

YOUR VISIT TO THE MINE

The Llywernog Silver-lead Mine is unique. Only here can you wander round hundreds of authentic exhibits and discover the fascinating history of mining for gold, silver and lead in Wales.

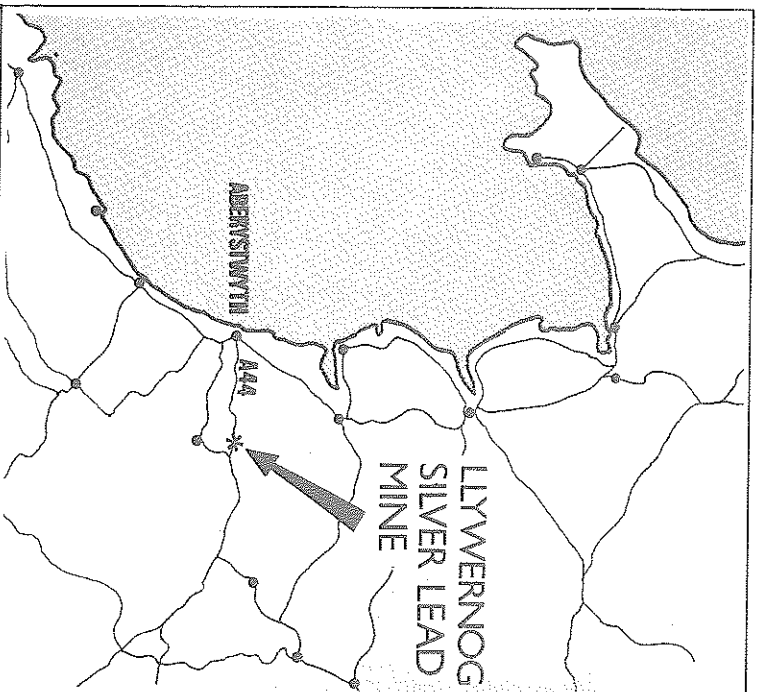
Prospecting at Llywernog began in the 1740's and the mine reached its greatest depth 150 years later. In the 1880's it fell silent and abandoned until restoration work started in 1973.

The exciting story unfolds as you follow the 'Miners' Trail'.

In the Main Building, the 'California of Wales' Exhibition gives a unique insight into the colourful past of mining in Mid-Wales, including the famous Cwmystwyth Mine, the Welsh Gold Rushes, and the silver coins minted in Aberystwyth.

From here the more adventurous may like to visit Balcombes' Level - a walk into the mountain in a 180 year old tunnel to a flood-lit cavern containing the Blue Pool, a Prospecting Pit sunk on the 'Llywernog Main Lode' by long-forgotten miners in about 1795. Silver-lead ore can still be seen in the roof of the level.

The 'Miners' Trail' continues from the rear of the Main Building and wanders through the 6½ acre site past splashing waterwheels, the curious Gunpowder Magazine, and many more historic exhibits.



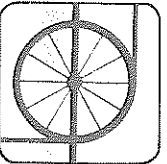
11 miles east of Aberystwyth on the A44 Trunk Road.

ADMISSION :

Adults 40p.
Children (5-16yrs) 25p.
O.A.P.s. 25p.
Parties welcome—rates on request.

OPENING HOURS :

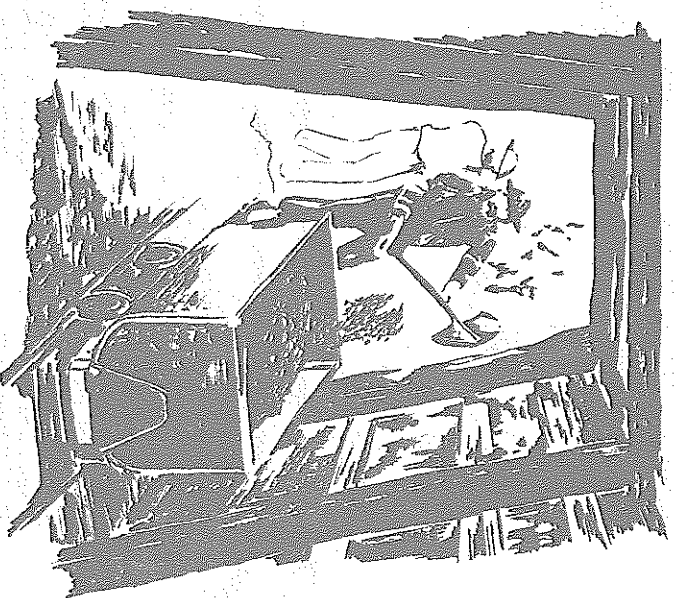
Open every day including Sundays and Bank Holidays.
Easter to September :—
10.00 a.m. — 6.00 p.m.
Last admissions 5.30 p.m.
September and October :—
10.00 a.m. — 4.30 p.m.
Last admissions 4.00 p.m.



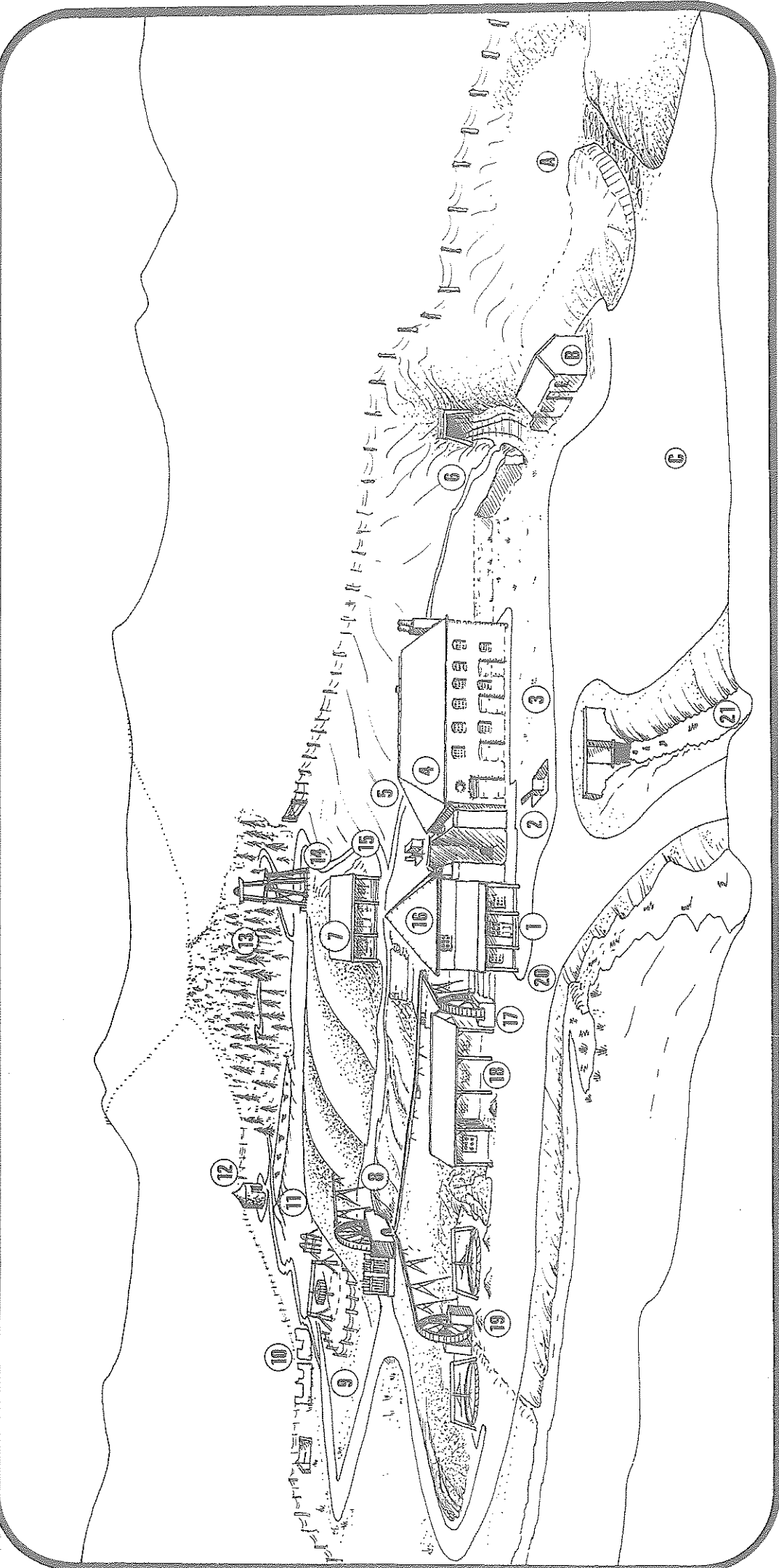
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walk through living history



- 1 Entrance & Tourist Information Point.
- 2 Giant Water-wheel Pit & housing for the Balance-bob.
- 3 Parts of a 50ft. diameter waterwheel (c.1865) awaiting restoration.
- 4 Main building (c.1869/70) containing recreated underground scenes & the 'California of Wales' Mining Exhibition.
- 5 Start of the 'Miners' Trail'. From here the more adventurous may like to visit. . . .
- 6 Balcombes' Level - Walk into the mountain and see a floodlit cavern containing the Blue Pool, a Prospecting Pit sunk on the 'Llywernog Main Lode' by long-forgotten miners in about 1795. Silver-lead Ore can still be seen in the roof of the level.

- *7 Audio-visual theatre-15 minute slide programmes.
- *8 Stamps Mill & Central Foundry water-wheel.
- *9 Horse-whim - reproduction of the machine used for winding ore from underground workings until 1859.
- 10 Ruins of the original 1790 Mine Office.
- 11 Mine reservoir.
- 12 Gunpowder Magazine—Ty Powdwr in Welsh - built like a bee-hive.
- 13 Winding-wheel Pit (c.1865) hidden in the Pine Forest.
- 14 Main 'Engine-shaft' & headframe. First sunk in about 1810 this vertical shaft reached a maximum depth of 432ft. (132m) in 1872.

- 15 Line of the Pumping 'Flat rods' from Water-wheel to Shaft.
- 16 Rock Crusher House - Craft shop on First Floor. The Ground Floor contains the only Roll Crusher left in Wales. (c.1850)
- 17 Eagle Foundry Water-wheel.
- *18 The Jigger Shed - containing a hand ore-processing machine and a growing collection of water Turbines.
- 19 Round Biddles and the Cardigan Foundry Water-wheel.
- 20 Exit Point to Car Park.
- 21 Main Adit or drainage level driven in to link with the Shaft.
- *A Picnic Area created in conjunction with the Countryside Commission.
- *B Toilets.
- *C Car and Coach Park.

* Available from Whiteam 1977.