

PENTLAND TOURS

An Alternative Guide to Thurso

18. How many publications did Sir George Sinclair write?

Answer

Turn left into Traill Street and cross over the road.

19. What other function did the Meadow Well provide for the people of Thurso?

Answer

Continue walking into the pedestrian area towards Caithness Horizons.

20. What is the connection with the Dutch and The Beautiful South?

Answer

Caithness Horizons now occupies the old Town Hall & Library buildings and is worth a visit. Get the answer before you go in.

21. What is missing from the deer?

Answer

Go left down Swanson Street followed by a left into Beach Road.

22. What games can't you play in this play area?

Answer

Turn right and cross over Orlig Street into Campbell Street.

23. What is the telephone number of John Hood & Son in Wick?

Answer

Turn right up East Church Street.

24. To whom is the gardens dedicated?

Answer

Continue up East Church Street through Victorian Thurso. These streets of older houses lead you back to Pentland Lodge where you can check your answers.

Dear Visitors,

When I show people around Thurso this is my favourite walk. I have turned it into a slightly quirky tour guide which you may find entertaining. While you will pass most of the landmarks around town, to complete the questionnaire you need to look out for the little details on buildings and signs.

There are no prizes for the speed of completion and this trail takes you past almost all the cafes, pubs and hotels in town so do take your time.

The first question starts at the "fountain" on the Esplanade by the beach. As an illustration I have done the first question for you.

Hope you have a good walk.

Liz

1. How long was Dr John Grant a physician in Thurso?

Answer

2. Who loved the sea?

Answer

Turn right up the steps, through the gap in the houses and turn left. This is the old part of town and this road was the route to the harbour.

3. What is the unusual shape of one of the oldest buildings in town?

Answer

Follow the road to the riverside looking towards the ruins of Thurso castle. The harbour here was once very busy with international trading of our Caithness flagstone. Now you are most likely to see surfers at Thurso East or otters and seals that hunt in the river.

4. Who do the CLB supply?

Answer

Turn right along the riverside.

5. What is Jenny Lee?

Answer

Walk up to Old St Peter's Kirk. This very old building unfortunately is closed to visitors. If you look at the windows they have been carved from single pieces of stone.

6. How long was Old St Peter's Kirk used as a place of worship?

Answer

Cross over the road towards the green area and go through the archway at the bottom. Turn right.

7. What is the motto of the Boys Brigade

Answer

Go down the alleyway behind you (not through the building), cross over and at the end of this walkway turn left into Wilson Street towards the river.

8. Who did our local geologist and botanist instruct?

Answer

Follow the road down to the riverside and turn right. Look left after the footbridge and you may see some seals basking on the island or hunting in the river

9. How did people cross the river before the bridges were built?

Answer

Cross directly over the bridge and enter the riverside walk following the path along the Thurso River.

10. How long is the Thurso River?

Answer

11. What number is the Thurso Club?

Answer

Cross over Janet Street at the first gate on the right and follow the road up and past the medical centre.

12. What happens in the Miller Institution now?

Answer

Turn right into Sinclair Street.

13. What direction are you facing when you look at the church?

Answer

Turn left up Robertson's Lane.

14. A common word with an extra letter!

Answer

Turn right down Princes Street, crossing to the far side of the road.

15. When does the Thurso Rotary Club meet?

Answer

16. Which saints are celebrated on the square?

Answer

Cross over into the gardens of Sir John's Square.

17. What did Alexander Millar sell?

Answer