

Penllergare Valley Woods Coedydd Glyn Penllergare

Upper Lake

In 2013/14 the Upper Lake was dredged to return it to its historic shape and to stop it reverting to marshland.



Community-run Coffee Shop

Opened in September 2013 the community Coffee Shop is run by over 30 local volunteers. Call in for a chat, 'proper coffee', some delicious home-made cakes and sandwiches. All profits go to the future maintenance and restoration of Penllergare.



East Bank & Bluebell Wood

Managed by the Forestry Commission for part of the 20th century, today the east bank provides stunning views across the valley as well as woodland trails, rustic bridges and steps through mysterious and hidden places.



The Observatory

Built by John Dillwyn Llewelyn in 1851/52 and situated towards the side of Penllergare House, the Observatory is one of the few remaining 19th century structures at Penllergare.



Terrace Gardens

In the 19th century the steps through the Terrace Gardens would have been the main route from the Big House to the Upper Lake.



Nyddfych

From the late medieval period Nyddfych was a separate landholding. It was absorbed into the Penllergare estate in 1756 on the marriage of Jane Mathews to Griffith Price; fell into disrepair and later abandoned. From the site of the now demolished Nyddfych house you can see wonderful views across the valley.



Carriage Drive

Walk the mile and a half carriage drive from Cadle Mill - the original entrance to the estate - to where the old mansion used to be in the north. (Or vice versa) It was constructed in 1833 at about the time the newly weds John and Emma Dillwyn Llewelyn set up home at the 'Big House'.

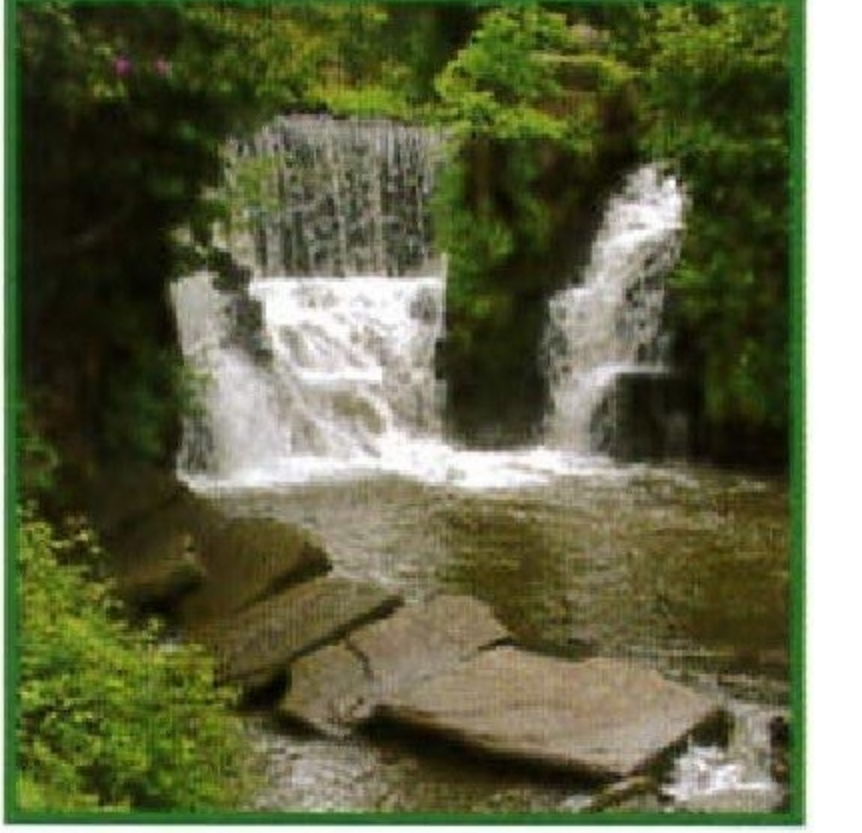
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- Main paths —————
- Alternative routes - - - - -
- [All paths may be muddy in certain weather conditions]
- Entrances ▲
- Bus Stops ●
- Distance north to south = 1½ miles



Waterfall

The Waterfall, that is now the most iconic feature in Valley Woods, was repaired in 2014. A hydro-turbine, Archimedes Screw, was installed nearby on the east side of the river, to generate electricity.



Llewelyn Bridge

The original stone-built bridge was possibly the first crossing point over the River Llan. Gradually it fell into disrepair before being demolished in the 1950s. Now newly rebuilt in traditional materials it was named the Llewelyn Bridge after the family who, over three generations, was instrumental in creating much of the landscape that can be seen today.



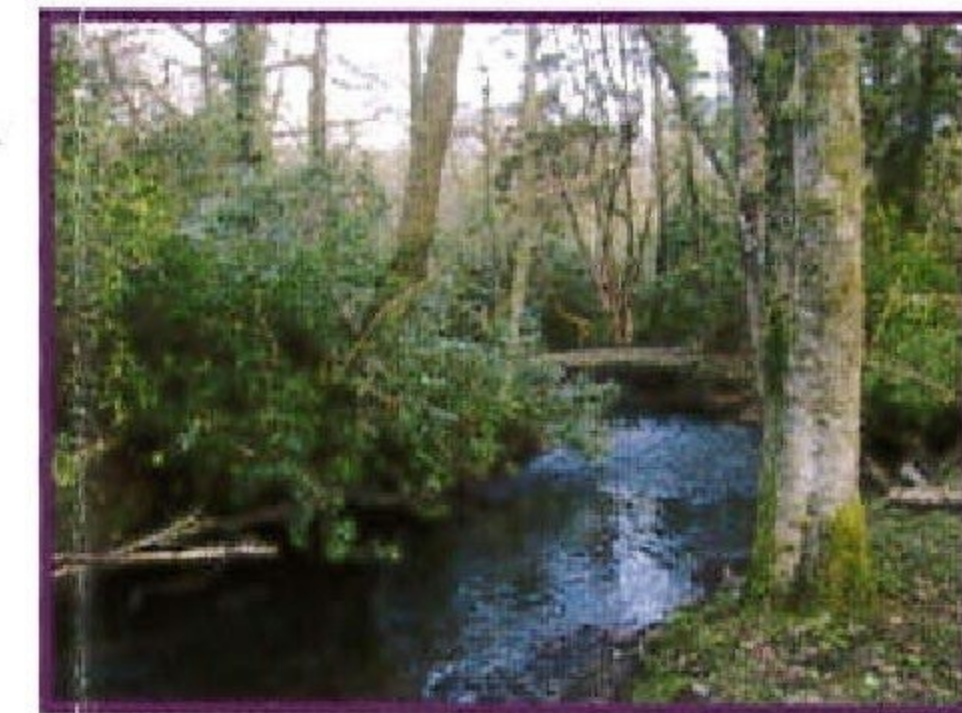
Lower Lake & Cascades

Starting in 1838, John Dillwyn Llewelyn created two lakes and two waterfalls in the valley as part of his grand design. Boating was a popular activity for the family on Lower Lake and the boathouse a favourite picnic location.



River Llan

Go on an exploration along the winding River Llan. Have an adventure as you trail through bamboo and rhododendron, and cross bridges



Walkers' Code

When you are visiting Penllergare please remember to:-

- Wear sturdy footwear
- Be aware of uneven and slippery surfaces
- Take care near water and steep drops
- Protect wildlife, plants, trees and structures
- Not camp or light fires
- Not bring cars, bikes, quads or horses into the woods
- Keep dogs under control – use bins provided
- Take litter home with you