

The Great Orme walks start in Llandudno, from the roundabout at the junction of North Parade and Church Walks. Either drive or walk the 2-mile journey, or take the 12, 14 or 15 bus.

Little Orme
2 miles: Moderate

Allow 1–1½ hours plus time for seal watching. Paths are rocky in places and there are unfenced cliffs and quarry faces.

1 Turn right from the hotel entrance and follow the road towards the Little Orme. 2 After 200 yards, turn left into Rhiwledyn nature reserve. 3 Follow the rocky path uphill and past a bench. 4 Continue below the crags of the Little Orme on the left past another bench to an information board and gate at the far side of the nature reserve. 5 Beyond the gate, continue through gorse to a grassy triangle, where you take the path off to the left, which climbs to the col between the two summits of the Little Orme. 6 As the Great Orme comes into view, take a grassy path on the left, which climbs to the trig pillar at the highest point of the headland. Return the same way. 7 Now take a path running to the left of the other summit (topped by a traditional cairn). This path runs through bracken round the end of a limestone crag, and keeps well to the right of a former observation post with a curved wall. 8 At the end of this stretch is a narrow path descending through gorse – take care, as it emerges above a quarry face. 9 At this point, rejoin the official coast path route along the fence above the quarry then descend through scrub, before swinging left across the grassy floor of the quarry. 10 Turn right through a kissing gate by the remains of the winding gear and descend the steep former incline to the level below. 11 Take a short detour left to look for seals on the beach of Porth Dyniewaid (Angel Bay), then return to the coast path. 12 Follow the obvious path to the left of a shallow quarry, ignoring a turning on the left leading down to the houses. 13 When a broad path leading across the quarry floor joins obliquely from the right, take a narrow path on the right that climbs through scrub and shortly meets a metal gate at the end of a lane. 14 Follow the lane between cottages then, beyond the second cottage, turn sharp right through a wooden kissing gate onto a footpath that climbs to Ty Uchaf farm. 15 Pass through the farmyard and follow the surfaced driveway down to the road. 16 Turn right along the B5115 back to Craigside Manor.



Great Orme Summit
1½ or 3 miles: Moderate

Start: roundabout at junction of North Parade and Church Walks.

Allow 1–2 hours. You can leave out the circuit of the farm on the summit if you want a shorter walk. Trams run from late March to late October and leave every 20 minutes from 10am to late afternoon. An adult single costs around £10 depending on the season. Some of the paths are rocky and there are steep steps down to Happy Valley.

1 From the roundabout, turn left into Church Walks. 2 Cross Ty-Gwyn Road and Tan-yr-Ogof Road and continue to the tram station.

Buy a single and take the tram to the Summit Station, changing trams at the Halfway Station. For the shorter walk, walk up to the Summit Complex and climb to the trig point at the top of the hill, then follow the path roughly parallel to the cable car down to the Halfway Station, and pick up the walk at step 15.

3 For the longer walk, turn right out of the summit station past the ice cream kiosk then cross the tramlines to the road. 4 Cross the road and bear right down the grassy slope to a Nature Trail waymark post. Follow the wall downhill. 5 At the corner, by an information panel about the copper mines, bear right, still following the wall. 6 After a little over half a mile, you pass a low cairn on the left; continue along the wall as it bends to the right. 7 After a short distance, the path leaves the wall through stunted gorse and heather, passing some small areas of limestone pavement. 8 On meeting a wider, grassy path bear right back towards the wall corner, but take the way-marked nature trail on the left that leads through more heather and gorse and past two prominent glacial erratic boulders. The boulder shaped like a cottage loaf is the Free Trade Loaf. 9 Beyond the boulders the path rejoins the wall and follows a well-defined track alongside it. 10 After ¼ mile, beyond a gate and a junction with another track on the right, pass Ffynnon Llety Fadoc (or the Roman Well). 11 Shortly afterwards, after the “Sea and Swords” information board, follow the track round to the right, passing the end of the private drive to a farm on your right then curving left across a grassy area towards the road. 12 By a small boulder, leave the track and climb a grassy path on the right towards a distant cable-car pylon, crossing several other paths on the way up. Keep left at a waymark indicating the path to the Summit. 13 Walk under the cable-car line to the left of the pylon and through an area of old mines, passing between two stone structures that cap old mineshafts. 14 Bear right then left to meet a road just left of the tramway. Cross the tramlines and turn left at the road junction to pass the Halfway Station. 15 At a right-hand bend below the station, turn left onto a track, then immediately right onto another. Climb beyond a barrier, keep left at

a waymark post and pass under the cable car again. 16 Pass to the right of the obvious limestone knoll known as Gorsedd Uchaf (“High Throne”) and continue beyond a waymark post to a junction of paths marked with a finger post. 17 Turn right down steps beyond the post, then bear left below a line of crags above the ski centre. Turn right down more steps and descend parallel to the artificial ski slope and chairlift to the metalled path at the bottom. 18 Zig-zag left and walk down through the Happy Valley Gardens. 19 Before the Gorsedd Stone Circle, bear right to the roadway through the gardens and cross onto a path on the other side with a railing. This curves to the right to a flat grassy area below the Camera Obscura. 20 Walk up to the conical-roofed building, then turn right down a flight of steps. Turn left along the metalled path and then sharp left just before a road. 21 The path heads down towards the Grand Hotel, then zig-zags right and leads you down to North Parade.

Great Orme Circuit
5½ miles: Moderate

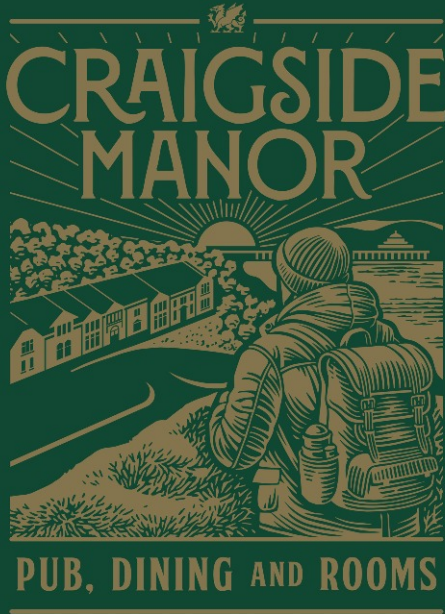
Start: roundabout at junction of North Parade and Church Walks.

Allow 3 hours. Most of the walking is along the Marine Drive, which has some ups and downs but is otherwise straightforward.

1 From the roundabout, bear left into Church Walks. 2 Cross Ty-Gwyn Road and Tan-yr-Ogof Road and continue past the tram station. 3 Turn right up Bodlondeb Hill. 4 At the top, turn left along Cwlach Street (one-way). 5 When the road divides, take the upper, right-hand fork (Cwlach Road), with a no-through road sign. 6 At the end of the road, ignore the footpath to the left of the gateposts and instead follow the driveway up into Haulfre Gardens. 7 Pass the Haulfre Tearooms and adjoining cottage, then take the lower (left-hand) of the two paths, then the upper (right-hand) path by the Tweedledum and Tweedledee statues. 8 Follow the path along a terrace past a long line of benches and a pergola. 9 Go through a gate onto the open hillside and continue along a level path (look out on the cliffs above for the famous Orme goats). 10 Stay on the main path, passing a couple of shelters partway along. 11 At the end of the cliff the path descends, via a zig-zag with a few steps, to the road at the Old Toll House. 12 Just before the Old Toll House, take a path on the right with a sign reading “Warning Dangerous Cliffs” (the path isn’t actually particularly dangerous – all drops are fenced off – but it is a little rocky in places; if you prefer an easier walk, follow the Marine Drive to the right and rejoin at step 15). 13 Follow the path as it climbs behind the building and across the steep slopes above the Marine Drive, with occasional interruptions as it crosses rocky ribs. 14 The path eventually drops down some

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THREE WALKS FROM



Little Orme (2 miles: Moderate)

A rocky peak with views to Llandudno and the Great Orme, and a beach often used by seals.

Great Orme Summit

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Let the tram do the climbing, then walk downhill to Llandudno via Happy Valley.

Great Orme Circuit

5½ miles: Moderate

The classic circuit around the Marine Drive.



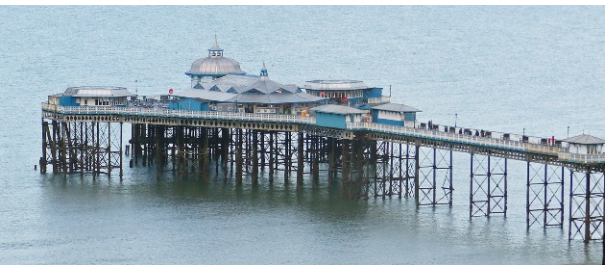
The **Great Orme Tramway** first opened in 1902, and is the only remaining cable-operated street tramway in Great Britain. The tram cars are the original vehicles.

The **Little Orme** offers superb views over the North Shore to Llandudno and the Great Orme and is quieter than its big brother. Grey Seals often haul up on the beach at Angel Bay/Porth Dyniewaid between September and April.



steps and shortly afterwards runs along a garden wall before reaching the end of a driveway. Walk down the driveway to join the Marine Drive. Turn right. **15** Follow the road past the no-entry signs, ignoring the turning on the left. The road climbs steadily above the level area known as the Gunsite, then levels off and starts to descend as you round the end of the peninsula. **16** Pass Ffynnon Gaseg (the Mare's Well), then the Rest and Be Thankful café and the lighthouse. **17** A mile further on, pass the turning to the Summit, continuing along the Marine Drive below the cliffs. Pass above Pigeon's Cave (where there is a path down to a viewing point from the famous overhang) and around the headland of Pen-trwyn. **18** The pier comes into view and after a further half-mile you pass the impressive overhang and rock pillars known to climbers as Parisella's Caves on the right. **19** Shortly afterwards, you pass the toll house and the bottom of the Happy Valley gardens and it is a short walk from here past the Grand Hotel and back to North Parade.

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Llandudno Pier is the longest in Wales and the fifth-longest in the UK. It was built in 1876–78 by John Dixon and designed by Sir James William Brunlees and Alexander McKerrow.

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The approach to **Haulfre Gardens** along Cwmlach Road gives an impression of how the old town of Llandudno must have appeared before the Mostyn estate developed their model resort on the flat land below.

