activities
Aled Thomas, Coed y Brenin: 0845 604 0845
Tim Gordon-Roberts, Newborough Forest: 0845 604 0845
Steve Crosby, Moel Famau: 0845 604 0845

Our Website and Event Diaries: www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry

Fun and Learning Ideas
• Do the North Wales 5x30 Challenge in these wonderful places
• Have a community meeting and go off for a walk together afterwards
• Find out about managing forests and woodlands
Sport and Leisure Centres offer activities such as Tai Chi, badminton, aerobics, trampolining, swimming and so on. Most County Leisure Services provide free sport and swimming to those under 16 or over 60. They organise many sport and outdoor activities, especially during holiday time. Your local library will help you find the information you need on the internet.

Counties provide a range of footpaths, trails, and cycle paths for recreation and are responsible for the designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in North Wales. Picnic, watch birds, discover nature at Country Parks. Many of them have staff and visitor centres. There are programmes of guided walks, practical volunteering workdays, family days and environmental events including talks, arts and crafts and items of historic interest. County Countryside Officers will provide information and advice.

The North Wales 5x30 Outdoor Challenge aims to increase the number of people exercising 5 times a week for 30 minutes, with many events and new routes for cycling, orienteering etc. www.northwalesoutdoorchallenge.co.uk

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<td><a href="http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk">www.gwynedd.gov.uk</a></td>
<td>Tel: 01286 672255 email: <a href="mailto:cefngwlad@gwynedd.gov.uk">cefngwlad@gwynedd.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td><a href="http://www.anglesey.gov.uk">www.anglesey.gov.uk</a></td>
<td>Tel: 01248 752428 <a href="mailto:aonb@anglesey.gov.uk">aonb@anglesey.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>Conwy</td>
<td>Coastal path, Local Nature Reserves: Bryn Euryn, Fairy Glen, Kinmel Dunes, Mynydd Marian, Nant y Coed, Pwllcrochan Woods, Woodlands and Recreational Routes</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.conwy.gov.uk">www.conwy.gov.uk</a></td>
<td>Tel: 01492 575200 email: <a href="mailto:cg.cs@conwy.gov.uk">cg.cs@conwy.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>Flintshire</td>
<td>Clwydian Range AONB, Greenfield Valley Heritage Park, Wepre Country Park. Dee Estuary and Talacre. National Cycle Network Route 5. (Cycling Officer 01352 704633). Tel: 01244 814931 <a href="mailto:countryside@flintshire.gov.uk">countryside@flintshire.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>Denbighshire</td>
<td>Moel Famau Country Park, Loggerheads Country Park. ‘Out and About in Denbighshire’ events booklet. Tel: 01352 810614 <a href="mailto:countryside@denbighshire.gov.uk">countryside@denbighshire.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>Wrexham</td>
<td>7 Country Parks: Alyn Waters, Bonc yr Hafod, Minera, Moss Valley, Nant Mill, Stryt Las, Ty Mawr, Clywedog Trail, and section of Offa’s Dyke. The Clywedog Trail - easy walking with historic interest all around. Tel 01978 763140 email: <a href="mailto:countryparks@wrexham.gov.uk">countryparks@wrexham.gov.uk</a></td>
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Each museum and art gallery has special events and workshops. Museum based staff will work with you to book or develop activities for your group. Use library computers to get website information and contacts to advise on opening times, events, workshops and visits.

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<td>Bangor Museum and Art Gallery. Lloyd George Museum, Cricieth. Volunteer or become a Friend of the Bangor Museum to participate in educational visits, talks and social activities</td>
<td>Regular exhibitions at Bangor Museum and Art Gallery. Oriel Parc Glynllifon. Plus galleries at libraries</td>
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<td><strong>Conwy</strong></td>
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<td>Buckley Museum. Greenfield Valley Museum, Holywell. Mold Museum, Mold. For information email: <a href="mailto:museums@flintshire.gov.uk">museums@flintshire.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>Denbigh Museum, Rhyl Museum, Denbigh Castle, Plas Newydd, and Ruthin Gaol. Denbigh also has a medieval trail and historic town walls. Plas Newydd: regular events in the gardens, group tours, art events. Ruthin Gaol offers children's activities</td>
<td>The new Ruthin Craft Centre will be open in summer 2008. Council-run 'Arts Service' offers events and activities.</td>
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Most archive services will offer you a free Reader's ticket. You can book a session for help you learn how to use the archives and work with the county archivist on your ideas, including putting together the history of your community. Some counties run Day Courses on Tracing Family History and digital story telling.

Most libraries allow you to use their computers free and will give some basic help to enable you to find what you want on the Internet. Librarians also know where to find all kinds of information. Some libraries run IT courses.

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<td>Wrexham</td>
<td>A N Palmer Centre, Wrexham.</td>
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**Other Useful Organisations**

There are many useful organisations that can work in partnership with you to create interesting programmes of activities that increase learning within your community. Ask to use a site for a festival or community event. Organisations from different sectors can work together, for example an educational institution with an environment organisation. Or an organisation may have facilities that you can use. You can run your own workshops using the inspiration of visits and your group’s traditional skills like basket weaving or batik. Once you love the outdoors, you may want to train indoors to be more confident.
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<td>Fantastic directory to outdoor activities in Snowdonia</td>
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<td>NWREN North Wales Race Equality Network</td>
<td><a href="http://www.nwren.org.uk">www.nwren.org.uk</a></td>
<td>Helps you to understand your rights and how to challenge racism. Positive activities include digital storytelling training and facilities</td>
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<td>Local colleges with English and Welsh language courses, e.g. Coleg Menai</td>
<td>Your local library will identify the contacts for you</td>
<td>They often use visits to support language learning and are open to suggestions for activities for students</td>
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<td>Volunteering Wales</td>
<td><a href="http://www.volunteering-wales.net:80/index.html">www.volunteering-wales.net:80/index.html</a></td>
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<td>Taster sessions of all kinds of outdoor activities. Indoor rock climbing wall, dry ski slope. Lessons and courses for amateurs. Professional instructor training</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.plasmenai.co.uk">www.plasmenai.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Amateur courses and career training in watersports - diving, sailing, kayaking, powerboating, navigation</td>
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<td>Environmental and heritage courses and degrees</td>
<td>See the educational database CD in the BEN publication 'Love the Countryside, Work for the Countryside'</td>
<td>Colleges and universities all have advisors who are interested in helping you identify the course you need</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.yha.org.uk/find-accommodation/wales/index.aspx">www.yha.org.uk/find-accommodation/wales/index.aspx</a></td>
<td>Camping and hostels. They run activities and action adventures</td>
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<td>Click on 'walking information' for really useful advice, including mapreading, health and safety</td>
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<td>Your local library will identify the contacts for you</td>
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<td>Wonderful cycle paths along the coast and beyond. Website shows where there is cycle hire and easy routes</td>
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