

# ART AND HERITAGE TRAIL

This circular trail for cyclists, walkers and joggers is approximately 10km (6.2 miles) in distance and runs through Cardiff Bay and Penarth via Pont y Werin bridge.

## TRAVEL TO CARDIFF BAY

### By bus

The Baycar (service 6) provides the most direct bus route between the city centre and Cardiff Bay. Bus services 1, 2, 5 and 8 also stop in the Bay.

### By train

A speedy train service links Queen Street station with the Bay.

See Traveline Cymru for public transport information: 0800 464 00 00 [traveline.cymru](http://traveline.cymru)

### On foot

Walk via Callaghan Square and Lloyd George Avenue.

### By bike

Pedal Power bike hire  
Seasonal opening times – please check in advance.  
029 2039 0713 [cardiffpedalpower.org](http://cardiffpedalpower.org)

Sustrans:  
[sustrans.org.uk/wales](http://sustrans.org.uk/wales)



For more information about walking and cycling, visit: [keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk](http://keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk)



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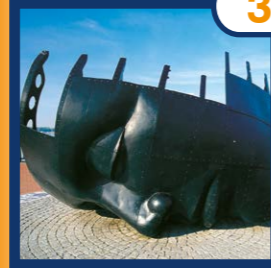
## 1 Water Tower

Made famous by the popular BBC series *Torchwood*, the Water Tower features reflective surfaces and a stream of running water. At 70ft high, it's a striking landmark in the Bay.



## 2 Pierhead

Built by William Frame during the Victorian era, this majestic building was once the offices of the Cardiff Railway Company. Now part of the Senedd (Welsh Parliament), it's used as a unique visitor centre, and meeting and events venue.



## 3 Merchant Seafarers' War Memorial

Dedicated to the merchant seamen of Cardiff Bay, this memorial sculpture combines a beached hull of a ship with a timeless face. It represents every human lost forever to the sea.



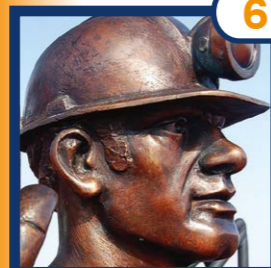
## 4 Dolphins and Dock Wall

This sloping sea wall runs north to south between the Bute East Dock and Roath Basin. At the foot, five timber structures slope slightly inwards. They were used to moor ships while repair work was taking place.



## 5 Beastie Benches

These beautiful carved brick benches were inspired by the mythical creatures described in *Ballad of the Long-Legged Bait*, a poem by Dylan Thomas.



## 6 Pit to Port & The Waterguard

This bronze statue was created by the late artist John Clinch, and completed by Jon Buck. It celebrates Cardiff Bay's heritage as one of the world's most important coal exporting ports.

The Waterguard is famous for its hybrid architecture. The building's Victorian frontage was moved from Cardiff Docks to its current location in 1993, and complemented with modern design touches in 2001.



## 7 Norwegian Church & Captain Scott Memorial

Shipped from Norway in the 1860s for Scandinavian seamen working in the Docks, this church is famous for being the place where author Roald Dahl was baptised. Today it houses a gallery, events space and café.

Outside the church, the Captain Scott mosaic memorial overlooks the point where Scott's expedition ship, the SS Terra Nova, sailed in 1910.



## 8 Age of Coal Exhibition

This exhibition showcases the development of energy sources, from coal and nuclear power to renewable energy. The information boards also provide an account of the history of Cardiff Docks and the Bay.



## 9 The Enormous Crocodile

The popular children's character, made famous by Roald Dahl's book of the same name, boasts the biggest smile in the Bay! Perfect for a sit down and selfie with family and friends, this cheeky chappie even has his own app – the Tiger Bay Trail – available on iOS and Android.



## 10 Captain Scott Exhibition

Under the Barrage Sails, you'll find an outdoor exhibition outlining the 1910 British Antarctic Expedition, led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott. It describes the incredible methods that the group used to reach the pole.



## 11 Barrage Circles

Designed by Felice Varini, this artwork uses the Barrage structures and paint to create a circular collage. The rings are not immediately visible and can only be seen from one location on the Barrage.



## 12 Custom House

Designed by Samuel Dobson in the mid 1800s, Custom House is constructed from yellow brick with Bath stone dressings and boasts a central bell tower. It now houses two restaurants.



## 13 Cardiff & Vale Portrait Benches

Part of a Sustrans Connect2 project, these benches showcase life-sized portraits of community figures. The Vale bench features Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, Olympian Nicole Cooke and Tim Burns from Cogan Primary School; while the Cardiff bench depicts Cardiff Devils' Jason Stone, Pedal Power founder Sybil Williams, and Lydia Harris from Mount Stuart Primary School.



## 14 The Coal Staithe

The remains of the last coal staithe erected in Cardiff Marina in 1859 now act as a viewing point at Cardiff International White Water. This historic structure has been preserved as an important reminder of Cardiff's maritime history and heritage.



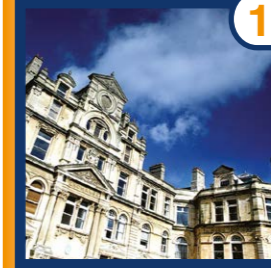
## 15 Wetland Reserve

Developed on a former salt marsh, this area was officially opened as a wetland reserve in July 2002. Approximately 8 hectares, it's located on the northern edge of Cardiff Bay and is home to multiple flora and fauna. If you enjoy bird watching, the viewing areas close to Voco St David's Hotel and on the boardwalk are excellent spots.



## 16 People Like Us

Created by John Clinch in 1993, this bronze sculpture of a young couple represents the people who lived and worked in the former Tiger Bay area.



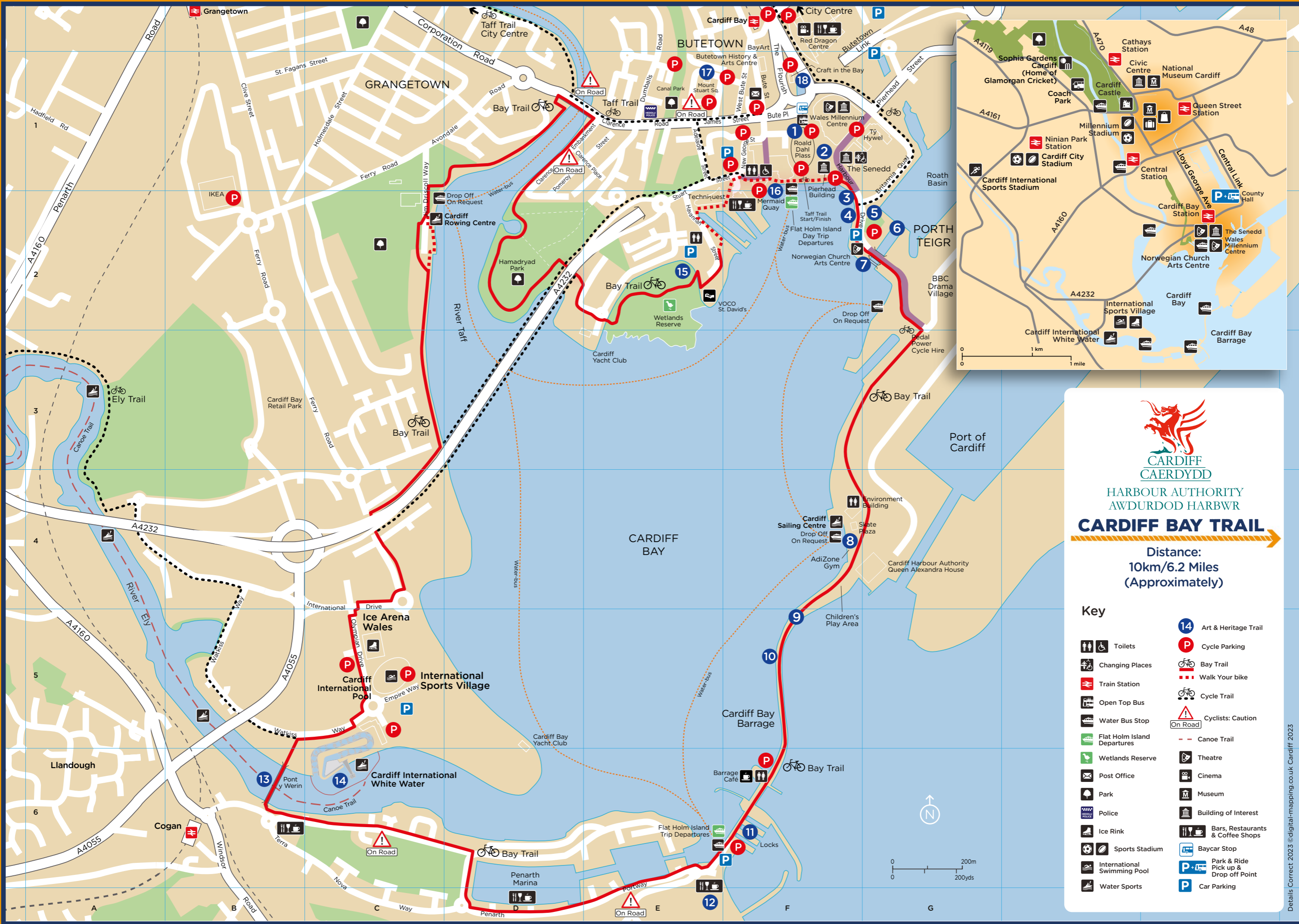
## 17 The Coal Exchange Hotel


Now a grand hotel, the Coal Exchange used to be one of the most historically important commercial buildings in Wales. Leading business owners met here to negotiate and sign significant deals, and it played host to the first ever £1 million transaction.



## 18 D-Shed

Originally located on the former East Bute Dock, this building was reassembled at its current location in The Flourish, and is now home to Craft in the Bay and a restaurant. It's a rare example of an iron frame warehouse or transit shed.





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## CARDIFF BAY TRAIL

Distance:  
10km/6.2 Miles  
(Approximately)

Key	
	Toilets
	Changing Places
	Train Station
	Open Top Bus
	Water Bus Stop
	Flat Holm Island Departures
	Wetlands Reserve
	Post Office
	Park
	Police
	Ice Rink
	Sports Stadium
	International Swimming Pool
	Water Sports
	Art & Heritage Trail
	Cycle Parking
	Bay Trail
	Walk Your bike
	Cycle Trail
	Cyclists: Caution
	Canoe Trail
	Theatre
	Cinema
	Museum
	Building of Interest
	Bars, Restaurants & Coffee Shops
	Baycar Stop
	Park & Ride Pick up & Drop off Point
	Car Parking