

St. Michael's Churchyard

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Open and accessible to all



Time

7.5 - 15mins

Distance

0.8km (0.5 miles)

Steps

Approx 1,000

Route

Tarmac

Start point

Falcon Place,
Workington
CA14 2EX

Parking

Disc

Bus routes

30/31

Walk category

Easy

This circular walk is on tarmac paths through the grounds of a major landmark in Workington. St Michael's is known to have been a place of worship since at least the twelfth century. The church was gutted by fire in 1994, but has since been rebuilt, boasting underfloor heating! The route provides a short, pleasant stroll, taking you down an avenue of Norway Maples lining the drive, without having to leave the comforts of the town centre.

Anyone with an interest in old headstones may care to search for the grave of a Mr Glendinning. This unfortunate was murdered on Salterbeck Shore in 1808, and his ghost is said by some to still haunt that area. Searching for this grave is not difficult as most of the headstones are positioned around the perimeter of the graveyard to facilitate grounds maintenance. The Curwens also buried here, were the principal landowning family in the town, and were instrumental in Workington's development.

Depending on your level of fitness it will take:



Under 15 mins
(2 miles per hour)



Under 10 mins
(3 miles per hour)



Under 7.25 mins
(4 miles per hour)

Route description

From Falcon Place enter the churchyard by the footpath to the left taking you on a route by St. Michael's School.

At the end of the path turn right in front of the building, heading towards the drive then at the end of the church turn left, passing the Curwen family burial plots on the right, enclosed by railings. Walk round the rear of the building, bringing you past the Bragg Memorial on the right.

From here, follow the sloped, curved path down to the right and onto the footpath which brings you through Dean Street.

At the end of the street turn left onto Station Road passing the front of the Infants School, taking the first left which brings you back to the start point on Falcon Place.

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