



Hit the streets of Clevedon for a healthy walk



Walking groups are helping people across North Somerset stretch their legs, make new friends and feel healthier.

Organised walks usually last about an hour but a new group has launched in Clevedon to offer residents a slightly more vigorous, 90-minute route.

Life joined them to take in the sights around the town...



Start the walk in Queen's Square, then turn left onto Old Church Road.

Turn right onto Queen's Road and continue uphill towards the crossroads at the end.

Cross the road and turn left into Sunnyside Road. At the next crossroads turn right, which is still Sunnyside Road.

From here you can go through a gate into Sunhill Park. Follow the path to your right, through the trees, and then head towards Sunhill House. This is now Clevedon Community Centre after being bought by the people of the town in 1949.

Go around the side of the building and exit through the car park onto Princes Road.

Turn right onto this road, cross over, and then at the junction turn left

into Linden Road, then right into Herbert Road.

Go through a wooden gate into Herbert Gardens, which was donated to the people of Clevedon by the Elton family in 1865. Follow the path and you will pass a ruined stone structure, which formed part of Wycliffe Girls School.

Walk around the park and exit onto Herbert Road, opposite an attractive terrace.

Go up the road and turn left at the end into Hill Road. Walk the entire length of Hill Road, taking time to browse in the vast array of independent shops, restaurants and cafés.

At the far end of Hill Road, you will glimpse sea views through





the properties. You will pass The Franciscan Friary on your right, which was built for French Friars who arrived in Clevedon in the early 1880s.

At the bend in the road, take the footpath downhill onto Marine Parade. Head onto Beach Road and then cross onto the promenade by the pier.

Walk all the way along the promenade, taking in the sea views across to Wales, until you reach Marine Lake.



Step down to the lake and walk around it to see the £850,000 renovation work up close (see page 29).

Return to the promenade and cross Salthouse Fields to the corner of Old Church Road and Elton Road.



Cross the road, then head down Pizey Avenue until you reach a t-junction with Westbourne Avenue. Turn left and follow Westbourne Avenue around until it meets Strode Road.

Cross here and go down the public footpath opposite, and over a footbridge into a recreation ground. Follow the footpath and exit left into Churchill Avenue.

Continue all along Churchill Avenue, past the sports field towards The Barn. The train line used to run along the other side of this field.

You will come out onto Great Western Road, and from here you can cross the road, back through the car park, and into Queen's Square where you started.



Route information

Distance:
just over 3 miles

Difficulty:
easy – a fairly flat route around the town

Duration:
allow up to 90 minutes

Map:
OS Explorer 153

Short, sociable health walks take place across North Somerset.

They are open to all abilities and can help you get fitter in a friendly and supportive environment.

The free walks are organised by North Somerset Council, are led by trained volunteers and last between 30 and 90 minutes.

Call the sports and active lifestyles team for more information: **01275 882 730**



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