

There are many attractions to be found in the area surrounding Cae Du; below you can find some of these together with links to the websites for more detailed information, this list does not include all.

Llechwedd Slate Caverns is situated near the historic slate mining town of Blaenau Ffestiniog and is 10 scenic minutes away from Betws-y-coed, and a little less from Cae Du, as it is underground you can even take a look on a rainy day.

It is Europe's steepest mining cable railway travelling down 500 feet to vast underground caverns dug out by the miners to provide mainly slate roofing tiles.

On the same site is Zipworlds Titan run 3 long zip wires you can ride down, see the zipworld site below.

Also on the same site "Bounce Below" a massive underground trampolines to bounce in

<http://www.bouncebelow.net>

<http://www.llechwedd-slate-caverns.co.uk/>

Tree top adventure Just outside Betws-Y Coed and a few minute drive from Cae Du this adventure playground with its high rope courses, swings and rope bridges, and the Powerfan Plummet the worlds' highest Powerfan Parachute Simulator. They also have special courses for 4 to 8 year olds

<http://www.ttadventure.co.uk/>

More Adventure

1 mile long zip wire 700 feet high with spectacular views (they have a smaller one as well) about a 45 minute drive away

www.zipworld.co.uk

Ffestiniog Narrow steam railway there is either Tanygrisiau or Blaenau Ffestiniog stations; about 10 minutes from Cae Du. You can always get off at Maentwrog for a pub lunch and back on to return, or go further on

<http://www.festrail.co.uk/main.shtml>

Betws-Y-Coed Known as the gate way to Snowdonia, A really nice Village about 10 minutes from Cae Du, you can find some nice walks along the river and over the miner's bridge, or around the many shops there are in the village, probably one of the best places to buy outdoor clothing and gear, also has a tourist information centre, you can find out more local information like bike hire, activities, shops and restaurants on the link below

<http://www.betws-y-coed.co.uk/index.html>

Bodnant Gardens, 20 minutes away from Cae Du, this world famous 80 acre Garden is worth a visit at any time of year, even if you are not a keen gardener.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bodnant-garden/>

Go Below which is 15 minutes from Cae Du this is an underground caving adventure which is a sporty and physical activity with no experience necessary

<http://www.go-below.co.uk>

Fishing, if you are keen to fish at Cae Du and other local rivers you must have a fishing licence, and special permit these can be arranged by contacting Bob Wilson on 07920106558 or Paul Dono

Mount Snowdon If you are feeling energetic you should have a go at hiking up to the summit of Snowdon, there is a cafe at the top for a cup of tea, although it is not open in the winter, should you get a clear day the views are spectacular. There are several ways to walk around 40 minutes from Cae Du depending on which path you choose, you can see the main ways up on the link below.

<http://www.mountainwalk.co.uk/walkingsnowdon.html>

Snowdon Mountain Railway is another way up without walking, although it does not run all year and if you visit at peak times it is best to book.

<http://www.snowdonrailway.co.uk/>

Walking/Hiking General information.

<http://snowdonian-walking.co.uk/>

<http://www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/visiting/walking>

There is much brilliant walking to be found in the area, of all types flat to steep, long to short, you can find walks without having to take the car, there are several walks from Cae Du. Further afield and the coastal path is stunning especially around Anglesey, a link below

http://www.visitanglesey.co.uk/anglesey_coastal_path-103.aspx

General information at visit Wales all sorts of information here including what's on now, lists most of the attractions, for kids and adults.

<http://www.visitwales.co.uk/things-to-do-in-wales/>

Castles in Wales there are quite a few some in excellent condition, there is the remains of one about 2 miles down the road, Dolwyddelan castle, only a tower remaining now, but you can go and have a look, There is Conwy, walled town which you can walk the Ramparts, Harlech Castle and visitors centre, Caernarfon, probably the most complete, you can find out about them all on the links below.

<http://www.castlewales.com/home.html>

<http://www.castlewales.com/conwy.html>

<http://www.castlewales.com/harlech.html>

<http://www.caernarfon.com/index.html>

Llanberis is another village worth a visit, it is the starting point for the Snowdon railway and a ascent footpath, you can also find the Electric mountain visitors centre. Shops, restaurants, lake and quarry walk's. Probably about an hour from Cae Du, you will have to drive along the Llanberis pass, a great road.

http://www.fhc.co.uk/electric_mountain.htm

Portmeirion Italianate Village A great day out to be had here, only about an hour away from Cae Du wander around the village, don't miss the walks in the grounds particularly along the beach; if you want a dining experience try their restaurant.

<http://www.portmeirion-village.com/en/visit/>

Penrhyn Castle, a most impressive visit, a good idea on a rainy day, link below.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/penrhyn-castle/>

Art if you are an art lover, about 15 minutes away from the house is Ffin Y Parc, a large country house now home to an ever changing art gallery and rather nice coffee shop and restaurant, some great work to be seen and bought. There are several places now locally where you can find some good original art. Art Gallery, the Oriol Mostyn in Llandudno is worth a look too.

<http://www.welshart.net/>

Llandudno a classic Victorian seaside resort, huge promenade, lots of shops, great pier, with all the things that go with it, boat trips, donkey rides and punch and Judy shows. For a nice lunch try Osborne house hotel opposite the pier.

Take the brilliant cable car up to the great Orme for spectacular views, or the tramway running since 1902, you can find gardens and even a dry ski slope.

<http://www.greatorme.org.uk/>

<http://www.visitllandudno.org.uk>

Boat trips

You can take boat trips to see sights, and wildlife there are several boat services on the near coast and Anglesey, some links below, boat trips also go from Conwy,

<http://www.beaumarismarine.com/Puffin-island-cruise-CerismarTwo.html>

<http://www.angleseyboattrips.com/>

Cycling

Mountain biking Lots of scope here you have a Penmachno, just over the hill and Blaenau Ffestiniog (Antur stioniog) close by, slightly further afield you have Coed Y Brenin, links below, you can also hire bikes in Betws Y Coed.

<http://mbwales.com/default.aspx>

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/coedybrenin>

<http://www.visitwales.co.uk/things-to-do-in-wales/active-outdoor-activities-sports-and-adventure/cycling-in-wales/>

http://mbwales.com/en/content/cms/Blog/Blaenau_Ffestiniog/Blaenau_Ffestiniog.aspx

http://mbwales.com/en/content/cms/Bases/Betws_y_Coed/Betws_y_Coed.aspx

Bike hire

<http://www.betws-y-coed.co.uk/index.html>

<http://bikewales.co.uk>

