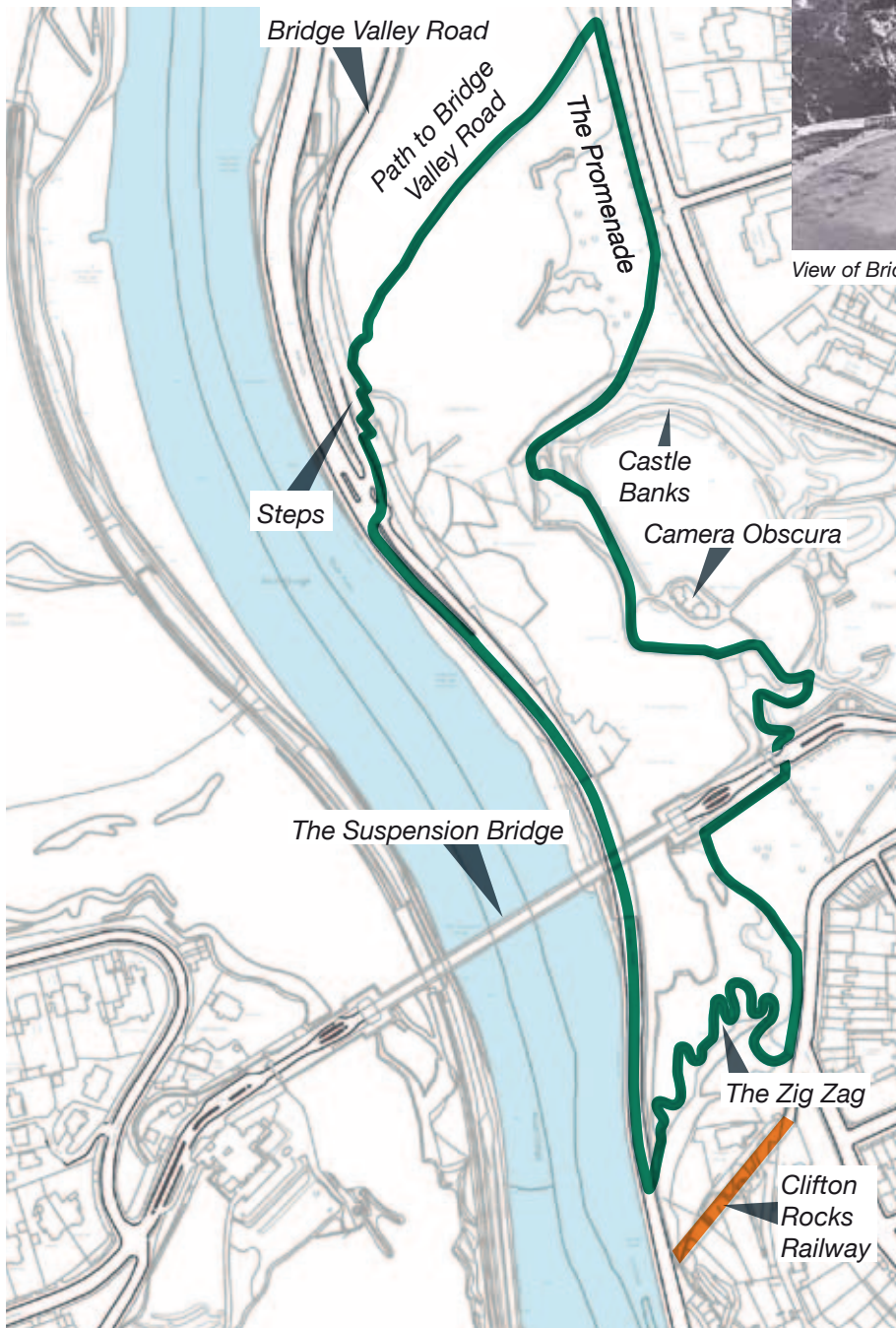


**A Circuit viewing the Clifton Suspension Bridge from all angles: 1¼ miles**

The circuit takes in the familiar sights of the Suspension Bridge, the view from the Camera Obscura and St. Vincent's Rocks, and the tree lined Promenade. But it is not often that one would walk down the Zig Zag path and along the Portway under the Bridge, simply because there is no way to cross over the main road. But today, Portway Sunday Park, there is no traffic at all. The steps up from the bottom of Bridge Valley Road cross over Portnalls No. One Tunnel of the Bristol Port and Pier Railway. This was opened in 1865 and ran to Avonmouth from a terminus in Hotwells, but was closed to enable the construction of the Portway in 1922. The tunnel was a popular air raid shelter in the last war.

The Suspension Bridge, originally designed by Isambard Brunel in 1831 was not completed until some years after his death, and was finally opened to the public in 1864. It has a span of 214m, set 75m above high tide level.



View of Bridge Valley Road-1913-before the Portway existed

