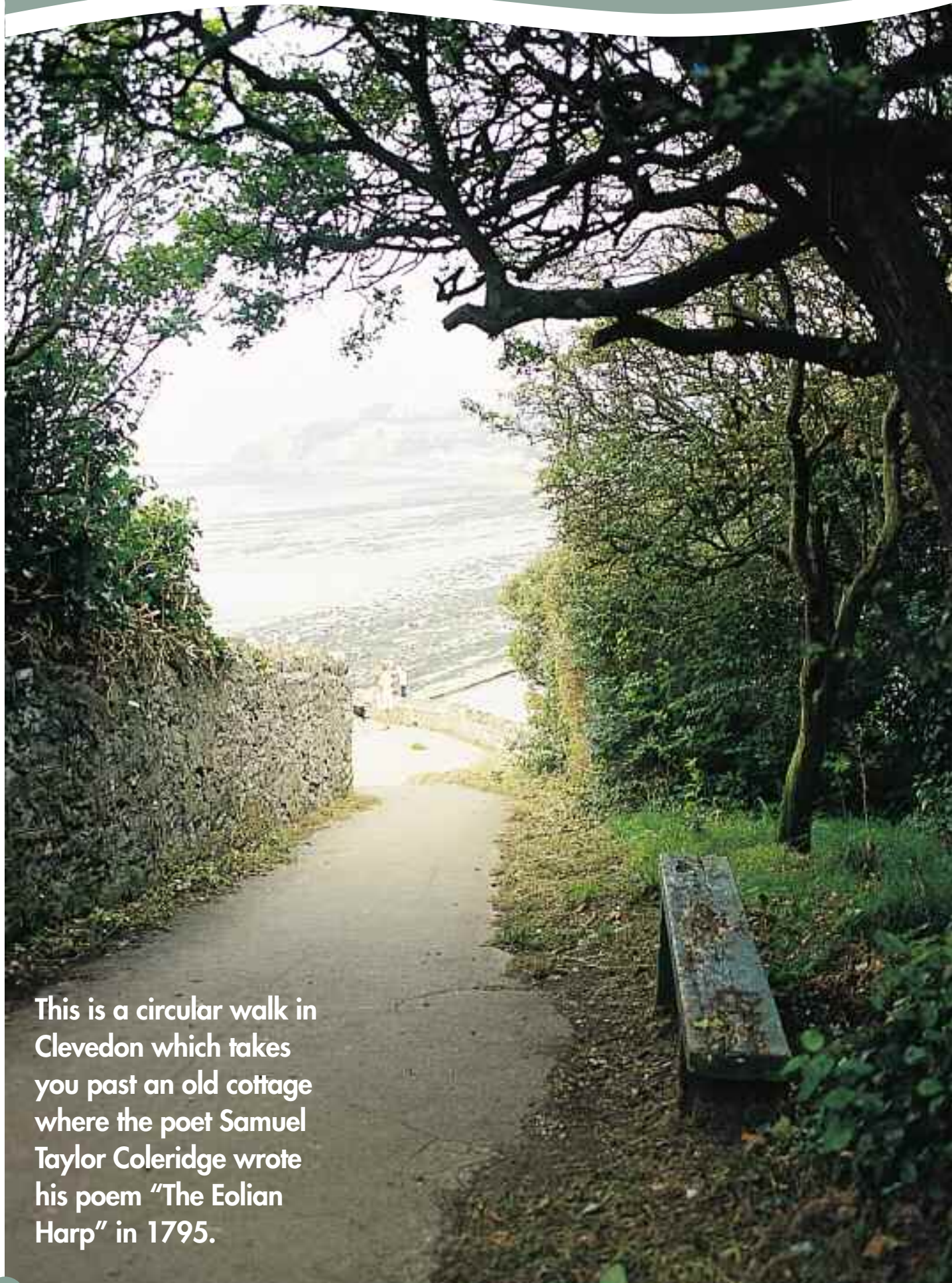


# In search of Coleridge



This is a circular walk in Clevedon which takes you past an old cottage where the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote his poem "The Eolian Harp" in 1795.

## The walk

The series of paths that make up this walk leads you past Marine Lake, St Andrew's Church, Land Yeo river, Old Church Road and Donkey Path.

## Distance

Just under three miles

## Terrain

Mostly gentle walking though steep in some parts and can get muddy in places

## Parking

Salthouse Fields Car Park off Old Church Road, Clevedon



St Andrew's churchyard

Within 100 yards you come out of the trees and begin to go around Church Hill.

When you reach St Andrew's churchyard leave Poet's Walk by taking a path which forks left. This path skirts the churchyard to your right. At a junction in the paths bear right to reach a gate leading to the church entrance. At this gate turn left down the road and cross Old Church Road to St Andrew's Drive.



You soon reach the houses of Coleridge Vale Road North which runs to your left. At the far end of this you come to Old Church Road where you should turn right. Cross almost immediately to a cottage where you should see a plaque which tells you that the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge spent his honeymoon there with new bride Sarah Fricker and wrote his famous poem the Eolian Harp.

Further on turn left up Hillside Road, past the library, and then turn left again into St John's Avenue. Make your way to Jesmond Road by following the path which snakes round from the end of St John's Avenue.

At the top of this path follow Jesmond Road straight down to Coleridge Road and then turn left to reach Victoria Road. Turn right and shortly take Donkey Path on the left, opposite Albert Road, to return to the promenade and the bandstand.



Clevedon Pier

With Clevedon Pier behind you walk along the promenade towards The Salthouse. After passing a pebble beach you come to Salthouse Fields and, on the other side of the sea wall, Marine Lake. The Salthouse was originally used as a salt mine in the 1800s before it was converted into a private house.

The route now takes you along Poet's Walk for a short distance.

At the end of the promenade go up the steps in front of you and, after the first few steps, turn right along the wide path through the trees, still above Marine Lake.



Steps



Coastal Path

At the end of St Andrew's Drive cross a small bridge onto Marshall's Field and, keeping to the left of the field, follow the river, the Land Yeo. The field gives way to a strip of grassy river bank. Cross the busy Southern Way and continue to follow the river past the small bridge on the left, into another field to reach Strode Road.

Turn left along Strode Road. After a short while, just before reaching Westbourne Avenue on your left, take the path over a bridge which appears on your right. Again follow the river, still the Land Yeo, with a field on your right.



The bandstand