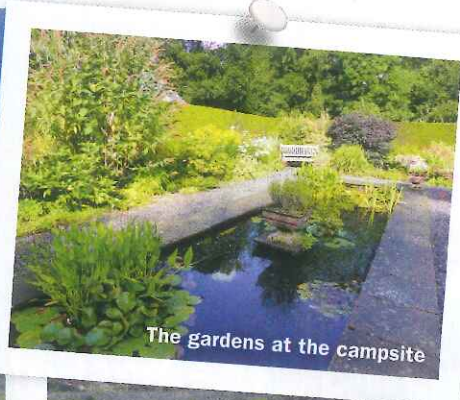
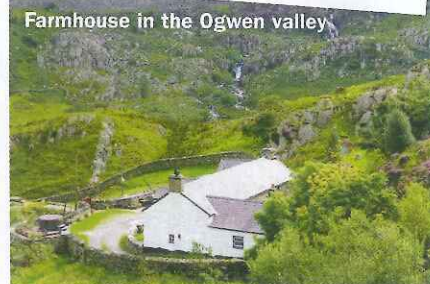


The view over Bethesda from Carnedd Filiast



The gardens at the campsite



Farmhouse in the Ogwen valley

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The Joys of Life Country Park CL, Gwynedd

PLAN YOUR STAY

I think I firstly fell for the name of this campsite: The Joys of Life sounded like my sort of place.

When we arrived, it was even better than I might have hoped. It is the location that makes this a lovely place to stay; Wendy and Ieuan Jones have created a beautiful landscape that campers are welcome to explore. You can sit in the rose garden or by the lily pond, or you can stroll around the small lake and watch the ducks.

Our favourite time to stroll around the large garden was the evening; we would walk through the woodland listening to the owls and enjoy the bats sweeping over our heads.

A Certified Location for up to five members' vans, there are both grass and three level hardstanding pitches. There is no shower but the site does have a toilet and water, and chemical toilet and grey water disposal.

Although the site is near to the slate quarry, this didn't seem to intrude on the peace and quiet during our stay.

For supplies you can follow woodland paths to a bridge over the

River Ogwen and reach Bethesda in about 10 minutes, where there is a choice of supermarkets.

There is plenty to do in this part of north Wales. If you enjoy adrenalin-pumping activities you might like Zip World, which claims to be the longest and fastest zipline in Europe and is only a few minutes away from the site. I prefer less extreme sports, so we walked up some of the high Welsh mountains that surround Bethesda and cycled on the Lon Las Ogwen cycle route – just 400 yards from site.

Going east, this route follows paths and the old road very steeply along the beautiful Ogwen valley. Cycling west, the route is less precipitous and follows an old railway line from Tregarth, through woodland to the National Trust's Penrhyn Castle, and Bangor's old port, where the slate from the quarry in Bethesda is shipped all over the world.



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- All year**
- Two adults, pitch and electric: From £15**

Nearest public transport: 200 yards
Nearest pub/restaurant: In Bethesda
Directions: Leave A5 south of Bethesda on to B4409 to Tregarth, crossing a river bridge. Pass the quarry and cottages on left. Site entrance, with red gates, is on right in 200 yards



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