Criccieth Castle and Beach Bop

A leisurely stroll around Criccieth with stunning beaches, the castle, independent shops and eateries along the way.

Distance 2.4 kilometres / 1.5 miles
Duration 1 hour

Water feature | Great views | Public loos | Public transport | History | Child friendly

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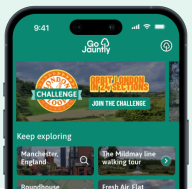

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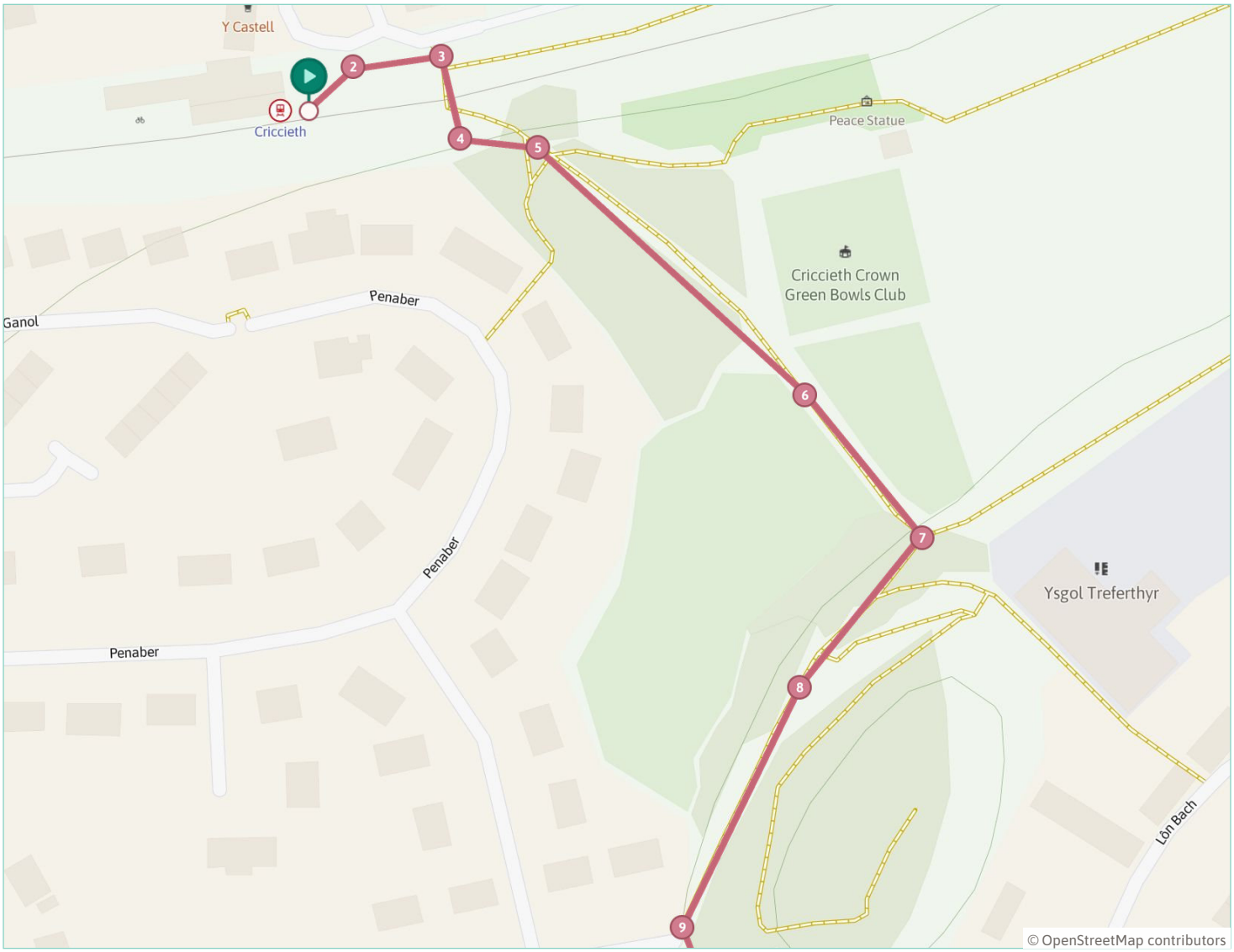

Step 1: This walk starts at Criccieth railway station.

Step 2: Leave the station and turn right on the road. There is no path here so take care.

Step 3: Turn right again to head over the tracks. Pause by the gate to stop, look and listen for trains then cross when safe to do so.

Step 4: Follow the tarmac path left on the other side.

Step 5: You'll emerge into a small nature reserve. You can explore the paths on either side here.

Step 6: Continue on the main path, passing a play park on the left.

Step 7: Head uphill then turn right at the path junction.

Step 8: You can walk up the rocky outcrop on the left if you fancy. There are benches here.

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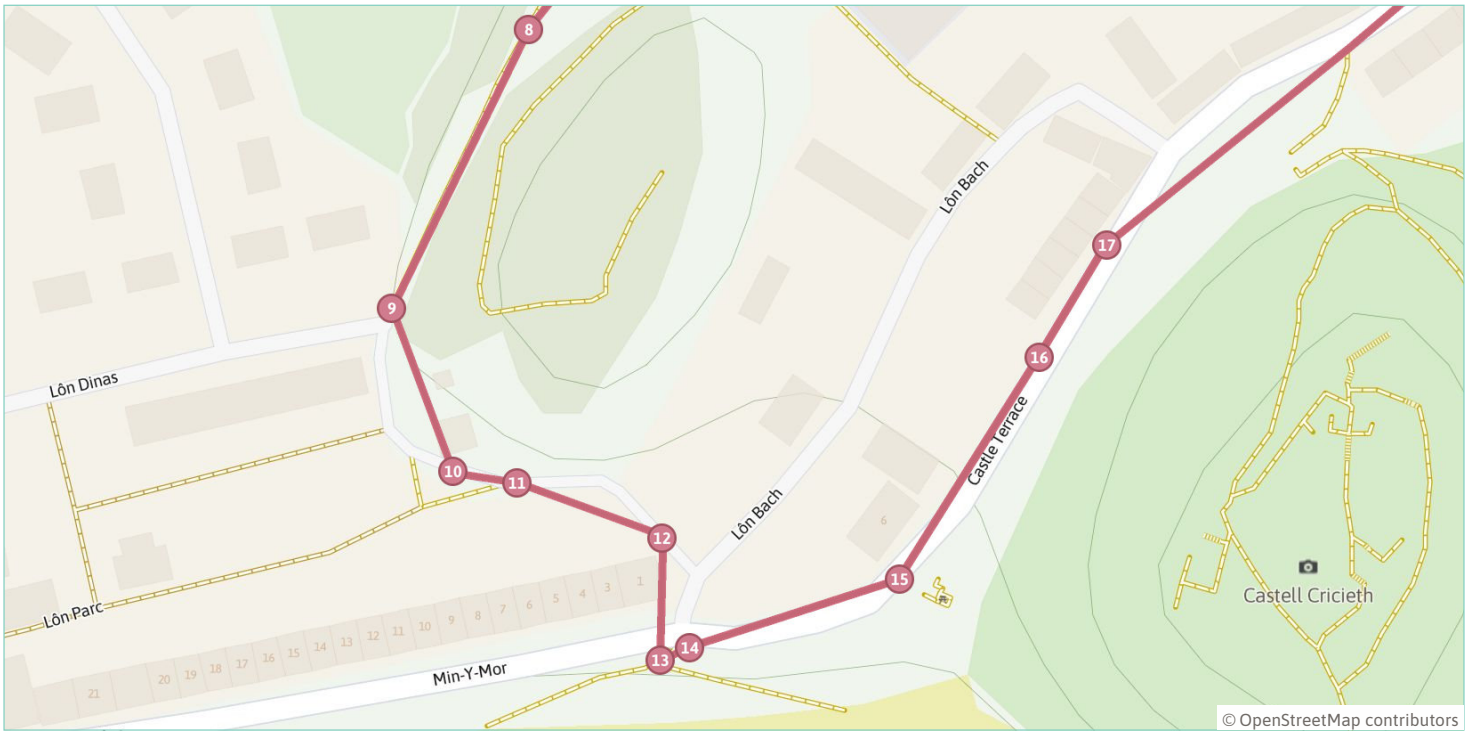
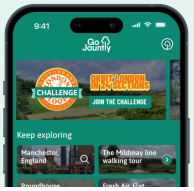


Step 9: At the end of the path, follow the access road to the left.

Step 10: It will take you past some old public toilets.

Step 11: Continue left around the rocky outcrop.

Step 12: Follow the path to Lôn Bach and then turn right towards the sea.



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Step 13: Cross Marine Terrace and stop for views of Marine Beach and Criccieth West Beach or head down to explore.

Step 14: Facing the sea, turn left to walk uphill on Castle Terrace. There is no footpath for this next stretch so watch out for oncoming vehicles.

Step 15: Continue as the road bends left.

Step 16: There are lovely views up to the castle.

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Step 17: Join the footpath when it begins on the left hand side of the road.

Step 18: if you want to enter Criccieth Castle, built in the 13th century, you can do so on the right, as the road starts heading downhill.

Step 19: Continue down Lôn Felin, past the postbox and crossing any side streets.

Step 20: Cross the road to walk along the waterfront, past the lifeboat station which was established in 1853.

Step 21: There is a viewing area here with many benches if you'd like to pause.

Step 22: When you're ready, continue along the seafront walkway.

Step 23: Soak up the views across the bay.

Step 24: Follow the path as it bends to the right.

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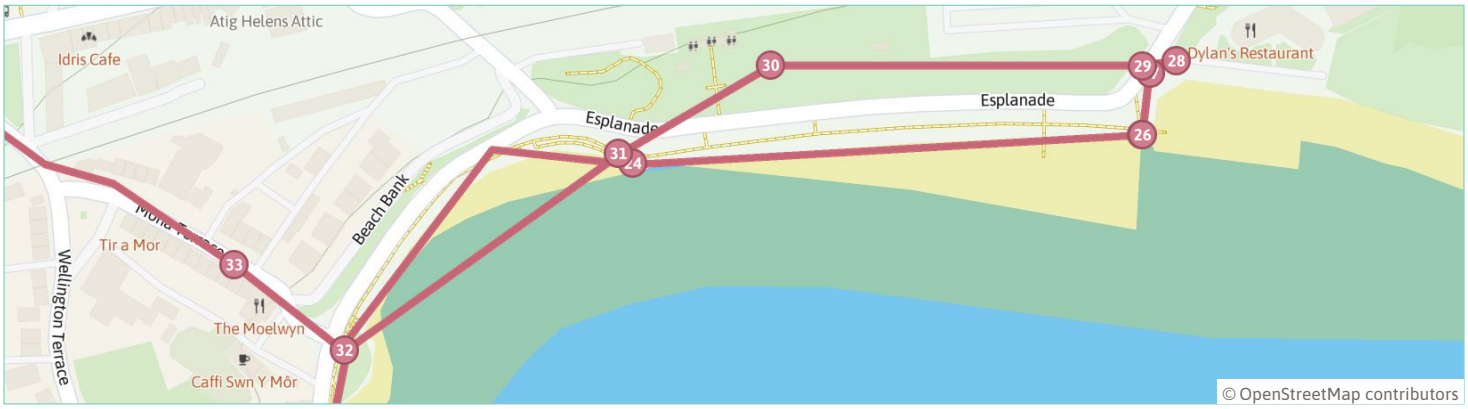

Step 25: When you reach the steps down to Criccieth Beach, you can head down to explore.

Step 26: Don't forget to back for great views back across the bay to the castle.

Step 27: Head inland briefly as the Esplanade bends left.

Step 28: Dylan's Restaurant is here if you need refreshments.

Step 29: Cross the Esplanade and head across the green back towards the castle.

Step 30: As you reach the end of the green, there are toilets on the right.

Step 31: Continue on the footpath along the Esplanade or cross to walk along the seafront again.

Step 32: Turn right to walk up Penpaled Road.

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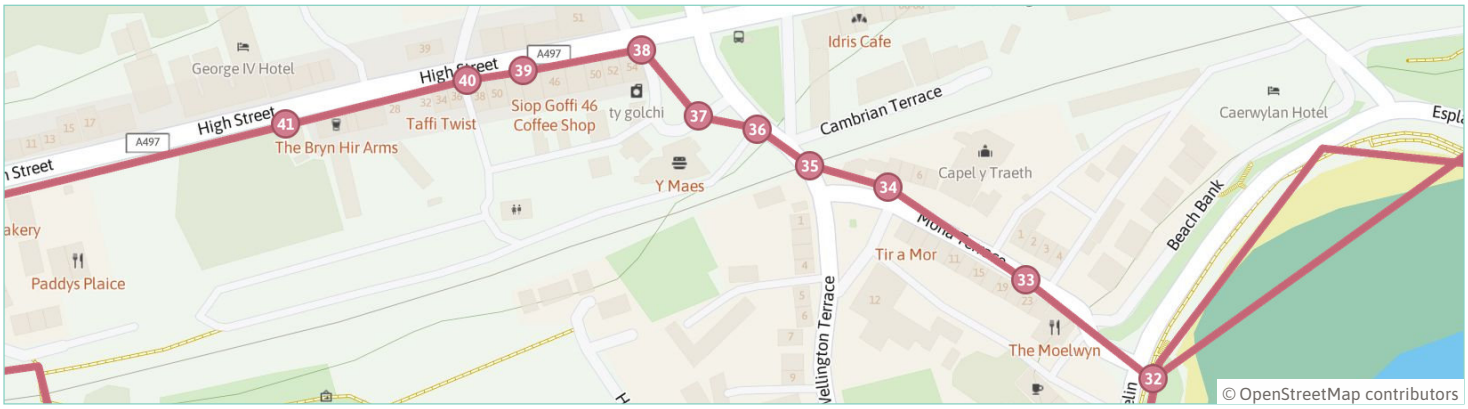
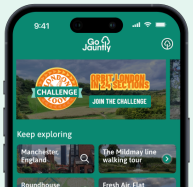


Step 33: Continue past the restaurants and terraced houses.

Step 34: At the top of the road, turn right towards the railway line.

Step 35: Cross the railway at the level crossing and cross to the other side when it is safe to do so.

Step 36: There are some planters and a bench to the left just after the railway line.



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Step 37: Continue straight across the pedestrian area towards the High Street.

Step 38: Turn left onto the High Street.

Step 39: There are some wonderful independent businesses along this stretch.

Step 40: After a row of shops, there's a turning on the left which leads to some toilets if you need to detour.

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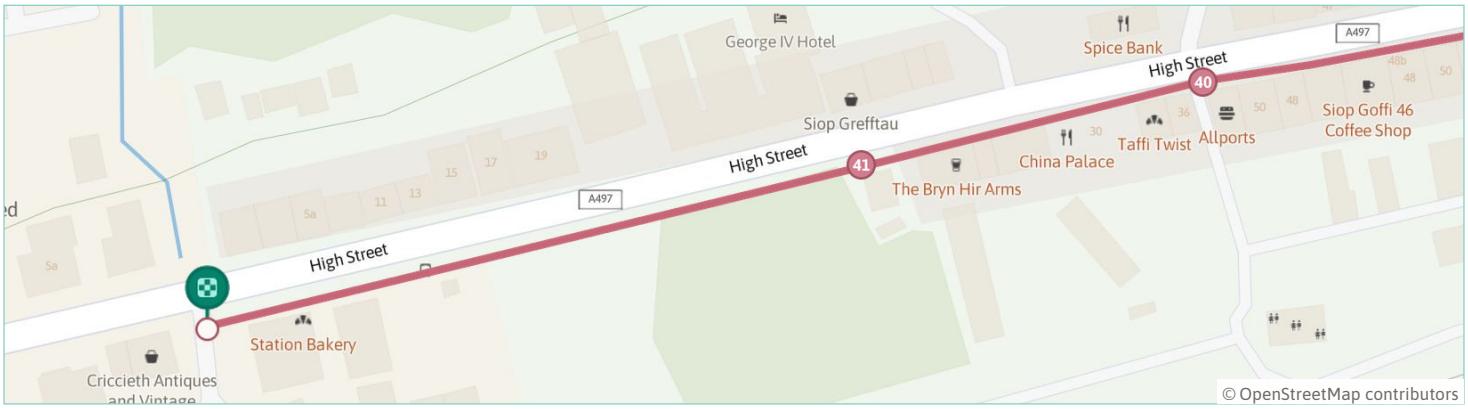

Step 41: Continue on the High Street, passing the grand George Hotel on the opposite side.

Step 42: Turn left on Parciau Terrace by the antiques shop to return to the station.

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