

Wales Coast Path

Discover the shape of a nation

Officially opening on 5th May 2012, and with 870 miles of great walking opportunities, the Wales Coast Path allows you to explore the coastal landscape of Wales and enjoy the many delights along the way.



North Wales Coast & Dee Estuary
Wonderful sandy beaches, family friendly towns and villages, with access to Offa's Dyke Path National Trail.

Isle of Anglesey
Escape to this beautiful Welsh island so rich in history, stunning scenery and wide sandy beaches.

Menai, Llŷn & Meirionnydd
This beautiful and often remote region has the mighty Snowdonia National Park as a natural backdrop.

Ceredigion
The majestic sweep of Cardigan Bay affords the walker glimpses of dolphins and porpoise, seals and a host of marine birds.

Pembrokeshire
Explore rugged cliffs, golden beaches and hidden coves in this paradise for wildlife lovers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Carmarthenshire
Soak up the culture and heritage and explore the estuaries of Tywi, Taf and Gwendraeth.

Gower & Swansea Bay
An area of contrasts - from the busy seaside city of Swansea to the stunning coastline of the Gower Peninsula with its award winning golden beaches.

South Wales Coast & Severn Estuary
City life, industrial heritage, wildlife watching opportunities and spectacular scenery sit side by side on this constantly changing coastline.

— Coast Path already open and promoted. Improvements are ongoing.
●●● Coast Path not yet promoted. However, many stretches can already be walked.



Highlights along the way

Heritage: Wales' tumultuous past and recent industrial history is in evidence all over the country, and the Coast Path takes you right alongside some of the most fascinating buildings and places. Why not visit Conwy castle, a World Heritage Site and "incomparably the most magnificent of Edward I's Welsh fortresses".

Environment: It might be a coast path, but that doesn't mean to say there's only the sea to look at. Keep your eyes on the landward side of the route too, and you'll not be disappointed by the scenery around you. Why not explore the Isle of Anglesey with its stunning geology – it was recently awarded Geopark status.

Adrenalin: From abseiling to white water rafting, world-class mountain biking to paragliding, karting to wall climbing, Wales has everything to offer those seeking adventure and an adrenalin buzz. Its stunning coastline and hinterland host a huge range of year-round outdoor activities for all ages. Why not try sea cliff climbing with expert guidance in Menai, Llŷn and Meirionnydd.

Wildlife: See rare and protected species of sea birds and wildfowl, large populations of dolphins and seals, walk nature trails, visit nature reserves where wildlife abounds. The Path is truly a paradise for nature lovers. Why not try spotting bottlenose dolphins at New Quay?

Family Fun: The coast of Wales is a great place for families, with a huge range of activities, amusements, castles, nature trails and wildlife reserves, country parks and places to picnic, boat trips to see dolphins and seals, funfairs and adventure centres. Why not try crabbing with expert guides from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

Cycling: There are cycling opportunities in many locations on the Coast Path and great links inland where you can explore some of the finest coastal scenery in Europe. Why not try the 12 mile award-winning Millennium Coastal Path, linking Llanelli and Pembrey Country Park.

Arts & Crafts: Skilled and proud artists have been a feature of Welsh life for centuries. Inspired by beautiful and dramatic countryside, the range of natural materials available to them, and the history all around them, those traditions thrive today. Why not visit the Dylan Thomas Centre to explore the life and works of this famous Welsh son.

Beach Lovers: Enjoy some of the most picturesque and unspoilt beaches in the whole of Britain. In 2011, Keep Wales Tidy awarded the coveted Blue Flag award to 42 Welsh beaches, based on their clean water, litter-free shoreline, visitor amenities and safety. Why not visit Whitmore Bay, Barry Island, for a traditional seaside experience (and as seen on TV's Gavin & Stacey).



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The completion of an 870 mile long Wales Coast Path by 2012 is a key Welsh Government commitment. The development programme is managed by the Countryside Council for Wales and funded by the Welsh Government, European Regional Development Fund (through the Environment for Growth theme of the Convergence Programme) and the sixteen local authorities and two National Parks through which the path passes.