

West Pier

A 4 mile flat traffic free ride. (OS 1:50,000 sheet 159)

Start/finish: Civic Centre East car park (GR 652923)

Follow the coast path east to the Observatory (on your right). Here Route 4 turns left but you keep straight on until the path ends by a high-rise apartment block. Go round the right side of this building and through a gap which leads you on to the West Pier access road. Walk (or cycle with care) to the end of the pier for a commanding view of Swansea Bay and the docks.

To return cross the Tawe by the Trafalgar pedestrian/cycle bridge which is opposite the point where you earlier joined the river. Note the Swansea Barrage on your left. Follow the Tawe upstream to the Sail Bridge. The path will divert you to the east on to the King's Road off which you make a left turn for the Sail Bridge. Across this turn left on to East Burrows Road. You are now back on NCN 4 which you follow back to the start. There is a right turn at the end of E. Burrows Road and then the signed route wiggles it's way through the Marina back to the Observatory .

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The photo is looking west across the Trafalgar Bridge.
The cyclist is John Grimshaw, the founder of Sustrans.