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## **GRANGE-OVER-SANDS**

Welcome to Grange-over-Sands, a tranquil and charming Edwardian resort fringing Morecambe Bay.

Grange or 'Graunge' is a French word meaning granary and the monks of nearby Cartmel Priory stored their grain here until Henry VIII dissolved England's monasteries in 1536.

Like Ulverston, Grange was only accessible by crossing the sands from Lancaster by coach or on foot. Virtually untouched by Britain's industrial revolution the local fishing community remained quietly alone until the railway came in 1857. Wealthy businessmen from Lancashire and Yorkshire settled here taking advantage of the bracing air and wonderful climate. These men built some fine houses, hotels and grand terraces which you will see on your walk.

The English Lakes and Fumess Peninsula are only a short car journey away making Grange an ideal starting point for a holiday. Shopping in Grange is a delight and you will become aware of a strong Edwardian influence in the town, especially if you take tea in one of the many cafes or restaurants.

Enjoy your walk around Grange-over-Sands, a beautiful place to visit. The features marked with a brown circle all have a black and gold plaque which will tell you more about their history. The full walk will take you approximately one and a half-hours, but a shorter version can be completed in 45 minutes.

## **GRANGE - HISTORIC TOWN TRAIL**

Begin the trail at the Tourist Information Centre - which is inside

**VICTORIA HALL (1).** This magnificent civic building opened in 1901 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Turn down the hill to the first building on the left which was **GRANGE'S FIRST POLICE STATION (2).** Cross Main Street and turn right down the Car Park exit to the NORMANDY **VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDENS (3)** situated on the right. *This is one of the most historic areas of the town.* 

Cross Into the Ornamental Gardens, walking along in a clockwise direction beside the lake, *home to an exotic collection of wildfowl* to **PICKLEFOOT SPRING (4)** *which has never run dry*. Continue along the lakeside path and then turn left out onto the road opposite a garage. Along Windermere Road there is a plaque describing the history of **EGGERSLACK TERRACE (5)**.

Return down Windermere Road and turn left down Lindale Road to the **RAILWAY STATION** (6). This was built by the Furness Railway in 1872. A little further along Lindale Road you will find the Grange Hotel's original stables, affectionately known as "**THE TAPS**" (7). Retrace your steps towards the station and go through the underpass to the Promenade. To your left you can see Holme Island. The causeway to the island was built in 1845. Until then the inhabitants could only leave the island at low tide.

Turn right and walk along the Promenade. Approximately half a mile along the promenade is the site of a former **PIER (8)** by a pedestrian railway crossing. Here you may choose to take a short cut, carefully crossing the railway to the bottom of Bayley Lane and following the end of trail back to the start at the Tourist Information Centre.

To complete the whole trail walk along the Promenade until you reach the **TEA ROOMS (9).** Retrace your steps and cross the railway by the footbridge. As you walk up Clare House Lane you pass **BERNERS**, the community and lottery funded swimming, health and fitness complex. At the top of the lane you may wish to cross the road to **COX'S CORNER (10)** before turning right along Park Road to Park Road Gardens. The ornate **BANDSTAND (I I)** was previously situated on the Promenade and is a popular venue for concerts in the summer. Rejoin Park Road and walk directly ahead to Cross Street. Turn right into Kents Bank Road. On your right is the **UNITED REFORM CHURCH (12)** which was opened in 1894. A short distance away on the opposite side of the road is the **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (13)** which was previously *Grange National Church of England School.* The next plaque is within the grounds of **ST CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH (14)** which suffered bomb damage during the Second World War. Further along the road is the **METHODIST CHURCH (15)** which was built on land donated by local benefactor Alexander Brogden.

At the end of Kents Bank Road turn left into Grange Fell Road to HARDCRAGG HALL (16) now a private residence which was visited by Beatrix Potter. Retrace your steps passing the Library and then to ST PAUL'S CHURCH (17) which was consecrated in 1853. Go past THE CLOCKTOWER (18) crossing Main Street and down Bayley Lane. At the bottom turn left before the railway crossing and follow the path to Main Street Car Park. Turn left past the COMMODORE HOTEL (19) which was an old coaching inn. To your right is BAY VILLA (20) Walk up Main Street to the Tourist Information Centre to complete the trail.