



Course details

Course title

History: Cliff railways in England and Wales

Course code

Q00016934

Course date

Start: 04/03/25

End: 25/03/25

Number of classes

4 sessions

Timetable

Tue 4th Mar, 14:00 to 15:30

Tue 11th Mar, 14:00 to 15:30

Tue 18th Mar, 14:00 to 15:30

Tue 25th Mar, 14:00 to 15:30

Tutor

Michael Turner

Fee range

Free to £22.20

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

One of the reminders of Victorian ingenuity at the seaside, and some inland towns is the much-loved cliff railway. Discover the history of the Cliff Railways in England and Wales, with an introduction of their origins and development and the communities they served. Built in often dramatic locations with spectacular views, they offer the excitement of a precipitous journey down a steep incline. Come and join this illustrated course as we follow the story of these passenger carrying railways, from 1875 to the present day. This course is suitable for those with both little and some knowledge of the subject. To note down key points, it is suggested that you bring a notebook.

Course description

The course will provide a study of the social, technical and economic drivers that drove the provision of cliff railways and for some, the reasons for their demise. . To explain the different methods of operation – water and electricity. This course is idea for those who want to spend time learning something new from the comfort of their own home. There will be a range of different teaching and learning methods to encourage you to be actively involved in your learning. You will be invited to undertake work to support your course outside of the class and in particular there will be an assignment that will involve studying your local cliff railway and report back your findings to the rest of the class.

You may use photographs if you have any, otherwise the tutor will draw examples from his extensive collection. Sessions will be delivered through PowerPoint presentation, discussion and debate, with students encouraged to contribute and enjoy the course. A range of handouts will be provided on Canvas. On completion of the course you will:-

- Be encouraged to extend your study independently. Guidance will be given.
- Be alert to appeals for funds from cliff railways that have had to close due to the need for extensive

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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