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ABERYSTWYTH PROMANADE

3 Miles

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To start this walk we recommend that you begin at the Castle grounds, however, the walk can be taken up at any point along the promenade.

See Map for parking details



1. Start. The construction of Aberystwyth Castle began in 1277. Work was finally completed in 1289, surviving two Welsh uprisings. The current state of the castle is due to an order to blow it up in 1649, combined with the use of it as a convenient supply of stone for the construction of other buildings in the town.

The castle grounds are also home to a war memorial commissioned from Italy in 1919. Inside the castle walls you can see a bardic circle of 13 stones, one for each of the old Welsh counties, erected during the 1916 Eisteddfod.

The grounds are an excellent place to view Cardigan Bay and have a picnic. There is also a children's playground, putting green and crazy golf course.

2. From the castle join the promenade and walk towards the Pier. The Pier was the first purpose built pleasure pier in Wales. It was opened in 1865 and was originally 800ft long. Unfortunately seven months after it was opened a severe storm washed away 100ft of the pier. In 1938 a further storm reduced the size of the pier by half is the pier you see today

The pier now houses a pub, night club, ice cream parlour, amusement arcade, brassiere and snooker club.

3. From the pier continue along the promenade. Walk as much or as little as you like, there are plenty of benches to rest upon along the way.



4. Should you reach the end of the promenade then you could take the cliff railway to the top of Constitution hill, which reaches 430ft



4 cont... The railway travels at a great speed of 4 miles an hour, but is preferable to walking! It gives you a fantastic view of the town and bay. Opened in 1896 this is Britain's longest electric cliff railway.

5. At the top of Constitution Hill sits the camera obscura. Inside is a fourteen inch lens which reflects an all round view of the town and over one thousand square miles of the surrounding countryside.

N.B There are ramps at the bottom station and a lift at the top station. No steps to the summit ensures that the



6. Retrace your tracks to the start.

Note: There are few public toilets along the way if required, see map for details.

