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# Anglesey, Ynys Mon Geopark July 5-10 2026



## **A word from your leaders...**

Anglesey is one of those places that you can return to again and again, it has so much to offer by way of rock variety and geological history. No wonder it's a Global Geopark! We last visited in 2017 and for this trip, have included both old favourites and new localities. The geology and coastal geomorphology of Anglesey is stunning and there are always new sites to see.

On our last visit we stayed at the Anglesey Arms in Menai Bridge in the south of the island. This time we are switching back to the north of the island and staying at the family run Dinorben Arms Hotel in Amlwch, which is where the Ynys Mon Geopark is based. The hotel has comfortable rooms that have been recently refurbished and also has a restaurant for breakfast and evening meals.

This trip will be jointly led by Chris and Colin, with Chris concentrating on the bedrock geology whilst Colin will be casting his eagle eye over the landscape and the coastal geomorphology. We will be visiting some new sites as well as ones that we have visited before.

As always, Anglesey is popular, so early booking is strongly advised, especially if you are looking for a single room.

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## **Getting to and from Anglesey**

There are regular train services from a wide range of places to Bangor, from where there is a bus over the bridge on to Anglesey and on to Amlwch, a journey of just under an hour. For those arriving by car, there are good routes across Wales either by the A5 to Bangor or the expressway along the coast. Once on Anglesey take the direct road to Amlwch.

On the final day we'll finish not later than 13.00 allowing plenty of time for you to get home.

## Getting around on the trip

For this trip we will make use of the extensive local bus network on the island. We'll also have a hired minibus on at least one day and we may also need to use cars on one day. A lot depends on how many people book for the trip.

## Walking

Everything should be within the capabilities of all of the party. We will always try to get as close as possible to the sites, but this will still mean that there are some walks of a couple of miles, to see the best exposures. There will be some short sections of steep cliff ascents and descents. However, if at any time you wish to 'opt out' that will be fully acceptable and understood. In view of the uncertainties of the weather you are strongly advised to bring all waterproofs and walking boots – particularly as you will be walking over rough ground.

## Why Anglesey?

Geologically, Anglesey is an amazing place, which is why it has been designated a Global Geopark. Recent research has radically changed a lot of what we used to take as 'gospel'. Whilst some of the Mona Complex is of late Precambrian age, more of it has now been assigned to the Cambrian. In parts of the island, we recognise elements that belong to an ophiolite complex involving obduction of material that was earlier subducted!

These ancient rocks are overlain by younger material from the Ordovician, Silurian, Devonian and Carboniferous. With the addition of a number of exotic rock types and also the amazing minerals of Parys Mountain, this is a true geologist's paradise!

## Accommodation & Food



Good food and a good night's rest are important elements to our trips and so we always try to use small hotels and guesthouses that offer en-suite or private facilities. For this visit to Anglesey, we've a friendly, family run inn with a good reviews. It offers a choice of rooms, all of which have en suite or adjacent private facilities. Single accommodation is available, with 2 rooms, and also doubles for single use, at a modest supplement. There's an on site restaurant that will provide us with breakfasts and evening meals.

We are happy to help anyone looking for someone to share a twin bedded room - simply indicate on the booking form. Packed lunches, will be sourced locally for each full field day.

## Itinerary

*The following is not intended to be prescriptive, but to give you an idea of what we hope to cover during this trip:-*

- **Newborough Warren** - Mona Complex pillow lavas and ocean floor sediments
- **Porth Trecastell & Rhosneigr** - superb folded gneisses and cliffs in Monian rocks
- **South Stack Lighthouse** - superb folding of quartzites
- **Parys Mountain** - Ordovician and Silurian strata and mineralisation
- **Lligwy Bay** - Devonian red strata and sedimentary structures
- **Traeth Bychan & Benllech Bay** - fossiliferous Carboniferous rocks and structures
- **Porth y Pwll & Porth y Post** - complex structures in rocks of the New Harbour Group
- **Cemaes Bay area** - Mona Complex thrusts and associated rocks
- **Beaumaris and Red Wharf Bay** - Carboniferous limestones

*We will finish no later than 13.00 on the final day, probably at Amlwch, allowing everyone to get straight off to Bangor.*



## Cost

For 2 people sharing a double or twin room, the cost of the 5-night trip will be £995.00 per person; for single occupancy, the cost will be £995.00 per person and is limited to a maximum of 2, after that it will be £1095 for single use of a double room up to a maximum of 2. If you are willing to share, but don't have a companion, just indicate on the form and we will try to help you.

## What's included in the cost?

- The services of Chris Darmon and Colin Schofield as tutors, who will be available to you at all reasonable times
- Accommodation and meals as specified here
- The cost of all transport used during the trip
- Admission to any museums, exhibitions etc. as visited by the group

## What's excluded from the cost?

- The cost of travel between your home and Anglesey
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenditure

## Insurance

Everyone booking a place and paying a deposit are strongly advised to take out holiday insurance. This can cover you against loss of money in the event of cancellation etc. Cover is often included in with your credit card or bank account.

## Booking

Please fill in and return a completed booking form.. Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of either a deposit of £250.00 per person or the full payment. **The balance of the brochure price will be due by March 31st. 2026.**

***This trip will run provided a minimum of 12 people have booked by January 31st. 2026.***

## Your money...

Upon receipt, all monies paid for these trips are placed in a specific 'client trust account' where it cannot be drawn by us until after completion of the tour. This is in accordance with EU Directives and ensures that your money is safe in the unlikely event of corporate failure by Geo Supplies.

## Recommended reading...

Anglesey has a number of publications, some of which are difficult to access, others are readable and also up to date. We recommend the following that will cover our needs:

***Anglesey Geology - a field guide*** (Traegus) £10.95  
***Anglesey 1:50 000 map*** (BGS) £13.00

*These are both available via our website [www.geosupplies.co.uk](http://www.geosupplies.co.uk) and the prices quoted include UK postage.*

## What happens next?

As soon as we are in a position of confirming that the trip will run - pretty soon if previous trips are anything to go by - we will let you know. You will then be free to start making your own travel plans and to take advantage of early deals.

Please don't make any such arrangements until we have been in touch with you.

***Please also see information contained in our 'Residential Field Trips 2025/6'***



**If you have any questions or queries - contact Chris Darmon as follows:-  
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