

Walk back 250 years



A GENTLE STROLL AROUND ONE OF CUMBRIA'S ONLY TWO "GEM TOWNS"

Whitehaven Centre

Leave Glenfield and cross the road to head down Front Corkickle. The houses here are classic Georgian and were occupied by wealthy merchants and ships' captains. The houses are on the right and their gardens are on the left. This was to allow passengers to alight at their front doors in wet weather. The road was originally paved with wooden cobbles so noise from carriage wheels and horses' hooves was reduced.

Continue straight on to rejoin the main road and pass the castle. You are now on Lowther Street, continue through the town centre until you come to the harbour.

Turn left and pass Lime Tongue (take a stroll out to the end to visit the

crow's nest and study the sculptures located throughout) and Sugar Tongue. Note the C2C sculpture on the slipway. This is the start of the Sea to Sea (Whitehaven to Sunderland) long distance cycle route. Follow the perimeter of the harbour and you will come to the sculpture of John Paul Jones "spiking" the harbour guns.

Pass Old Quay on the right and walk out onto the West Pier to explore the remains of the 17th C. fort and harbour gun. Continue on to visit the lighthouse if you wish but not if conditions are stormy.

Retrace your steps and turn left on to Old Quay. Notice the indentation on the quay surface where, in 1783, a ship was lifted over the harbour wall and

dropped on to the quay by storms.

Cross the path over the sea lock and up to the North Pier. Again, walk out on the pier if you wish and conditions allow.

Continue on the harbour perimeter, past the fish hall, and on to the sculpture of the Whiting Shoal.

Turn right and pass Bulwark Quay.

At the John Paul Jones pub turn left into Duke Street and continue into Catherine Street to walk through the Castle grounds



What so many miss.

Whitehaven is a town that is neglected by most visitors to Cumbria preferring the more accessible towns of the central and eastern Lake district.

While Whitehaven does lie outside the national park it offers the best of both worlds. The west

Cumbrian coast is diverse and spectacular and the sunset over the, clearly visible, southern Scotland coast is not to be missed. Access to many wonderful seaside villages such as St Bees, Seascale and Ravenglass is easy.

The most spectacular val-

leys of the western Lake District are close by with undiscovered Ennerdale only 20 minutes' drive away and the best valleys of Wasdale and Eskdale only half an hours' drive.

Whitehaven itself is steeped in history waiting to be discovered.



Special points of interest:

- *The Rum Story Exhibition (Discount voucher available at Glenfield)*
- *The Beacon Museum*
- *Sculptures throughout the harbour—often with a humorous slant.*
- *Whitehaven Fort, watchtower and lighthouses.*
- *The Crow's Nest and The Wave*
- *Excellent venues for lunch and dinner to suit all tastes.*