

# The Slate Landscape of North West Wales

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## Penrhyn Castle

Is the former home of the Pennant family, the first Baron of Penrhyn who set up the Penrhyn Slate Quarry. Today you can open the door and step inside where the Pennant family and their famous guests dined and played in opulent fashion. Offering opulent Victorian interiors, it's crammed with fascinating items, such as a one-ton slate bed made for Queen Victoria, elaborate carvings, plasterwork and mock-Norman furniture plus a train and doll museum. In addition, it has an outstanding collection of paintings. The 24.3 hectares (60 acres) of grounds include parkland, an exotic tree and shrub collection as well as a Victorian walled garden.

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## The National Slate Museum

Dinorwig Quarry closed in 1969. Today, rather than fashioning wagons and forging rails, the workshops tell a very special story: the story of the Welsh slate industry. The National Slate Museum is located in the Victorian workshops built in the shadow of Elidir mountain, site of the vast Dinorwig quarry. Here you can travel into the past of an industry and a way of life that has chiselled itself into the very being of this country.

The National Slate Museum tells the story of the to glimpse the lives of the slate workers and their families. Cafe and large gift shop on site. Guided tours available on request.

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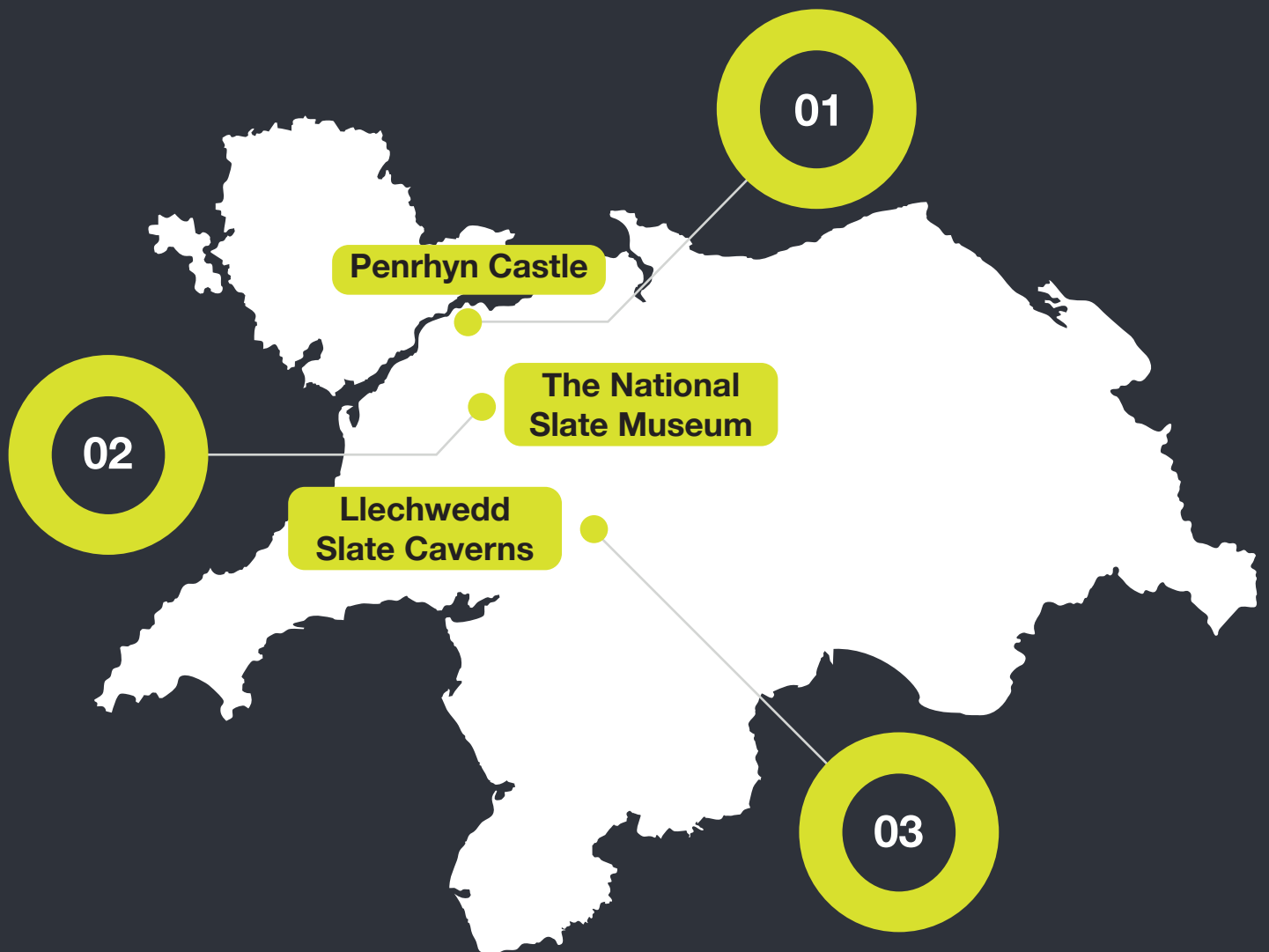


## Llechwedd Slate Caverns

Llechwedd's Slate Mountain Adventure guides you on a truly unique experience through the historically significant quarry. Starting with an exhilarating ex-military truck ride to the highest peaks of the 2,000 acre site, you'll visit the vast quarries of Maenofferen, Diffwys Casson. You will then be guided 500 feet below the ground on Europe's steepest cable railway into the Deep Mine. During your journey through these cavernous chambers you'll follow some of the individual stories of the miners, combined with personal experiences from your guide, culminating in an award-winning, emotional light and sound display at the underground lake.



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