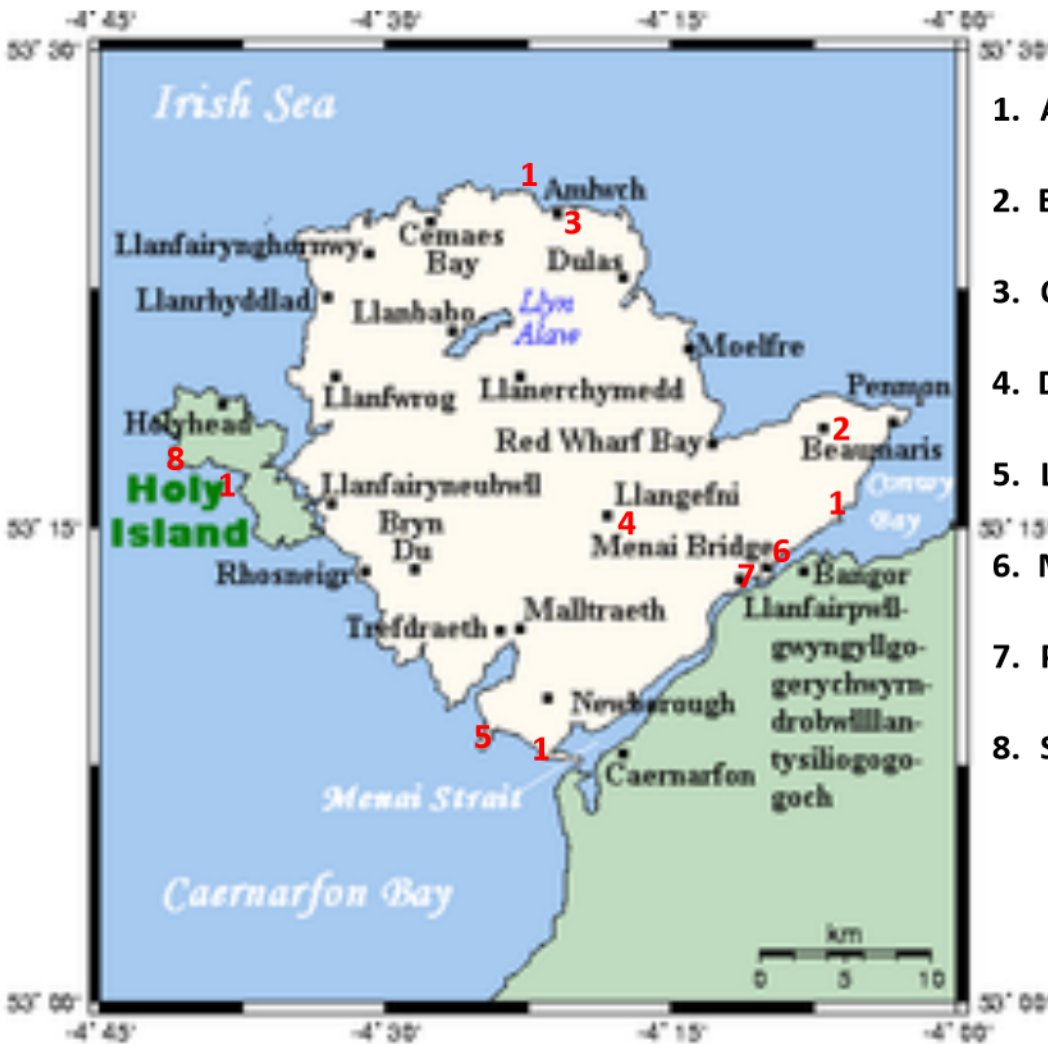




# Holyhead

## Anglesey - "Gateway from Ireland"

According to Celtic folklore, the Roman invaders of 60AD were scared witless by Anglesey's fearless Celtic druids. We're glad to report that visitors are welcomed more warmly these days... With so many things to see in Anglesey we've tried to choose the eight best Anglesey points of interest to get you started.



1. **Anglesey Coastal Path**  
Starts in Holyhead
2. **Beaumaris Castle**  
25 miles
3. **Copper Kingdom**  
20 miles
4. **Dingle Nature Reserve**  
15 miles
5. **Llanddwyn Island**  
25 miles
6. **Menai Suspension Bridge**  
21 miles
7. **Plas Newydd Country House**  
21 miles
8. **South Stack Lighthouse**  
2 miles

All the above distances are from Holyhead docks.

It is the last rail station before crossing the Menai Bridge to mainland Wales.

Here you can turn right along the coast to **Caernarfon Castle**, where all Prince of Wales' are invested

Anglesey owns the longest town name in the whole of Britain:

**Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch**



**Anglesey Coastal Path** There are countless places worth visiting along the 125 mile path. Geologists may keel over at the rock types here and archaeologists will love visiting one of the many ancient sites in Britain. Nature lovers will enjoy spotting a variety of rare birds, while history buffs will be intrigued by visits from notable figures such as Oliver Cromwell and Charles Dickens. The Coastal Path falls within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty along 95% of the coast. It passes through landscape mixture of farmland, coastal heath, dunes, salt-marsh, foreshore, cliffs and a few small pockets of woodland. This includes a National Nature Reserve.

**Copper Kingdom** There are surprises around every corner in Anglesey. Amlwch once featured the largest copper mine in the world. In the late 1800s there were nearly 10,000 people resident in Amlwch, roughly half the population of New York at the time, according to local historians. The unique landscape of Parys Mountain is well worth a visit.



**Llanddwyn Island** This stunning outcrop jutting from the mainland is one of the most picturesque locations in Wales. The ruined church was once home to Saint Dwynwen, the Welsh patron saint of lovers from the 5th century AD. When her true love Maelon was turned to ice, Dwynwen had the good sense to move to Llanddwyn Island.



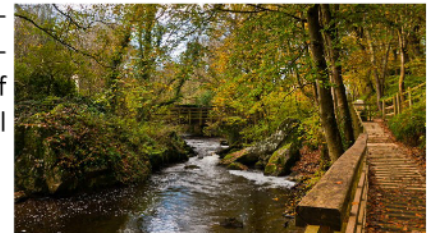
**Plas Newydd Country House** situated on the shore of the Menai Strait, this National Trust house dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It houses a military museum, an Australian arboretum and an exhibition of Rex Whistler paintings from the 1930s. Whether he played games of Frisbee Golf in the Dairy Wood during breaks is not known, but that option is now available.



**Beaumaris Castle** the last great castle built under Edward 1 in the 13th century, Beaumaris was never completed, not that you'd notice. It's designated a World Heritage site and all its innovations remain for all to wonder at the devilish imagination and detail that went into its construction.



**Dingle Nature Reserve** If you're looking for kingfishers, woodpeckers and moorhens you've come to the right place. This ancient 25 acre wooded valley is a hideaway carpeted with bluebells in the spring with various bridges and walkways to improve accessibility and picnic tables so you can really make the most of this almost mystical location.



**Menai Suspension Bridge** It's unlikely you'll miss Anglesey's Menai Suspension Bridge. Built by Thomas Telford, opened in 1826, it's the first modern suspension bridge in the world. Prior to its construction cattle farmers would somehow have to persuade their herd to swim across the Menai Straits to market.



**South Stack Lighthouse & Cliff** You don't have to be an enthusiastic bird watcher to enjoy a visit to this glorious, bracing outpost of Anglesey; you'll soon be playing the time-honored game of playing spot-the-puffin or one of the rare breeding pair of choughs among the colonies of guillemots and razorbills clinging to the cliffs.

