

## 6 The 'real' Fairy Bridge and Marine Drive

This walk gives you a glimpse into how the Victorians spent their holidays on the Isle of Man plus the (very important) opportunity to greet the Little People.

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| Grading:  | Leisurely   |
| Distance: | 6 miles   |
| Start:    | Douglas Steam Railway Station   |
| Map Ref:  | 379 751   |
| By Car:   | All major routes to Douglas. Day parking at Chester Street or Shaws Brow.           |
| By Rail:  | The Isle of Man Steam Railway Douglas terminus is located at the top of North Quay. |
| By Bus:   | All major bus routes serve Douglas the capital of the Isle of Man.                  |

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### Route

1. From the steam railway station take the road across the harbour and turn right. Continue along the main road for approximately 200 yards.
2. When you reach the gates of The Nunnery, take the footpath which runs between Middle River and the railway track through the grounds of The Nunnery.
3. Continue along the edge of the golf course until you reach the main road again.
4. Turn right. Cross the road just after the school and take the footpath on the left next to a farm.
5. After just under 0.5 miles you will reach a ford and footbridge. Before you cross the river take the hidden footpath on the right. This will take you to the real Fairy Bridge.
6. Returning back to the track, cross the river and continue for about 400 yards and then turn left along the tarmac track leading to the A25.
7. Turn left, go over the railway bridge and then turn right.
8. Continue along this quiet road for about 400 yards.
9. Turn left at Keristal. You are now walking along Marine Drive.
10. Continue along this very quiet road, which is partially closed to traffic, for approximately 3 miles as it hugs the coastline to Douglas.
11. Shortly after passing through the stone gateway, the Great Camera Obscura is on the right. Also on Douglas Head is a statue of Sir William Hillary, the founder of the RNLI.
12. Meander down Douglas Head to Douglas Harbour and back to the steam railway station.

## Route Map



## Facilities (subject to opening hours)

- General shopping on North Quay and surrounding areas
- Public toilets are located at Douglas Market Hall (corner of North Quay/Market Hill) and at the steam railway station

## Points of Interest (subject to opening hours and admission charges)

- Douglas Head - the Great Camera Obscura

## Nature - Watch

*Risso's Dolphins and the awesome Basking Shark may be spotted in the waters off Marine Drive during the Summer months. Over Winter you may also spot Bottlenose Dolphins and Minke Whales.*

