



HEALTHY SELFIE TRAIL

FREE!

TRAIL #3
OLDWAY MANSION AND VICTORIA PARK
(APPROX 2 MILES)

English Riviera



 **TORBAY**_{ON}
THE
MOVE

More people, more active, more often

An event funded by Torbay Council
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USE THE WHAT3WORDS CODES TO FOLLOW A CIRCULAR ROUTE. TAKE SELFIES ALONG THE ROUTE, INCLUDING A PICTURE AT EACH OF OUR THREE MAIN TOP SELFIE SPOTS TO BE ENTERED INTO OUR MAIN COMPETITION. HAVE FUN!

1. START AT OLDWAY CAR PARK AND ENTER THE GARDENS BETWEEN THE TWO SPHINX FIGURES GARDEN.SPIRIT.HIGHS



DID YOU KNOW...?

Oldway Mansion and the surrounding gardens were constructed in the 1870s for Isaac Merritt Singer, a wealthy businessman who amassed his fortune by selling practical sewing machines for domestic use. Singer was to die shortly before the work on Oldway was completed and his son Paris went on the remodel the building based on the Palace of Versailles in his namesake city. The large round building opposite the entrance is known as The Rotunda and was originally built as a horse-riding pavilion and had a moveable floor that covered a swimming pool.

2. WALK IN FRONT OF BUILDING AND THEN UP STEPS ON RIGHT HOSE.RENEW.PIZZA

3. WALK ANTICLOCKWISE AROUND THE CROQUET LAWN TO THE BOTTOM LEFT CORNER EVENLY.MOVIES.TRANSIT



4. WALK DOWN STEPS...

...and follow straight ahead for path into the trees and then zig zag down path on the right to the pond. Turn down path on the right to the road.

5. TURN RIGHT PAST THE GARAGE AND CROSS THE ROAD AT THE CROSSING. TURN RIGHT AND CONTINUE DOWN THE MAIN ROAD.

6. TURN LEFT INTO THE PARK HARDER.MAGIC.WINNER

DID YOU KNOW...?

Victoria Park was once marshland and very smelly, as this was where the local sewage was discarded. However, following the arrival of the railway in Paignton in 1859, plans were put in place to drain and develop the area, with the park opening in 1894. The stream that runs through the park runs from the Old Mill towards the sea, while the railway dissects the park in two. Today the park boasts tennis courts, a skate park, a play area for children and a café. It's also really well kept, with attractive trees, shrubs and three large lawn areas for picnics and games.

7. TURN LEFT AT THE TENNIS COURTS, AND KEEP LEFT OF THE BASKETBALL COURTS AND THEN FOLLOW THE PATH AROUND THE REAR OF THE POND.

8. WALK UNDER THE RAILWAY BRIDGE WATERS.FUNDED.FIRES

9. CROSS THE WOODEN BRIDGE PLAY.LINEN.MAYBE



**10. TURN BACK THE WAY YOU CAME UNDER...
...the railway bridge and follow the left hand side of the stream along the path to exit on the road**

STUMP.BARK.HELPS

11. TURN RIGHT AND RETRACE YOUR STEPS ALONG THE ROAD TO THE START OF THE WALK AT OLDWAY MANSION...

...either by entering back through the gardens and up the steps, or by turning left a bit further on (just before Sainsbury's Local) and walking up the main drive.

DID YOU KNOW...?

There were plans for Oldway to become the Hollywood of Devon and The Rotunda was used as a film studio in the 1940s. Oldway itself has also been featured in several TV programmes and films, including the 1968 film Isadora starring Vanessa Redgrave. The film tells the tragic story of Isadora Duncan, who was an innovator of modern dance and had an affair with Paris Singer. The building also doubled as Buckingham Palace in Churchill: The Hollywood years starring Christian Slater and Neve Campbell!

ACCESSIBILITY

The route described involves one set of steps. However, for a completely accessible route you can leave Oldway Mansions via the main drive and turn right onto Torquay Road to reach Victoria Park.

Congratulations on finishing the walk and we hope you had fun exploring Oldway Mansion and Victoria Park while getting a few selfies along the way. Don't forget to tag us #HealthySelfie

The first 100 people to pop into Oldway Mansions Tea Rooms (check opening times) and show a photo from

each of the three Top Spots will get a limited edition badge. There is a different one for each walk.

Don't forget to enter our competition at www.healthy-selfie.co.uk to be in with the chance of winning some amazing prizes for you and your family.

Good luck!