

Swansea Station – Dylan Thomas



Distance: 4.9 miles

Difficulty: Leisurely

Walking time: 2.5 hours - allow more time to explore the city centre and Cwmdonkin Park.

Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Facilities: Toilets in the train station and the Quadrant.

Recommended Food & Drink: The Kardomah café situated on Portland Street has excellent homemade traditional food.

Overview: This walk takes you through some of Swansea's and Dylan Thomas's history. You'll get a chance to visit the city centre, the Uplands and Cwmdonkin Park. Here you'll see where the famous poet was born. The return takes you down onto the Wales Coast Path.

1. As you exit Swansea station, take the road diagonally to **your right** which is **Alexandra Road**. Follow this as it starts to bend left and be sure to continue along this road ignoring turns to your left. Eventually you'll pass the **Glyn Vivian Arts Centre**. Follow this road before taking a left before the Police Station on **Bellevue Way**.
2. You will come to a large road crossing, **go diagonally over the crossings** to reach the pedestrianised area. This is **Princess Way**. You have started to reach the main shopping area of the City. Take the **right turn** a short way down to join **Oxford Street**.
3. **Follow this street** through the shopping area passing a **large Marks & Spencer on your right**. Take the next right onto **Portland Street** where a short way along you'll find the **Kardomah Café**. At the top of the road bear left and then cross the **Kingsway** at the pedestrianised crossing to then take the **next right onto Craddock Street**.
4. At the top of this road head **left on Walters Road**. You will now be following this road for around **1 kilometre** until you reach **St James Crescent on your right**. This is opposite Westbury Street. Walk around the Crescent keeping an eye out for **Dylan Thomas trail markers**. Re-join Walters Road at the far end. Take your second right onto **Mirador Crescent**.
5. You are now following signs for **Dylan Thomas's house**. At the end of this road take the right onto **Uplands Terrace** and then **right onto Richmond Terrace**. This becomes **Cwmdonkin Drive**. Here there is a steep climb to reach **No. 5 on your right** which is where Dylan Thomas was born.
6. Continue to the top of the road and **bear left**. Shortly after **bear left again to enter Cwmdonkin Park**. Take the time here to explore the Park and more history about Thomas. Be sure to leave **via Park Drive** which is just down from the Bowling Green.
7. Walk to the end of Park Drive and then **bear right to head downhill on Glanmor Road**. You'll reach a **T junction**, bear **right on Sketty Road**, and then cross the road to take **Emerald Place on your left**. Follow this to the bottom and **go left then right onto Gwydr Crescent**. Follow this where it becomes **Rhyddings Park Road**. At the end of this road bear right and then left to walk **behind St Helens Rugby and Cricket Ground**. Follow this road to meet a main road across from the sea front. (*directions continue on reverse*)

8. Use the **pedestrianised crossings and bear left** alongside the sea front. You are now on the **Wales Coast Path**. Follow this as it hugs the beach front walking behind the **Civic Centre** buildings, passing the **Marriot Hotel**. Not long after take the steps down to your **left between buildings**. Cross the road ahead and bear left as you aim to walk around the waters edge to the **other side of the marina**.
9. Follow the waterside passing the **National Waterfront Museum**. Bear left at the **Dylan Thomas statue** onto **Gloucester Place**, and then left at the end and then right to walk **in front of Morgan's Hotel**. Bear left to use the crossing places to enter **Wind Street** with all its bars and restaurants.
10. Walk to the top of this road passing **Swansea Castle and Castle gardens on your left**. Continue ahead now as this road becomes **High Street** which leads you back to the train station.

