

HISTORY TRAIL 4

Dunvant Brickworks Area

OVERVIEW

This is a circular walk around the Dunvant brickworks area.

Distance: 1.5 miles

Start Point: Car park off B4296 Walters Row/Garrod Avenue, SA2 7TB (free car park)

Note: Uneven terrain and can be muddy. Not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs. Consider other users and observe the Countryside Code.

Using this guide

- All timings are approximate.
- **Track** indicates an unmade surface
- **Path** indicates a metalled surface (tarmac).
- Bold text is directions.
- Italics text is information.

 The walk begins at the car park off B4296 Walters Row / Garrod Avenue, Dunvant, SA2 7TB.







2. Facing this black signpost at the back of the car park, turn left towards Gowerton.

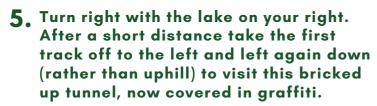
On your left you will pass a stone structure with information about the Brickworks on one side and the memorial to the Killan Mining Disaster, 1924, on the other side.

 Walk along the Old Railway path for about 5 minutes. Turn off the path by the sign for Dunvant Brickworks and follow a track on the right.





4. Continue on the track until you reach an information board about the biodiversity in the Dunvant Brickworks area.



In 1904, £10,000 was spent to forge a tunnel through here and a track laid to move coal out of the valley to the main line railway.



6. Retrace your steps from the tunnel to the track you turned off. Turn left but not uphill and continue walking around the lake.

In the vegetation to your left are extensive ruins of many buildings associated with the the early 20th Century brickworks industry.

At the T junction, turn right to re-join the main track - past the information board again.



- 7. Continue onwards to a kissing gate on your left. Go through this gate and follow the right hand track uphill to pause and take in the view around you.
 - Return downhill, back through the kissing gate, turn left and continue following the main track.

9. As you pass a 5 bar field gate on your left, a lake begins to appear.

Look to your right to see the remains of a WWII defensive pillbox.





Take a narrow track off to the left by Orienteering Post 12/A. This track takes you out onto a spur of land into the clay pit, to see this air shaft ruin on the right. Take great care as there is a steep drop.

11. Retrace your steps to the main track. Turn left and continue upwards for about 5 minutes passing the farm on your right. This track merges into Highland Terrace.



12. A short distance after the farm, and just before you reach these steps on your left, look to your right.

Here are remains of the Penlan Colliery, including a wall and a tall, ivy covered chimney - only visible in sparse Winter vegetation.

 Continue onwards on the main track until it joins Dunvant Road.





14. Turn right and as you walk downhill you pass the site of The Old Dunvant Post Office – now a small park. Take the steps down on your right to join the Old Railway Path.



15. Turn right, passing the site of Dunvant Station, to return to the start of the walk.



