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CASTLES OF NORTH WALES



DESCRIPTION:

Wales is often called the "Land of Castles". North Wales lives up to that name. It hosts a range of different castles – from the grand and still well-formed Caernarfon Castle to the ruined tower of Dolbadarn Castle.

From Beaumaris Castle that started to be built in 1295AD but was never fully completed, to Bodelwyddan Castle which has had many face-lifts and has been used as a hospital and a school. From the impressive and mighty Conwy Castle to the small and discrete Dolwyddelan Castle. Few are privately owned, some are owned by the National Trust, e.g. Penrhyn Castle, however most are managed by [CADW](http://www.cadw.gov.uk) – an organisation who preserve the many ancient monuments of Wales.

WEBSITES:

1. Beaumaris Castle <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/daysout/beaumaris-castle/?lang=en>
2. Caernarfon Castle <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/daysout/caernarfon-castle/?lang=en>
3. Conwy Castle <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/daysout/conwycastle/?lang=en>
4. Criccieth Castle <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/daysout/criccieth-castle/?lang=en>
5. Dolwyddelan Castle <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/daysout/dolwyddelan-castle/?lang=en>
6. Harlech Castle <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/daysout/harlechcastle/?skip=1&lang=en>
7. Bodelwyddan Castle <http://www.bodelwyddan-castle.co.uk/index.html>
8. Dolbadarn Castle <http://www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/a-sense-of-place/history-of-snowdonia/castles-of-snowdonia/dolbadarn-castle>
9. Penrhyn Castle <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/penrhyn-castle/>

HOW TO GET THERE:

Public Castles 1-6 : See above links for travel info.

Transport:

Bodelwyddan: Train to Abergele & Pensarn (1hour, approx. £12) then taxi (12min, 5.7miles)

Dolbadarn: Bus to Llanberis - See Llanberis D.I.Y. Trip)

Penrhyn Castle: approx. 2 miles outside Bangor, see above website for travel info.

Car: For directions see the individual castle web pages or use [AA Route Planner](http://www.aa.com) or [RAC Route Planner](http://www.rac.co.uk).

MORE INFO: [The Castles of Wales](http://www.thecastlesofwales.com) is a website created by a castle-enthusiast. The site has lots of interesting history and great photographs.

