

Ale Trail

Discover some of Hull's most historic pubs on The Ale Trail.

Allow: Half a day, to not just look at the pubs, but to sample some of the ales, too!

Accessibility:

Mainly paved with some cobbles. If you want to enter any of the pubs, please be aware some contain steps at the entrances. Public toilets are available at several sites including stop 11 on Nelson Street.

Trail hack #1:

Between stops 10 and 11, Humber Street has lots of great lunch options if you're not visiting any of the pubs.

Trail hack #2:

Rather than heading down Dagger Lane at stop 9, head down Princes Dock Street for a waterside stroll before you reach Murdoch's Connection.

It's acknowledged by both visitors and locals that our historic city is home to some of the finest pubs in the country – step back in time and learn more about the city on this fun trail.

Hull's amazing pubs have many stories and a rich history of their own – with some pub buildings dating as far back as the 1500s – like the fantastic Ye Olde White Hart – home to a skull behind the bar.

Though beer was brewed in Hull city centre for many years and ale is a very popular choice in Hull's pubs, many pubs also now serve an array of drinks, such as craft beers and spirits like gins, as well as soft drinks aplenty. Many venues sell locally produced spirits and beers, too, so keep your eyes peeled.

The trail starts in the city centre at the Grade II listed Dram Shop, one of Hull's longest serving pubs. Next up is the Punch Hotel in Queen Victoria Square and The Empress – which was popular with dockers when Queen's Gardens was a dock. Following Alfred Gelder Street down to Manor Street, you'll also find the Burlington Tavern and the George Hotel – home to the famous 'smallest window in the world'!

Market Place is home to more pubs including – Ye Olde Blue Bell and The Corn Exchange – and a stroll down Posterngate will take you past the impressive Minster and Trinity Square to the Kingston Hotel and The Mission.

After a trip across Murdoch's Connection, you'll find an array of historic and modern pubs with something to offer on the Fruit Market. This includes the Minerva, home to the country's smallest snug and home cooked food, as well as newer venue the Taphouse Brewpub, which serves flights and pints of ales and ciders, as well as cocktails, and is home to the Bone Machine Brewery Company.

A walk down Humber Street and High Street will see you at the heart of Old Town, with a plethora of historic pubs on the cobbled streets. These include The Lion & Key, Manchester Arms and Ye Olde Black Boy. Check out High Street while you're here – you can see why it's used as the backdrop in many period dramas, including Netflix film series *Enola Holmes*.



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| 1 Dram Shop | 8 Ye Olde Corn Exchange | 14 Manchester Arms |
| 2 The Punch Hotel | 9 Kingston Hotel | 15 Scale & Feather Bar |
| 3 The Empress | 10 The Mission | 16 William Hawkes |
| 4 Burlington Tavern | 11 Humber Dock Bar and Grill | 17 Ye Olde Black Boy |
| 5 The George Hotel | 12 Minerva | A Taphouse Brew Pub |
| 6 Ye Olde White Hart | 13 Lion and Key | B Fellows and Vittle Brewing Co. |
| 7 Ye Olde Blue Bell | | |

Explore Hull's hidden history at its historic watering holes