

SWANSEA SUSTAINABILITY TRAIL: EDUCATION RESOURCE



Tandem Tour 1: Natural North (KS2)

Llys Nini RSPCA and Penllergare Valley Woods are two contrasting but nearby sites that offer wonderful opportunities to explore the wealth of Welsh wildlife and/or local heritage.

Curriculum Links

Swansea Sustainability Trail offers a wide range of learning opportunities linked to the NCW Programmes of Study and associated frameworks. Links particularly relevant to these projects include:

Science: KS2 – interdependence of organisms (contrasting local environments)

Geography: KS2 – understanding places, environments and processes (features, change)

History: KS2 – living locally in the nineteenth century

Personal and Social Education: KS2 – sustainable development and global citizenship

Project Overviews

Llys Nini RSPCA: A large site with a variety of habitats including woodlands, meadows and ponds. Facilities include a pond dipping area, a bird hide, a classroom and a number of trails around the grounds including a heritage trail created as part of the Gwlad Nini Media Heritage Project.

Web: www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk, www.gwlad-nini.org **Tel:** 01792 229435

Penllergare Valley Woods: Former parkland and gardens, with a rich variety of trees, shrubs and exotic plants, two lakes and a waterfall. This historic landscape was created by John Dillwyn Llewelyn, the famous local horticulturalist and pioneering photographer, as part of his private estate. Penllergare Trust is leading the restoration of many of the site's features and enhancing the diversity of wildlife. A self-guide trail leaflet and information on the historic features are available on the website.

Web: www.penllergare.org

Tel: 01558 650416

Practical Information

Groups must contact both projects in advance to arrange a visit. Most of the Llys Nini site is accessible but Penllergare Valley Woods includes slopes and uneven ground. Parking, classroom facilities, toilets and facilities for having lunch are available at both sites (some facilities at Penllergare are only available by prior arrangement). Both projects have education staff and offer a range of activities, charges may apply.

Tour Alternatives

Other Trail Projects: Swansea Community Farm is close to the other two sites and offers a different range of habitats with demonstrations of organic growing and animal welfare. Bishops Wood Local Nature Reserve is another great wildlife site and also has links to John Dilwyn Llewelyn.

Off the Trail: Cadle Health Local Nature Reserve, close to the Community Farm, provides a great example of heathland in an urban setting, which can be contrasted with woodland and wetland sites. Visit the local historic site of St. Teilo Church near Pontarddulais with a volunteer from the Friends of Llandeilo Tal-y-bont Old Churchyard (the church itself is now at St. Fagan's).

For more information on Swansea Sustainability Trail and the projects mentioned above visit the website www.sustainableswansea.net/sustainability-trail.html

Sustainable Swansea may be able to contribute to transport costs and accompany a tour.