

Y Felin, Maes y Pandy farm, Abergynolwyn, Tywyn LL36 9AQ

Distinctly Yours...Doorstep Discoveries No 3.

King Arthur's Labyrinth



Photo courtesy of King Arthur's Labyrinth

A Family Day Out

Suggestions for a day out within a ten mile radius of 'Y Felin' to include some year round and 'all weather' attractions.

Please check the times and details prior to visiting the locations, as there may be seasonal or even daily variations.

*Denoting year round attractions

** Denoting attractions with partial or all weather facilities.

Corris is literally a few miles away by car. A visit to the **Craft Centre**, on the A487 road between Machynlleth and Dolgellau, provides an opportunity to visit several attractions within the same location without having to travel further - a good way to reduce carbon footprint. Read on!

Comprised nine outlets, the Centre offers a range of products some made by local crafts people, ranging from toys to jewellery. A **cafe** on the complex provides refreshments and delicious snacks with a 'flavour of Wales' and some homemade produce.

For details for the individual crafts people click [here](#).

*To contact Café Y Crochan telephone: **01654 761437** or email: cafe@corriscraftcentre.co.uk*

****King Arthur's Labyrinth** – child or adult, who doesn't like adventure, storytelling and excitement? Wrap up warm as the visit takes place underground. With the addition of light and sound effects, stories of King Arthur and other heroes are told, bringing the past to life.

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The story theme continues with the **Bard's Quest**, presenting another opportunity to challenge the imagination and 'explore the paths of time to search out hidden tales'. Above ground, this time, allow up to 45 minutes to enjoy all the stories.

Not finished yet! Next is an opportunity to experience another different underground experience, this time with the ***/**Corris Mine Explorers**. The journey into a slate mine with a 130 year history, offers an insight into how it was worked, until it was abandoned 40 years ago.

Scattered around are the remnants of a past life; machinery, tools, even cigarette packets; all telling the story of what must have been a bustling, noisy existence inextricably linked with the lives of men and their community. The tours, that should be booked in advance, vary in length and are led by an experienced miner.

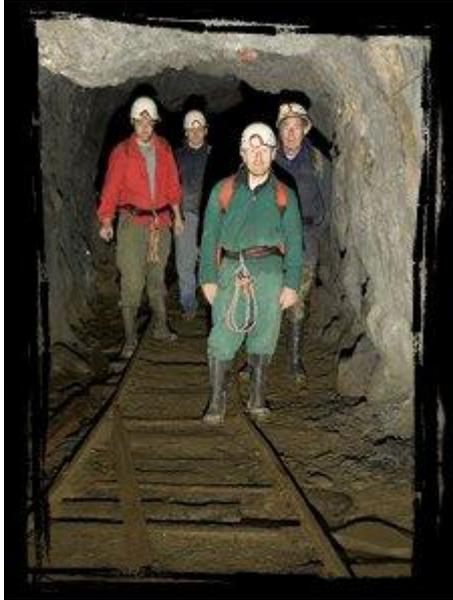


photo courtesy of Ian Rutherford, Corris Mine Explorers

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Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 9RF**

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Particularly for small children, there is a play area situated within the grounds of the centre where there is ample space to 'let off steam' and run around, climb the bars or 'have a go' on the swings.

It is possible to spend the whole day at the complex, but there is more to do!

The area is home to Corris railway, the successor to the horse –and- gravity-worked tram road, built in 1859 to transport slate from the local quarry to the Afon Dyfi/Dovey River and be shipped to world destinations.

Many years later, it is transformed to a passenger railway and together with a museum is open for public journeys. A timetable is available online which also shows special event days and journey

details. The trip (round trip tickets only available), takes 50 minutes that includes a tour of the 133 year old engine shed and workshops at Maespoeth. **It is important to telephone to check services.**

Corris Railway, Station Yard, Corris, Machynlleth, SY20 9SH

Email: enquiries@corris.co.uk

Tel: 01654 761303 for Maespoeth shed /01654 761701 for Museum.

(It might be that an answering machine will pick up the call, so please leave a message).

http://www.corris.co.uk/contact_us.php

Location is 5 miles north of Machynlleth, (within minutes of the Craft Centre) and clearly signposted.

Further on is one of the most well known attractions in the area – ***The Centre for Alternative Technology** or as it is more usually known, CAT.



<http://content.cat.org.uk/index.php/about-cat-what-do-we-do>



The centre's water balanced cliff railway

Originally conceived in 1973 by Gerard Morgan-Grenville, its aim was to develop a community of people dedicated to promoting eco-friendly principles with solutions and technologies to drive the ideas forward. Even having moved forward 38 years, the same ethos remains. He was certainly ahead of his time!

Built on the site of a disused quarry, there are 7 acres of interactive displays, organic gardens, cafe (Taste of Wales accredited), shop and adventure playground.

The visitor centre was a later development but now offers more in the way of interpretation and activities. Courses and residential stays are an important aspect of the work undertaken here. Apart from a few days during the Christmas and New Year period, the centre is generally open throughout the year and has some 'all weather' facilities.

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<http://visit.cat.org.uk/home>

<http://www.visitmidwales.co.uk/see/>

We hope that the above suggestions are useful in planning your day and if you discover anywhere of particular interest that you think should be included in future itineraries, please let us know.