

CAR PARK • BEACH • DRIGG ROAD • CAR PARK

R O U T E

Leave the car park at the Beach Stores corner and turn left and walk along the beach or the 'promenade', continue across the pebbles to the steps leading upwards towards the road. Follow the path towards the road, past the sign to the house called 'The Croft'. Turn left on Drigg Road and follow the road along the top of the cliffs. Walk down the hill, past Herding Neb (the white house on the seaward side of the road, with a figurehead above the door) and continue along the road to the car park.

F E A T U R E S

On a clear day you can see the Isle of Man, St Bees Head and Scotland.

Herding Neb, built in the 1820's, was originally 2 cottages with the staircases to the bedrooms outside the building. It was once a 'jerry shop' (beer house) frequented by local poachers. Legend has it that the figurehead is of Lord Byron and was taken from a vessel wrecked in the storm of January 1884 on Selker Rocks a few miles offshore. In former times the house stood above a gently sloping hillside. A stretch of grassland below was used for steeplechasing and trotting races. Coastal erosion has caused the disappearance of the grass and has changed the sloping hillside to a cliff. Stone defences both above and below the concrete promenade now protect the cliffside from further damage.

C O N D I T I O N S

The beach may not be accessible at high tide and the steps up from the beach are steep and irregular.