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FOLLOW THE STORY: Discover more about the life of the quarrymen and their families in north Wales by visiting **Cae'r Gors**, the childhood home of author Kate Roberts in Rhosgadfan near Caernarfon, now under the care of Cadw

Moving Mountains!

A Walk around the slate landscape of Llanberis

Duration: 1½ hours - Easy-Moderate Walk

Start at the car park at **Padarn Country Park (1)** Postcode LL55 4TY. Towering above you are the slabs and waste of Dinorwic Quarry, once one of the largest slate quarries in the world. In the late 19th century it employed 3000 men who produced 100,000 tons of slate per year.

Keeping the railway on your right take a walk up the designated footpath and up the steps to the **Quarry Hospital (2)**. Opened in the 1860s the hospital provided medical care to quarrymen. It is now open to the public and features a display of the innovative equipment once used there, including amputation tools and an x-ray machine.

From here follow the road past the vast hole of the now flooded **Vivian Slate Quarry (3)**. When you return to the car park you can view the quarry, and look out for rock-climbers and divers pursuing their respective sports where quarrymen once made their living.

On your return you are back beside the station for the **Llanberis Lake Railway (4)** at Gilfach Ddu. The present railway follows the original 1840's line constructed to transport slate from the quarry to Port Dinorwic (Felinheli) where it was loaded on to ships and exported all over the world.

Since 1972, Padarn Country Park has been home to the **National Slate Museum (5)** situated at the former engineering headquarters of the Dinorwic Quarry. Entry is free and keep an eye out for the slate splitting demonstrations.

Leaving the museum, turn right and follow the wall to a footbridge over the river and across the park to **Dolbadarn Castle (6)** built by Llywelyn the Great.

On reaching the main road you will see the **Snowdon Mountain Railway Station (7)**. Finish at the **Electric Mountain (8)** visitor centre and take a tour of the power station. There is also an Our Heritage exhibition here.



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