

W1801 Highdown to Alum Bay.

Starting from the **Highdown**, take the unmarked road towards Tennyson Down, with Nodewell Farm on your right as you ascend to a small National Trust car park at the end of this lane. This area used to be a small quarry/pit and there are small boards giving a brief history of the working.

Ascend the footpath/stairs carefully (in need of some TLC) to get on to Tennyson Down and take the T27 STEEP CLIMB to arrive at the Tennyson memorial. Having suitably got your breath back, proceed west towards the Needles. You can either take the track fully towards the Needles and the Coastguard cottages, but this is deceptively quite a long way for those not used to regular walking. The views at the end of the Needles are worth the effort though. Thereafter take the private National Trust road back to the Needles Landmark Leisure park, where **Marconi's Bar** is situated.

Alternatively, as you walk away from the Tennyson monument, at a junction of several paths, take footpath T25 to the north of West High Down and this brings you directly to the Needles Leisure Park and Marconi's bar.