

Historic pier and parks in Clevedon

Walk information

Distance: approx 1.2 miles

Difficulty: easy, surfaced paths for pushchairs, with lots of benches in the parks. Herbert Gardens is level for wheelchairs, but only the formal garden section of Alexandra Road Copse would be suitable

Duration: about 45 minutes, with additional time to explore the parks and shops

Public toilets: opposite the pier in Pier Copse



How to get there

Start at map ref: ST403718 (OS Explorer 153)

Car: the walk starts at Clevedon Pier. Free car parking along the promenade

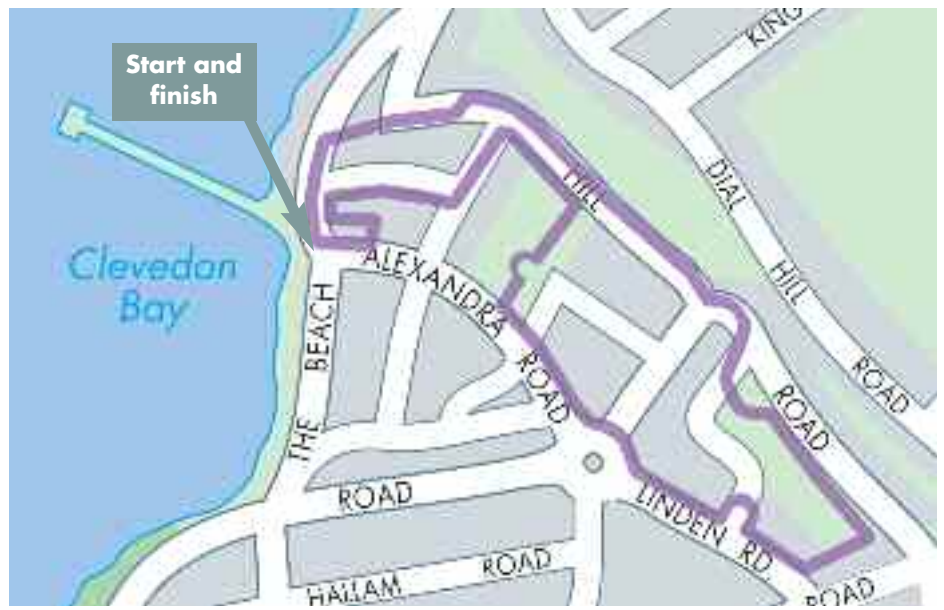
Step back in time, smell the sea air, and visit unique shops in this accessible, urban walk around historic Clevedon (courtesy of Clevedon Civic Society).

Begin the walk in front of Clevedon Pier, the only remaining Grade I listed pier in the country. The pier, tollhouse and Royal Pier Hotel date from 1869. The Victorians packaged Clevedon as a fishing village but it was largely a farming community.

Cross the road and walk up Alexandra Road. A pretty Doulton drinking fountain can be seen on your left-hand side. This Grade II listed fountain was erected in 1895 and then restored in 1992.

Just after the fountain, turn left into Pier Copse and immediately left again to follow the path around the ladies toilet block, and up a few steps to a look-out area. The seating was renovated here in 2010 as part of Clevedon Civic Society's 40th anniversary.





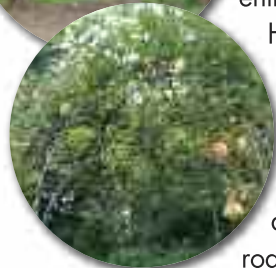
From here you can enjoy good views of the beach and pier. If you want to avoid the steps, you can just take the path to the right when you enter the copse.

From the look-out point, walk through the copse on the footpath until you reach Copse Road.

Turn left and walk up the hill to the junction with Hill Road. Turn right onto Hill Road, where you will find a host of individual shops, cafés and bars, then turn right again at the entrance into Alexandra Gardens.

Pier Copse and Alexandra Gardens are the remains of an ancient copse of trees called The Ripple, which was bounded roughly by the sea, Hill Road, Bellevue Road and Elton Road. These parks, within Clevedon Conservation Area, were given to the town by the Elton family.

Walk down the path through the wooded area until you reach the formal garden area. In the middle is a rose gazebo dedicated to Lady Margaret Elton, who was president of Clevedon Civic Society from 1977 to 1995.



At the bottom of the gardens, turn left onto Alexandra Road, then cross over Six Ways roundabout into Linden Road.

Turn left into Herbert Road and after about 50 metres go through a five-bar gate on the right-hand side into Herbert Gardens.

Follow the path anti-clockwise around the park, which is popular with dog walkers. There are also lots of benches to rest your feet.

Leave the park at the top entrance and turn right onto Herbert Road opposite a fine terrace of houses. Turn left at the junction with Hill Road and walk along here, past the boutiques and cafés again. Cross the road at The Cellar bar and continue down Marine Hill.

Keep to the left-hand pavement next to The Convent and then take the footpath down the hill past Marine Hill Copse.

When the footpath comes into Marine Parade, turn left and return to the pier and your starting point.

Clevedon Civic Society:
www.clevedon-civic-society.org.uk

Clevedon's historic pier will soon benefit from a programme of repairs and maintenance after North Somerset Council's executive members agreed to contribute to essential work.

The Grade I listed pier and toll house is owned by the council and leased to Clevedon Pier Trust and at a meeting in June executive council members agreed to allocate £657,601 for maintenance.

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