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DEVILS BRIDGE ABERYSWYTH

From the hotel turn left into Aberdovey, drive through the village to Machynlleth and towards Aberystwyth on the A487. On reaching Bow Street drive through the village, you will see a builders' yard on the right, immediately after this turn left. On reaching the roundabout turn left onto the A44 and follow the signs to Devils Bridge.

Alternatively drive to Aberystwyth and travel on the Vale of Rheidol Railway. Please note there is a toll charge for these walks which is payable at the turnstile gates.

Short Walk

This is a walk which descends down to the river upstream of the waterfalls

Here you can see how the river Mynach has carved beautiful large holes into the rock. From this view point the three bridges famously built one on top of the other tower overhead making a spectacular sight.

The lowest is the Devil's Bridge, a simple stone arch which, despite its name, is thought to have been made by monks of the Strata Florida Abbey for it lies on a route they used to travel. The river itself take its name from the holy men, Mynach being Welsh for monk.



The middle bridge was built in approximately 1708 and has a fine iron balustrade. And the top bridge was built by Cardiganshire County Council at the beginning of the 20th century.





Long Walk

Along the Nature Trail you can follow in footsteps of the monks of past times and enjoy views of spectacular waterfalls. Walk through the peaceful wooded gorge taking care as you descend Jacob's Ladder, 100 continuous steps.

Cross over the bridge at the bottom and head back on the other side of the steep gorge.

The Rheidol is one of the swiftest rivers in Britain, falling 1750 feet in 28 miles between its source on Plynlimon and the sea at Aberystwyth.

Whilst catching your breath at the end of your walk take advantage of the free viewing telescope and enjoy the view of the distant Cambrian Mountains. Exit opposite the Hafod Hotel.

Vale of Rhiedol Railway

"An unforgettable journey through the spectacular Rheidol Valley by narrow gauge steam train."

The Vale of Rheidol Railway is one of the Great Little Trains of Wales and was the last steam railway owned by British Rail until it was privatised in 1989. Trains depart from the centre of the resort town of Aberystwyth on the Cambrian coast. The railway is adjacent to the British Rail station and ample car parking is available in the car park off Park Avenue.



The numbers 1 to 14 shown on this map correspond with the numbers in the Nature Trail Guide Book on sale at the entrance.

