



British Walking Federation
Cardiff Walk organised by Yeovil Yompers
Permanent Trail 109



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DISTANCE: 13Km

GRADE: 1

ENTRY FEE: Pay by Cheque £1.50 per walker, with cash £1 per walker.

AWARD: None

STAMP: By post to contact, cheques made payable to [Tony Ash](#) or cash in person in Yeovil by prior arrangement or any walk that the organiser attends.

START VENUE: Cardiff Central Railway Station OS LR 171 GR ST 183758

SAT NAV CODE:

CAR PARKING: At start.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: At start, en route & finish.

REFRESHMENTS: On route.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: British Rail

ROUTE DESCRIPTION Updated 30th December 2025

Turn right out of the main station entrance and ahead through a line of bollards to the end with The Great Western pub on your left, go ahead to traffic lights, turn right. Cross road and pass under bridge towards roundabout (St Mary's Street). Cross St Mary's Street at crossing and cross Tressillian Way North (no sign) and enter Callaghan Square bear left to:

Q1 How many lamp posts surround the water feature?

Exit square at bottom right hand corner and cross the lights towards the railway bridge in Herbert Street. Pass under bridge and cross Lloyd George Avenue, continuing ahead the road soon becomes Tyndall Street, passing the IBIS Budget and Novotel. At Schooner Way turn right, and immediately after crossing Atlantic Wharf bear left down some steps towards dock. At the dock railings turn right and walk alongside the dock, crossing a small bridge and turning left continuing along dockside. Walk to the end of the dock and follow round to the left until you reach a boat shaped slate structure. Take the path to the left of the sculpture.

Q2 Who is the Sculptor, (on reverse).

Continue on the same path, bearing round to the right passing the entrance to County Hall at roundabout. Cross Hemmingway Road via a pedestrian refuge towards the Red Dragon Centre. Go ahead on entrance road from roundabout turning right just before car park (Alternative start at car park), barrier on pedestrian walkway. Enter the Red Dragon Centre, go forwards and just before reaching the entrance to the Odeon turn left and exit building. Go ahead to crossing, cross road and turn left towards Britannia Quay.

Q3 On your right is the home of which orchestra?

Follow road bearing right at quayside. Turn at the end of the dock to reach a statue of a miner. Bear right at quayside and go ahead until you reach the Norwegian Church, turn right keeping the water to your left passing the Pier Head building (very ornate red bricked building), cross bridge towards Mermaid Quay, turn left and follow waterside path passing between Techniquet building and the old graving docks (dry docks now flooded). Continue on following signs towards St David's Hotel going up then down a flight of steps onto a boardwalk round the outside of the hotel, with water on your left at the end climb the steps and turn right and then left onto a gravel track through the centre of this small wetland nature reserve. At the end of the gravel path turn right by sculpture. To your right after 30m is an information board about Cardiff Bay Wetlands.

Q4 In which year were the wetlands created?

Continue ahead passing yacht club on your left, bear left through gate into Hamadryad Park. Take the right hand path, then turn right and follow path to reach stone wall, turn right and follow path around river inlet. Continue forward and pass through blue gate onto Clarence Embankment ahead, at the end of the road turn left across bridge then turn right at crossing and through gap in the railings onto the riverside path. Follow the path and at next bridge cross over the road and continue ahead on footpath with river on right. Pass under a railway bridge and in a further 20m at the bridge just before the Millennium Stadium go up onto the bridge and cross the road. Continue forward on a wide gravel pavement. At the next bridge cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and enter Sophia Gardens and continue forwards again with the river on your right. With a car park to your left, go up a ramp, turning right over the bridge, at the end turn left down ramp and then first right.

Q5 Name the bird (top left) on the Feathered Friends information board?

Continue ahead passing the sculpture of a frog to your right through the arboretum. Where paths split take the left fork with a stone circle (Gorsedd Circle) to your right. Cross bridge over small stream, passing the back walls of Cardiff Castle. Please note the park gates close at sunset. Exit park and turn right down underpass steps. Go through underpass and up ramp going forward passing the Law Courts and City Hall. (A pair of Peregrine Falcons are in residence on the clock tower). Take the underpass to your right signed Queen Street. At the top of the ramp to your right is a small formal garden.

Q6 Who is the statue of?

Continue ahead passing to right of the Hilton Hotel and follow road round into Duke Street then turn left at the High Street opposite the Castle entrance which becomes St Mary Street. Continue down this road until you get to Saunders Road and you see the Great Western on your right. Cross the road and make your way back to Cardiff Central Railway Station and the finish!

Yeovil Yompers hope you have enjoyed your walk, please come again!

When you have completed this trail please use the Permanent Trail Entry Form.

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