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# AROUND ABERYSTWYTH 3 MILES

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From Aberystwyth Train Station, cross the road at the pelican crossing, turn right and take the first left by the Vale of Rheidol pub. Continue along this road going ahead at Owain Glyndwr Square and passing the Ceredigion Museum on the right next to Boots the Chemist. Carry straight on to the sea front.

Turn right here and walk along the prom to the end. Turn right and walk up to the cliff railway station. You can either walk to the top or travel on the cliff railway. At the top walk to the left of the cafe, past an unused building on your left and then right to join the cliff path which will lead you to the road at Clarach Bay.

On reaching the road turn right and walk for a quarter of a mile until you reach a way marked road which heads very sharply right. Walk up this road and continue ahead through a gate to a track through the woods. You will reach a stile at the end, veer gently left uphill along a narrow path through gorse. You will join a fence on the left and continue. Pass a disused radar station and an unused stile, continue walking close to the fence on the left. Cross a stile by an old red bricked building to join a track which returns you to the cliff railway.

Retrace your steps back to the beginning of your walk.



## Cliff Railway

The Aberystwyth Cliff Railway opened in 1896 and operated on a water balance system until electrification in 1921. A powerful motor and high-tensile steel cables, supported by a sophisticated electronic safety system, haul the carriages to the summit at a stately 4 miles per hour.

As the train climbs steadily its passengers are treated to breathtaking views over the seaside town of Aberystwyth and the surrounding West Wales landscape. In the mid-section of the journey the railway is in a deep cutting where 12,000 tons of rock were excavated during construction to allow the winding footpath to cross overhead on a series of bridges.



# Camera Obscura

This popular re-creation of a Victorian amusement has been one of the prime attractions in the area since its completion in 1985. The massive 14 inch lens makes it the worlds largest camera obscura and visitors can view the moving colour pictures that fascinated our forefathers. In our viewing gallery it is possible to observe 1000 square miles of land and seascape with remarkable clarity.

The first camera obscura was built in Aberystwyth in 1880 in the grounds of the castle, at the opposite end of the promenade, and was later re-located to Constitution Hill to give a better viewpoint. By the 1920's it had gone - a casualty of the public's changing demand for entertainment.

Today, our visitors benefit from a level of precision and clarity that the Victorians could barely have dreamed of, and the delightful camera obscura of the present day was almost entirely designed and manufactured in Wales. It provides a fascinating learning experience for the entire family, whether you wish to understand more about optical technology or simply spy on friends on the beach! No trip to the West coast of Wales would be complete without experiencing the Great Aberystwyth Camera Obscura.

**ENTRY- Adults £1.00, Children under 16 Free**

