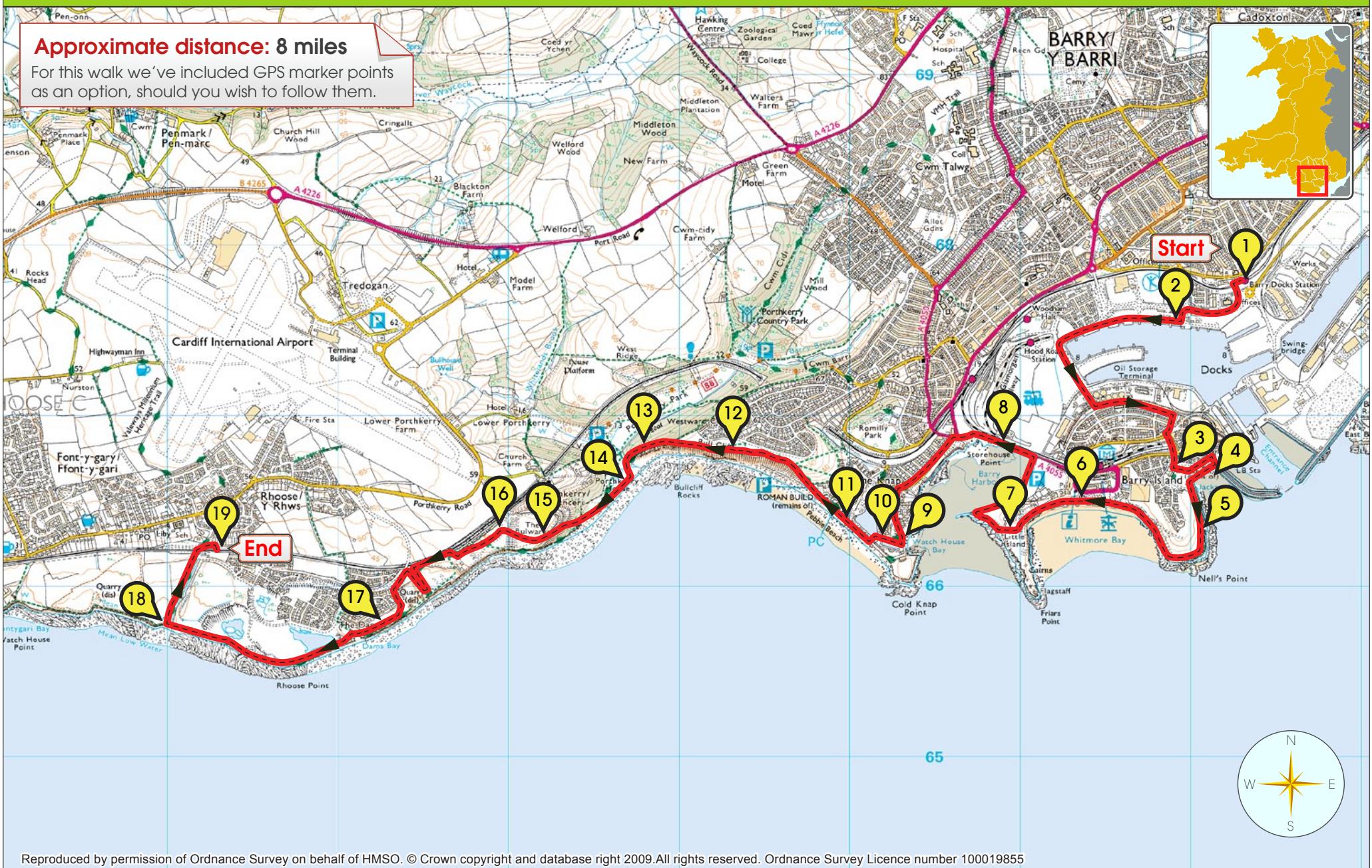


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Weatherman Walking - Barry Docks to Rhoose Point

Approximate distance: 8 miles

For this walk we've included GPS marker points as an option, should you wish to follow them.



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A walk along the coast from Barry Docks to Rhoose Point calling in at Barry Island and Porthkerry Country Park.

**1. Barry Docks train station**

51.40222° N, -3.26221° W

From the station, walk down to Barry Docks Offices and the statue of Welsh industrialist and Liberal politician, David Davies.

**4. Jackson's Bay**

51.39255° N, -3.26429° W

Head north east, following the path down past Barry Yacht Club and across the golden sands of Jackson's Bay.

**2. Waterfront walk**

51.40008° N, -3.26690° W

Cross the road and turn right along the waterfront. Turn left at the roundabout, up Powell Duffryn Way, along the footpath through waste ground, then up steps to Clive Road and onto Friar's Rd.

**5. The Promenade**

51.38775° N, -3.26544° W

Continue along the concrete footpath above the rocks on the far side of Jackson's Bay past the Coastguard lookout station around Nell's Point, and along to Barry Island's promenade.

**3. St Baruc's Chapel**

51.39225° N, -3.26713° W

Saint Baruc drowned when his boat overturned on a trip back from Flat Holm Island and is buried here. It's thought that his name may be associated with the name of the town.

**6. Barry Island Beach**

51.39033° N, -3.27421° W

Barry Island complete with funfair and sandy beach was also the backdrop for the BBC One comedy Gavin & Stacey.



7. Looking towards Friar's Point

51.38595° N, -3.27939° W

The headland is a Special Site of Scientific Interest and one of the best examples of calcareous, cowslip dominated hay meadows in South-East Wales.



10. Barry Lido

51.38813° N, -3.29130 ° W

Derek learned to swim here as a boy but nowadays it's a landscaped park. Turn left up the steps and along the promenade.



8. Crossing the causeway

51.39223° N, -3.27652° W

Walk along the side of the old harbour, through the car parking area, up steps besides the Harbour Road bridge and across the causeway (A4055). Turn left at The Parade, then left again into Cold Knap Way and down a footpath past an old thatched farmhouse.



11. Cold Knap

51.38807° N, -3.29291° W

This popular pebble beach has the remains of a large Roman building on the bank behind the Knap car park.



9. Watch Tower Bay

51.38876° N, -3.28961° W

The watch tower marked the entrance to this once busy old harbour and was also used as a store for signal rockets.



12. Heading towards the Golden Steps

51.39003° N, -3.29596° W

At the car park entrance, turn right and follow a footpath steeply uphill to the grassy cliff top. Head east, parallel to Marine Drive to a footpath leading to the woods.



13. The Golden steps

51.39330° N, -3.30789° W

The woodland walk brings you to the steps which are named after a gold sovereign placed under them by Lord Romilly.



16. Porthkerry Caravan Park

51.38847° N, -3.32365° W

Head west through the middle of the caravan park, turning right at the sign for 'Lower Quarry' and follow around as far as a footpath off to the right.



14. Porthkerry Country Park

51.39215° N, -3.31392° W

The park, overlooked by a railway viaduct built in the 1890s to carry coal to Barry Docks, was owned by the Romilly family but became a public park in 1929.



17. Track to Rhoose Point

51.38547° N, -3.33046° W

Join a winding coastal track for around a kilometre, walking up and down steps, to reach an old limestone quarry and lakes.



15. Bulwarks Camp

51.38880° N, -3.32164° W

From the bottom of the Golden Steps, head south west for 300 metres along the top of the beach and turn right onto a path up through the woods. The site dates from 2000 B.C. but is now just a grassy field above the woods.



18. Rhoose Point

51.381991° N, -3.345090° W

This is the most southerly point in mainland Wales and marked with a stone circle and upright four metre obelisk made of North Wales slate.



19. Rhoose train station

51.38526° N, -3.33650° W

Continue along the coastal path for a few hundred metres then turn right uphill along a field boundary to a railway crossing besides Rhoose railway station for trains to Barry and Cardiff.