

## Forty five HALL BANK – COAST and “ANOTHER PLACE”

Although not a short walk it is very easy and pleasant to stroll along the Merseyside coast. See the sea, sand, sunshine, shipping and statues. On the way you see a bit of Liverpool and use the underground train.

Catch a train to Liverpool. Alight at Lime Street station. At the front of Lime Street station go to your left along Lime Street uphill.

Where Copperas Hill comes in on the left, cross Lime Street to go onto Ranelagh Road on the right. A short way along this road there is a shopping centre on the left. Enter it and walk to the end.

On your right is the entrance to Central underground Station. Catch a Southport train. Alight at Hall Bank station.

You leave the platform *past the old (attractive) brick building*, and turn right along the straight road to the coast. *Notice the new build flats on the right at the roundabout.*

Go over the roundabout and turn left along the beach or prom. *There are now wide views across the Mersey to North Wales. You can see Birkenhead and the Bidston Observatory.*

On the beach you will come to the 100 statues that constitute Anthony Gormley’s installation “Another Place”. *Notice how the barnacles have grown on the cast iron statues where the sea covers them – marine life needs iron to thrive, and there is naturally very little iron in the sea.*

As you continue south, Seaforth Docks and the new wind farm are ahead of you. *Seaforth is a very busy container port that now handles all the traffic that used to go into the centre of Liverpool.*

Before you get as far as the pipeline pier (with lights) that comes out across the beach, you will see a domed building on your left – go towards this. *This is the new Crosby Leisure Centre and there is a nice (and very welcome) café inside.*

From the café continue up the street (it is called Mariner’s Road). Cross Bridge Road and continue along Mersey Road. *St Nicholas (Blundellsands) church is to your right.*

After a very short distance go left along Agnes Road and Crosby station is on your right. Go through the underpass to the other platform for a train back to Liverpool.

Alight at Liverpool Central Station and retrace the route from the shopping centre to Lime Street. (Note -there is a Wetherspoon's on Great Charles Street behind Lewis's).

**CLASSIFICATION:**

**A MEDIUM LENGTH WALK. EASY.  
BEACH, PANORAMIC VIEWS, STATUES,  
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, CAFE, SHOPS, PUB.  
RAIL FARE: category three.**

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