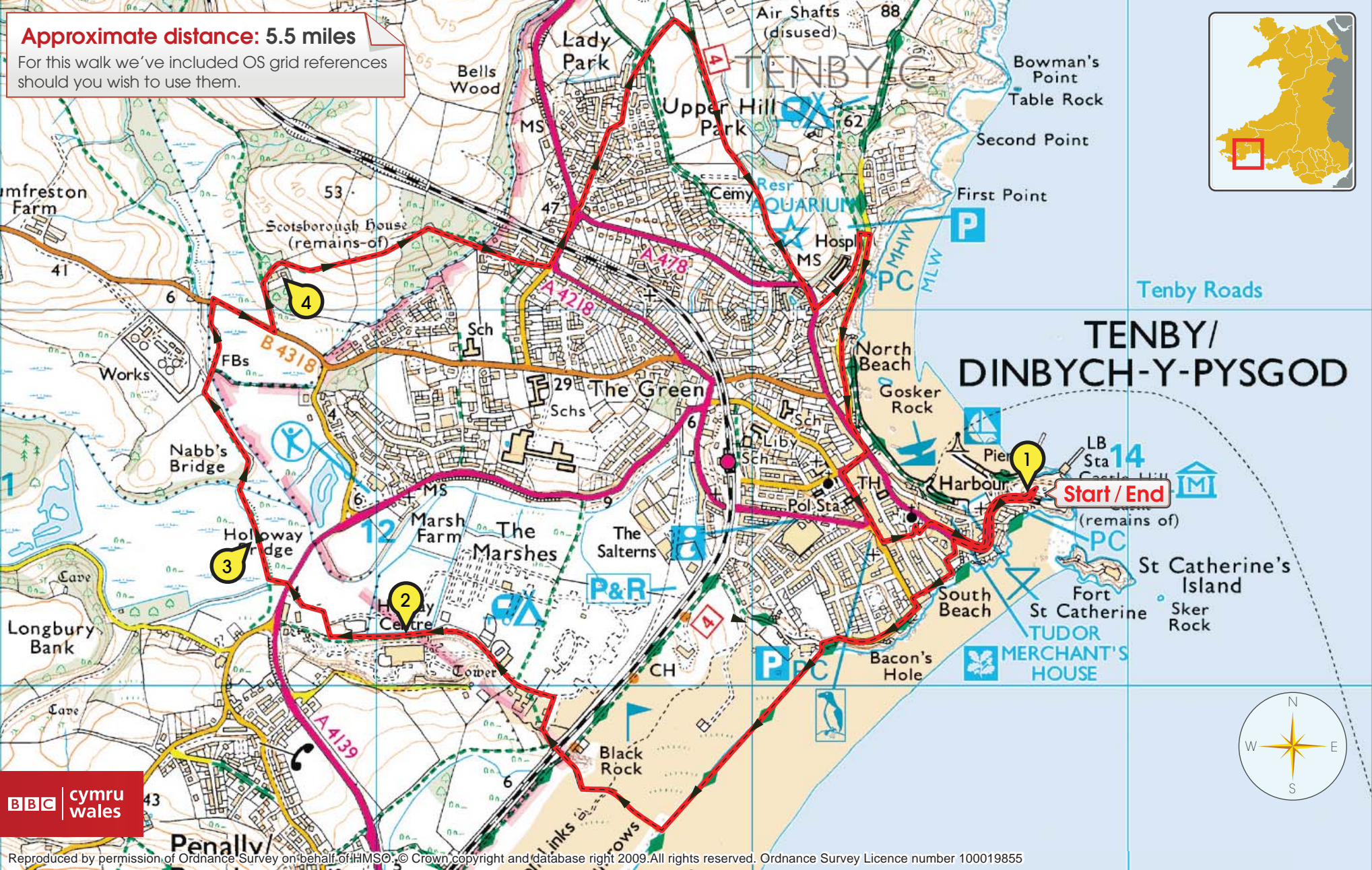


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**Start:** Prince Albert Statue, Castle Hill

**Starting ref:** SN 137 005

**Distance:** 5.5 miles

**Grade:** Easy

**Walk time:** Approx 3hrs

This delightful seaside walk takes in all the best bits of Tenby town but also uncovers some real hidden gems. Taking you past all the holiday hot spots and out into the nearby countryside this circular walk shows you another side of Tenby that's full of history, beautiful scenery and varied landscapes. All just a stone's throw from the hustle and bustle of the town and beaches.

## Directions

Our walk begins next to the Welsh National Memorial to Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria who's been keeping watch over Tenby for over 150 years from high up on Castle Hill.



Tenby's famous multi coloured terraces in all their glory.



### Castle Hill (SN137 005)

Castle Hill is a promontory piece of rock once home to a 12 century castle, built during the Norman invasion of west Wales. Today however, after many more invasions, ruins and repairs there is only a tower and some castle walls remaining.

It's a great spot to admire the picture-postcard town with its brightly coloured houses and beautiful beaches.

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Leaving Castle Hill head downhill past the museum to the small square, and take the second left along St Julian street. Soon after, take the first left onto Cobb Lane, heading for South Beach. Then turn right onto Tor lane, then left onto the Paragon aiming for the stone arch.

Once through the arch, go left again joining the Esplanade for great views over South Beach and walk right to the end and take the steps down onto the beach.

Walking away from the town, stroll along the beach for about 500m looking out for an opening in the bushes on your right. Take this path through the Tenby Links Golf course (regarded as the birthplace of Welsh Golf) and arrive at The Lime Kiln Holiday Park.



Look out for the gap leading to Kiln Holiday park and pass through one of the oldest 'links' golf course in Wales.

At the park take a left at the main road and follow the road out of the park.

Follow the 'exit signs' until you approach the grand remains of the old Lime Kilns on your left. Walk under the arches admiring the architecture as you go, and continue until you leave the park and arrive at the main road.

### 2 Kiln Arches (SN 121 001)

In the 19th century, Penally was a busy industrial area with many limestone quarries. The biggest was Blackrock Quarry, located directly behind the kilns and now part of the Kiln Park holiday complex.

Their origins are still unsure; with some claiming that they were designed by the celebrated architect John Nash, who built Buckingham Palace and the Royal Pavilion. There is no doubt they are incredibly elegant, but evidence suggests they were actually down to another John Nash, a local blacksmith from Saudersfoot, who held great influence in the area at the time.



These 'cathedral' like Lime Kilns show the wealth of the area during the industrial boom here.

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Directly across the road, is an opening in the hedge with a footpath sign. Cross when safe, and once on the footpath, keep right, then right again until you reach a little bridge. Cross the bridge and continue through some marshland; This area is known as Holloway Bridge, and was the site of a gruesome murder in the 1700s.

### 3 Holloway Bridge (SN 117 003)

This area of marshland holds a horrible history, and caused a massive scandal at the time. In 1722, Mayor Athoe of Tenby and his son murdered George Merchant (his own nephew) and left for dead his brother, Tom Merchant, after a disagreement in town.

The Mayor and his son were soon caught and hung in 1723 at Old Kent Road in London.

Today he's become Tenby's most famous ghost said to haunt these marshes and the Kiln Park area!



Cross the bridge and walk through the field keeping right, and pass through the gate tucked in the right hand corner.

At the fork take the left path and cross the little bridge passing through a small wood until you suddenly emerge at a main road.

This road can get busy, so for safety walk towards oncoming traffic for about 200m until you see a gateway and footpath sign on your left. Cross when safe to do so, over the stile and follow the track around to the right.

Just before the fork in the path ahead, look into the trees on your right. You should see the remains of the once magnificent Scotsborough house. It's easy to miss so if you reach the fork you've gone too far. Do not attempt to explore the ruins. They are on private land and have been fenced off for safety.

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### 4 Scotsborough House (SN 117 010)

Scotsborough House dates back to the 14th century, and was owned by the wealthy Ap Rice family. Yet this once great house has a sad history of death and destruction. It's said that the grand families who lived here got most of their great wealth from luring unsuspecting ships on to a sand bar to be wrecked. The law stated that when all the crew were dead, then the cargo would belong to whoever came across it –and sadly this often led to wholesale murder!

Eventually they wrecked a boat with their own family members on board and since then, great sadness and misfortune befell anyone who came to live here.

It was last occupied in 1824 when an epidemic of smallpox broke out with only a few survivors managing to flee the house.



Derek and Marion spend a while at the remains of Scotsborough House.

**At the fork, turn right and pass through two fields keeping topside until you reach a stile leading into a wood.**

**This path can get a bit overgrown, so follow the arrow markers and keep right heading downhill.**

**You're now on the outskirts of Tenby. Follow the high fenced path, crossing the road and continue uphill between the houses until you arrive on the main road opposite the end of Serpentine Road.**

**Turn left, crossing the railway bridge and cross right at the junction onto Upper Hill Park.**



Cross the road and head up for Upper Hill Park.

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Continue uphill to the top, then turn right towards another junction. Now turn left and follow the lane all the way to the top of the estate and round past the last house. Straight ahead you will see a small opening with a narrow path leading from it. At the clearing with four paths leading off, take the second left and follow it all the way around until you arrive at a larger tarmac path. This is the aptly named 'Slippery Back' used by the locals as the back way into town. Continue downhill and past the cemetery on your right until you arrive at Narberth Road.



The entrance to 'Slippery back' and an old back route into town.

Turn left and carry on downhill then take the next left that leads into a car park. There are also public toilets here. Walk past the toilets and in between the bus bays, take some steps and a ramp leading to the road above. Keep right and head back towards Tenby town centre with lovely views over North Beach.

As you arrive on the outskirts of Tenby cross the road at the zebra and turn right down White Lion Street (White Lion pub on corner) then take a left onto South Parade and keep walking until you reach the five arches. Part of the old Tenby town walls.

Walk through the main arch and enter the old walled quarter of Tenby and you'll soon see St Mary's church on your left. The church houses some very interesting tombs and is well worth a visit if you have time.



There is lots to see and explore inside St Mary's Church, and it provides a calming break after the busy Tenby Town.

You are now back in the centre of Tenby, so to get back to the start of your walk go right, down Tudor Square which leads onto St Julian street and follow it around all the way to Castle Square. Either end your walk here or climb back up Castle hill and visit the Tenby Museum and Art Gallery, or simply watch the sunset over St Catherine's Island.