



The way of the bay

Discover why Weymouth became a popular seaside resort

Weymouth and its neighbour, the island of Portland, are hosting the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sailing events. But the Olympics are not the first time the world has come to Weymouth. This walk explores the town's surprising and exciting international history as it grew from a medieval fishing village into a Regency resort.

You can hear tales of smugglers in the Old Harbour and the pioneers of the New World, plus discover how the sea brought the Black Death but 'cured' a king.

The walk also uncovers the worldwide origins of many modern British seaside objects, from buckets and spades to fish and chips. All the while you can enjoy fantastic views across Weymouth bay, bask on the beach's golden sands and even stop for an ice cream!



Ice cream cone, The Esplanade
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Location	Weymouth, Dorset	Suitable for	Families - Beach will appeal to children
Start point	Old Harbour quayside		Wheelchairs - An entirely step-free route
Postcode	DT4 8ED		
Finish point	Weymouth Tower	Refreshments	Plenty of cafes along the route
Distance	1.5 miles	Facilities	Public toilets on the seafront
Level	Gentle - A flat seafront and harbour walk	Other info	Can be very busy during the summer

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