

A Circuit above and below the Great Quarry: 1½ miles

The Gulley is now fenced for a small flock of goats brought in to manage the vegetation. The path passes one of the vent shafts of the Clifton Extension Railway (1877) and at its upper end the steps have been newly replaced.

The route of the Tramline, constructed to bring spoil up from the river to fill the quarry in Durdham Down, remains largely in place. If you explore this take care with the final scramble down to the floor of the Great Quarry.

There is a network of paths in the area known as the “Fairy Glen”, which leads through to the “New” Zig Zag path back to the Portway. At its foot the complete absence of any crossing of the main road explains why this lovely winding path is virtually unused on normal days.

And finally the nearby Bridge Valley Road itself will be traffic free on the Portway Sundays for a further beautiful approach to the Riverside.



View of tramway inline, built 1867

