

Cliff Railway, Aberystwyth

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It is advised that a wheelchair user will have to have to have very strong upper body strength or a very fit carer to push the chair on the many ramps.

The railway is positioned at the far end of the beach front at the bottom of Constitution Hill. The lower station is a very old building with many uneven steps. The disabled ramp is to the left side of the building and it is fairly long to lessen the gradient. At the station where you get into the carriage entry is over a large gap (approximately 12inches) see photograph below so it is not suitable for powered chairs.



The best view is from this large cabin. The train makes its way up the steep incline pulled by steel wires. The view of the Town and beach are outstanding.

Upon reaching the top station you exit the carriage, again over a large gap. Here there are some very steep and uneven steps, there is a wheelchair lift (which follows these steps). You operate this by yourself and instructions are on a prominent signpost at the bottom of the steps. The exit door to the top station is on the left via a path which has a separate concrete wheelchair path to one side.

N.B. This path is very steep you or your pusher will need to be very fit and healthy to get you to the top.

Once at the top the view over the town and the Irish Sea is breathtaking. There is a Café serving beverages, snacks or meals. It has disabled toilets (accessed via the café) reached by a ramp or steps. Also at the top there is 'Frisbee Golf', a Camera Obscura and (in summer months) various other attractions.

This attraction has its own website:-

www.aberystwythcliff railway.co.uk

N.B. The information for disabled visitors on this site is very basic.