

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 past the Observatory (on your right) to a parking area in front of a high-rise apartment block. Follow the path round to the right and down to the west bank of the Tawe. Turn right here and 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. Cross this and turn left on to East Burrows Road. You are now back onto what used to be NCR 4. Turn right turn at the end of E. Burrows Road, follow the dock on your left to the pedestrian swing bridge. Cross this and continue towards the sea, again with the dock on your left. Turn right onto Trawler Road, then first left to take you 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.