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# The City Walking Trails Guide

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# Take a stroll around the streets of Hull's Old Town and discover the city's rich heritage and beautiful architecture



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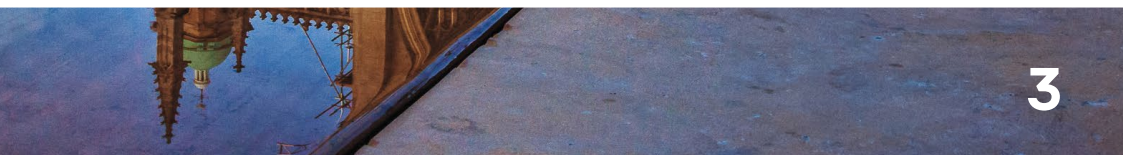
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# The Hull Fish Trail

You'll need to keep your eyes peeled and look to the pavements to spot the city's many stunning fish sculptures, on this family-friendly trail that celebrates Hull's rich maritime history and picturesque waterside areas.

**Allow: At least three hours for a relaxed walk**

## Accessibility:

Mostly flat footpaths and pedestrian crossings across the route, with public toilets at several stops – including point 18, Nelson Street. Some cobbled streets.

## Trail hack #1:

The Murdoch's Connection bridge between stops 10 and 11 is a great place for a photo along your trail.

## Trail hack #2:

A detour off Humber Dock Street to Humber Street is a great place to stop for refreshments before continuing the trail.

This unique piece of public art sees explorers search for 41 fish across the city centre, taking in the picturesque Old Town and thriving Fruit Market. Created by artist Gordon Young in 1992, the fish represented are all life-size, from a school of 36 tiny anchovies to a 10ft ray overlooking Victoria Pier.

The trail starts just outside the City Hall Box Office, with the backdrop of impressive Queen Victoria Square. From here, the trail follows the pretty waterside of Princes Quay before heading into Old Town and past Trinity Square, a great place to check out Hull Minster or stop for refreshments at Trinity Market as you tick off the fish as you go.

After a hop across Murdoch's Connection, with its amazing views of the marina, there are an array of species to spot around Humber Dock Street, Victoria Pier, and the old Oss Wash, where you'll also get an impressive view of The Deep!

On the banks of the River Hull, near Myton Bridge and the imposing tidal barrier, if you keep your eyes peeled you may spot a sculpture dedicated to True Love – before heading to the cobbled High Street with lots of hidden alleyways to explore.

The route finishes at the top of Whitefriargate back in the city centre, perfect for a spot of shopping or a stop for food. Fish and chips anyone?



**Get out and explore by following the fish!**





# The Hull Fish Trail

## KEY:

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|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 Anchovy     | 12 Mussel            | 23 Garfish      | 34 Brill             |
| 2 Lobster     | 13 Warty Doris       | 24 Icefish      | 35 Gurnard/Sea Robin |
| 3 Cod         | 14 Swordfish         | 25 Eel          | 36 Oarfish           |
| 4 X Ray Fish  | 15 Quid              | 26 Salmon       | 37 Squid             |
| 5 Flying fish | 16 Viviparous Blenny | 27 Crab         | 38 Hake              |
| 6 Herring     | 17 Yawling           | 28 Shrimp       | 39 Monkfish          |
| 7 Plaice      | 18 Haddock           | 29 Whitebait    | 40 Shark             |
| 8 Mackerel    | 19 Umber             | 30 Electric Eel | 41 Zander            |
| 9 Dogfish     | 20 Ray               | 31 Sea Trout    |                      |
| 10 Catfish    | 21 Turbot            | 32 Lump sucker  |                      |
| 11 Starfish   | 22 Naucrates Ductor  | 33 John Dory    |                      |

# Blue Plaque Trail

This self-guided walk does what all good tours should and leads you around some of Hull city centre's most unusual - and photogenic - spots. With 35 plaques to find, you'll need to look up and look around. If you struggle to spot them all, I'll let you into a secret - not all of them are completely blue!

**Allow: At least three hours, extra for refreshment stops (recommended).**

## Accessibility:

Public toilets, including Changing Places, en route. Some cobbled streets.

## Trail hack #1:

For a shortcut from #7 to #8, nip through Zebedee's Yard, stop to pay your respects to lost trawlermen at The Last Trip memorial and follow the alley beside Liquid Jade café.

## Trail hack #2:

To get from #11 to #12, face the towering statue of Hull's abolitionist William Wilberforce, then go round the left-hand side of Hull College to reach High Street.

Our starting point is a tribute to legendary Hull musicians Mick Ronson, Mick "Woody" Woodmansey and Trevor Bolder. They stepped on to the train at Paragon Station as wide-eyed, denim-clad members of city band The Rats and stepped off into the bohemian, glitter-drenched world of David Bowie. They became Bowie's iconic backing band The Spiders From Mars. The station is now called Paragon Inter[*ch-ch-ch*] change - groan - and the rest is history. You'll also find striking artworks, poet Philip Larkin and the always-helpful volunteers here.

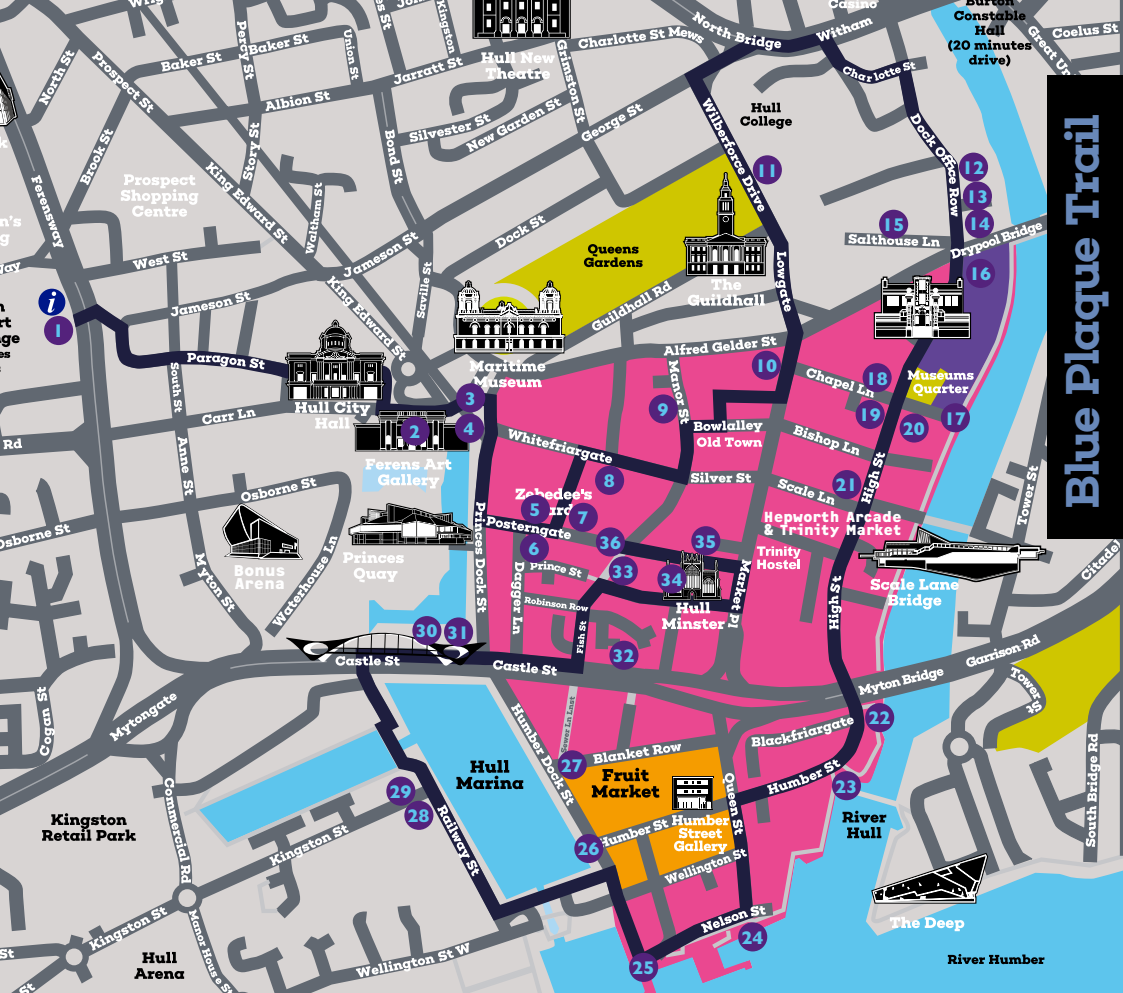
On with the trail. It takes you around public squares, shopping streets, parkland, the Old Town, the free Museums' Quarter, and the former dock, and from post-industrial riverside areas to the swanky marina. You can see our city's most beautiful architecture, learn about its tough maritime past and take time out to dance in the fountains in Queen Victoria Square. Get a feel for Hull's rebellious history at the spot where we sparked the English Civil War and peep into England's smallest window in our most mysterious street, The Land Of Green Ginger.

At the point where our two rivers - the Hull and the Humber - meet, you'll see why the name "Hull" is thought to originate from either the Scandinavian for "deep one" or the Celtic for "muddy one". When the water level's low enough, see if you can also spot a thought-provoking sculpture here.

Take your time to explore the marina and Humber Street before heading for Hull Minster (formerly Holy Trinity Church). Spot the boxing club where Olympic gold medallist Luke Campbell trained and, finally, relax by the calming ripples of the mirror pools by the Minster.

## Get to know Hull's most famous residents





## KEY:

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|--|---|--|--|
| 1 Spiders from Mars<br>Paragon Interchange   | 10 Suffolk Palace<br>Old Post Office Building                     | 20 Corn Exchange<br>Opposite Maister House                           | 28 Hull Marina Complex<br>Marina Office Entrance     |
| 2 Thomas Ferens<br>Ferens Art Gallery  | 11 Queens Dock<br>Rear wall of duck pond                          | 21 5 Scale Lane<br>Hull's Oldest Domestic<br>Dwelling                | 29 Railway Dock<br>Entrance of Al Porto              |
| 3 Beverley Gate<br>Lower level   | 12 Old Dock Offices<br>RDS Training                               | 22 The River Hull<br>Tidal Barrier                                   | 30 Prince's Dock<br>Ask Restaurant                   |
| 4 Town Walls<br>Rear wall of H Samuels   | 13 Blaydes Shipyard<br>Blaydes House                              | 23 Watergate<br>Dry Dock Wall  | 31 Myton Gate<br>Ask Restaurant                      |
| 5 Hull's First Synagogue<br>& Roman Catholic Chapel<br>Posterngate Entrance<br>Zebedees Yard | 14 Blaydes House  | 24 Humber Ferry<br>Opposite Victoria Pier                            | 32 65 Mytongate<br>Select Group Building             |
| 6 The Seaman's Mission<br>The Mission  | 15 Bank of England<br>Rear Olde White Hart                        | 25 P S Forfarshire &<br>Grace Darling<br>Rear of Minerva             | 33 Hands on History<br>Hands on History<br>Museum    |
| 7 Harry Lazarus' Hotel<br>Opposite Soho Lounge   | 16 Pease Bank<br>Car park wall                                    | 26 Hessel Gate<br>Exterior wall of Thieving<br>Harry's (coming soon) | 34 Holy Trinity Church<br>Hull Minster (Coming Soon) |
| 8 Neptune Inn<br>Above Boots   | 17 Old Harbour<br>Left of Hull and East<br>Riding Museum Entrance | 27 Humber Dock<br>Humber Dock Tavern                                 | 35 Smith and Nephew<br>(Coming Soon)                 |
| 9 Land of Green Ginger<br>Right of solicitors  | 18 Joseph Fenner  |  | 36 Trinity House<br>Posterngate                      |
|  | 19 Maister House  |  |  |

# 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.



Explore Hull's hidden history at its historic watering holes





**Ale Trail**

**KEY:**

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

Dr Nick Evans walks the

# Wilberforce Trail

Nick is Senior Lecturer in diaspora history at the School of Humanities. He is also an academic in the Queen's Anniversary Prize-winning Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation at the University of Hull.

**Allow: 90 minutes to 2 hours, factor in extra time if you'd like to visit any of the museums.**

## Accessibility:

Mainly paved with some cobbles. Toilets are available at several sites including stop 2 at Trinity Market, stop 3 at Hull Minister and stop 7 in Queen Victoria Square – subject to opening times.

## Trail hack #1:

If you've been inspired and you'd like to find out more, you can stop for a walk around the Hands On History Museum or you can always extend your walk by visiting the Hull History Centre on Worship Street.

## Trail hack #2:

Rather than going straight down Bishop Lane off High Street, head towards the Scale Lane Bridge and explore some more of the cobbled Old Town.

William Wilberforce is without doubt the most widely known person to have lived in Hull during the city's seven hundred year history. Born in 1759 in a magnificent merchant's house that is now home to the world's oldest slavery museum, he was baptised, educated and later MP for the town as this trail explores.

Wilberforce used his privileged position as the son of a Baltic merchant, to improve the lives of countless men, women and children through numerous humanitarian causes he championed as MP for Hull (1780-1784) and later MP for Yorkshire (1784-1808). This trail guides you around sights familiar to him as well as some of places his memory is celebrated.

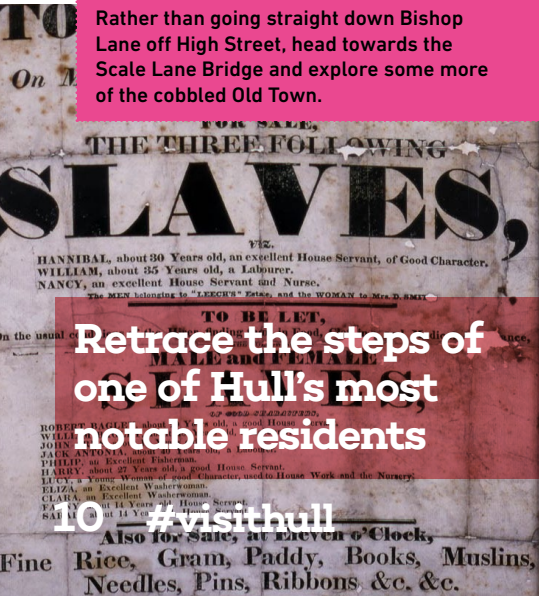
Beginning at Wilberforce was born – Wilberforce House, a Jacobean merchant's house and since 1906 home to the Wilberforce House Museum (1). Despite leading the political campaign to eradicate the British slave trade in 1807, slavery remains unfinished business as his birthplace details. Next to the museum is the Wilberforce Institute (part of the University of Hull) which researches slavery in the past and the present. Behind the institute is the 'Names On The Wall' memorial that profiles some of the men and women who have campaigned for freedom around the world, including Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parkes.

A short walk from High Street is the Market Place (2). This was the beating heart of Wilberforce's Hull. Here you will find a memorial to fellow slavery abolitionist Olaudah Equiano whose writings about the horrors of both the slave trade and slavery were used to mobilise the British campaign against the slave trade. A short distance away is the Minster (formerly the Holy Trinity Church) where Wilberforce was baptised in a font that is almost as old as the port (3).

Across from the minster is the Hands on History Museum, previously the Hull Grammar School, where Wilberforce was both educated and met the enlightened headmaster Isaac Milner (4). A short distance away is the Zebedee's Yard, part of the Hull Trinity House that played a key role in maintaining the Wilberforce fortunes and those of the expanding port of Hull (5). If you cut through one of the many passages to Whitefriargate, you will see, at Parliament Street, a memorial to abolitionist and author Mary Prince (6).

Retrace the steps of one of Hull's most notable residents

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# Wilberforce Trail

Wilberforce died in 1833, just days after the British Parliament had voted to end slavery in British colonies overseas. The final part of the tour, beginning with the Hull Maritime Museum (former home to the Hull Dock Company), then the Guildhall (political home to Hull's civic life today), and then the Wilberforce Statue erected to memorialise Wilberforce's lifetime of work in 1838 (7). All celebrate the great statesman's ties to Hull's commercial and political life, and most importantly his work advancing the city's reputation for fighting for freedom.

For more information about the ongoing fight to end slavery today visit: <https://www.hull.ac.uk/research/institutes/wilberforce>.

## KEY:

- 1 Wilberforce House and the Humanitarian Wall
- 2 The Market Place
- 3 Hull Minster
- 4 Hands on History Museum
- 5 Trinity House Zebedee's Yard
- 6 Whitefriargate
- 7 Maritime Museum Queens Gardens
- 8 Guildhall Alfred Gelder Street
- 9 Wilberforce Monument

# Whitefriargate:

## Look up, down and all around walking trail

Think you know Whitefriargate? It's one of Hull's oldest shopping streets, but how often do we really look beyond the shopfronts? This short trail invites us to keep our eyes peeled - to look up, down and all around - for a whistlestop tour of hidden beauty and heritage, from sites of rebellion to what is reputedly England's smallest window, a unique shopping arcade and parts of Hull's maritime past. Safety first, of course, always stop before you look up!

**Allow:** 30 minutes, perfect for a lunchtime stroll, or to break up a shopping trip.

### Accessibility:

Accessible toilets and Changing Places in Trinity Market.

### Trail hack #1:

Indulge in a unique shopping experience at Trinity Indoor Market and Hepworth Arcade, home to some of the City's independent Traders

### Trail hack #2:

The Serene Mirror pools outside the Minster are the perfect place to reflect or to challenge a friend to a game of chess with sets available to borrow at Head of steam, Hearth, Hull Minster and Kinston.

Begin at the medieval Beverley Gate (1). The city walls were built in the 14th century, and the legend of King Charles 1 refusing entry in 1642 likely sparked the English Civil War.

From here, you can see one of Hull's most notable Art Deco buildings at 34-35 Whitefriargate. Designed by Leeds architect Harry Wilson in 1936 (2).

Part of the hugely popular Hull fish trail seen in Whitefriargate, (3) and look around to see a letter in a window (4).

Look up again to catch sight of the ship on top of a Grade II listed 1930s building with six grand columns built in the Greek revival style (5).

The maritime theme continues as you move down Whitefriargate with King Neptune perched on top of the Neptune Inn by the corner of Parliament Street (6).

Time to spot creature features hidden among the architecture around Parliament Street through to Silver Street, where lions dominate (7,8).

Linger at the fantastically named Land of Green Ginger and uncover England's smallest window at the George Hotel pub (9).

A bar on Silver Street, Ye Olde White Harte, boasts legends of ghosts and is the site of the plotting room where a plan was devised to keep the king from entering the city in 1642 (10).

Enter Hull's unique Victorian Hepworth's Arcade (11) by crossing Silver Street. The only L-shaped arcade in England was built in 1894-95. There is a green and white telephone box (13) and Dinsdale's Joke Shop (12) in the arcade.

Leaving Trinity Market by the Trinity House Lane doors, look up to see Britannia and Neptune on Hull Trinity House (14) built-in 1753.

The city's symbol, three golden crowns, on the Hands On History Museum marks the end of the tour and a peaceful spot to take a rest (15).





**KEY:**

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Beverley Gate        | 5 Grade II Listed 1930s Building | 9 England's Smallest Window | 13 Green and white telephone box |
| 2 34-35 Whitefriargate | 6 The Neptune Inn                | 10 Ye Olde White Harte      | 14 Hull Trinity House            |
| 3 Hull Fish Trail      | 7 Parliament Street              | 11 Hepworth Arcade          | 15 Hands On History Museum       |
| 4 Letter in a Window   | 8 Silver Street                  | 12 Dinsdale's Joke Shop     |                                  |

# Hull Maritime Volunteer Julie Corbett experiences the Maritime City Trail

A volunteer leads every Maritime Tour, all are white badge tour guides accredited by the Institute of Tourism Guiding. Each volunteer adds their own research to the tour.

**Allow:** The free tours take place on Thursdays and Saturdays (subject to volunteer availability) starting from the Museum Quarter Gardens on High Street. Full tours run in the morning and take up to 2 1/2 hours. Short tours run in the afternoon and take up to 1 1/2 hours

## Accessibility:

Full route is 2.4 km with an ascent of 8.95 m. The route is level except where building works are being carried out and the guides can vary their route to meet your needs

## Trail hack #1:

The shorter Sunday tours will give you a taste of maritime history with less walking.

## Trail hack #2:

Keep your eyes peeled for both great statues and fish sculptures on this route.



**A guided walk through Hull's maritime heritage**



Our starting point is the Museum Quarter gardens on High Street and a careful walk down a narrow, cobbled staithe to the River Hull. And here, from this modest, muddy brown river our guides tell the beginning of Hull's maritime story when late in the 12th century monks from Meaux began exporting wool overseas. I can remember this part of the river in the 1970's being full of barges, enough of them that you could walk across their decks, riverside to riverside.

The tour continues with the surprise of a bridge painted colourful greens and representations of Venn diagrams. John Venn the mathematician was born in Hull.

From here we walk into legendary tales; HMS Bounty built at nearby Blaydes shipyard, the ill-fated whaler Diana and even the fictional Robinson Crusoe who sailed from Hull.

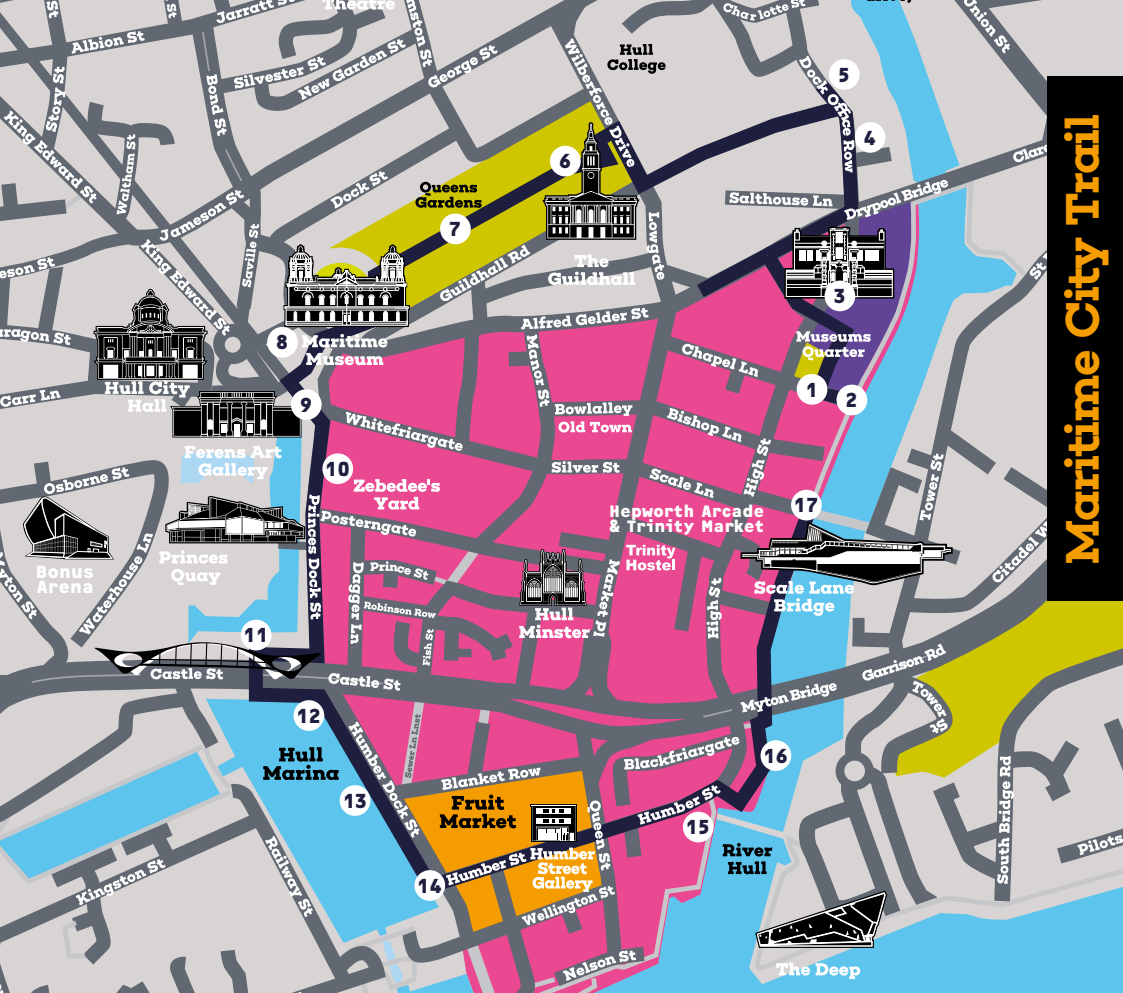
The dry docks and riverfront transforming into a permanent museum and home for the Arctic Corsair, one of Hull's locally built sidewinder trawlers.

We arrive in Queen's Gardens. From this former dock you see the Guildhall with its Time Ball on top of the tower. Our guide explains the intriguing 'Solar Gate' sculpture by Tonkin Liu and how it works.

We cross over to Princes Quay passing the Maritime Museum (currently closed for refurbishment) and walk towards the Humber. I almost missed at our feet a reminder of Hull's rich fishing heritage, zander, flying fish and herring, sculptures of the self-guided Fish Trail.

We head towards the Humber. What a brilliant view from the Murdoch Connection Bridge, the marina, a fantastic backdrop for (another) photo. This is where the Spurn Lightship will return to a special berth after its restoration.

Just before the end of our tour we stop at my own favourite spot. The swirly part where the two rivers, Hull and Humber meet and mix. The ebb and flow. We continue walking and finish the tour at the newest bridge over the River Hull, Scale Lane Bridge, returning again to Hull's first harbour.



## KEY:

- 1 Hull and East Riding Museum
- 2 Chapel Lane Staithe River Hull Boardwalk
- 3 Wilberforce House
- 4 Blaydes House
- 5 North End Shipyard
- 6 Queens Gardens
- 7 Queens Gardens 2: Guildhall/Time Ball

- 8 Maritime Museum
- 9 Monument Bridge/ Beverley Gate
- 10 Trinity House Princes Dock Side
- 11 Princes Dock Near Murdoch Connection
- 12 Hull Marina

### END OF SHORT TOUR

- 13 Spurn Lightship Temporary Location
- 14 Humber Street
- 15 The Deep From Stage@TheDock
- 16 Tidal Surge Barrier
- 17 Scale Lane Bridge

### END OF FULL TOUR

# Lord Mayor's Centenary Trail

Explore 100 years of Hull's hidden heritage and little-known local heroes on this fascinating trail, which will show you a different side to the city.

**Allow: 3 hours**

## Accessibility:

Pavements throughout, some are cobbled. There are several public toilet stops en route.

## Trail hack #1:

Visit the Hull tourism kiosk in Paragon Station at the start of the trail to find out more about other attractions and trails in Hull and chat to the friendly and knowledgeable volunteers.

## Trail hack #2:

The trail passes some great pubs, perfect to stop for refreshments, as well as some lovely lunch spots.

The Lord Mayor's Centenary Trail was established during 2014-2015 to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the creation of the role of Lord Mayor in Hull.

It was established to recognise one hundred pioneers, from our city that have achieved great distinction in their various fields from scientists to explorers, ground breakers and campaigners who have made a difference on a local, national, and international level, but have their roots right here in Hull.

The trail starts in the centre of the city at Paragon Interchange, where you'll need to keep your eyes peeled for three different plaques, before heading over to Hull Truck Theatre. While at the plaques, you can find out more about the people behind the names – download the Hull 100 app to find out all about them!

The trail follows Albion Street, Jarratt Street, and loops around the Hull Theatre District – where you can find out more about all the famous faces who graced the New Theatre over the years – including Norman Collier.

The trail then leads to Charterhouse Lane, one of Hull's most historic addresses, where you can learn more about Hull's involvement in the English Civil War. The route then heads into Old Town – where you can find out about bakers, suffragettes, and senators you may not have heard of.

The trail finishes in the city centre, passing through Zebedee's Yard, where you can find out more about the square's namesake, Zebedee Scaping. At the Maritime Museum the plaques are currently under cover until the museum's upgrade is complete but use the app to find out about four trailblazing women who fought for fishermen's rights as the 'headscarf revolutionaries'.

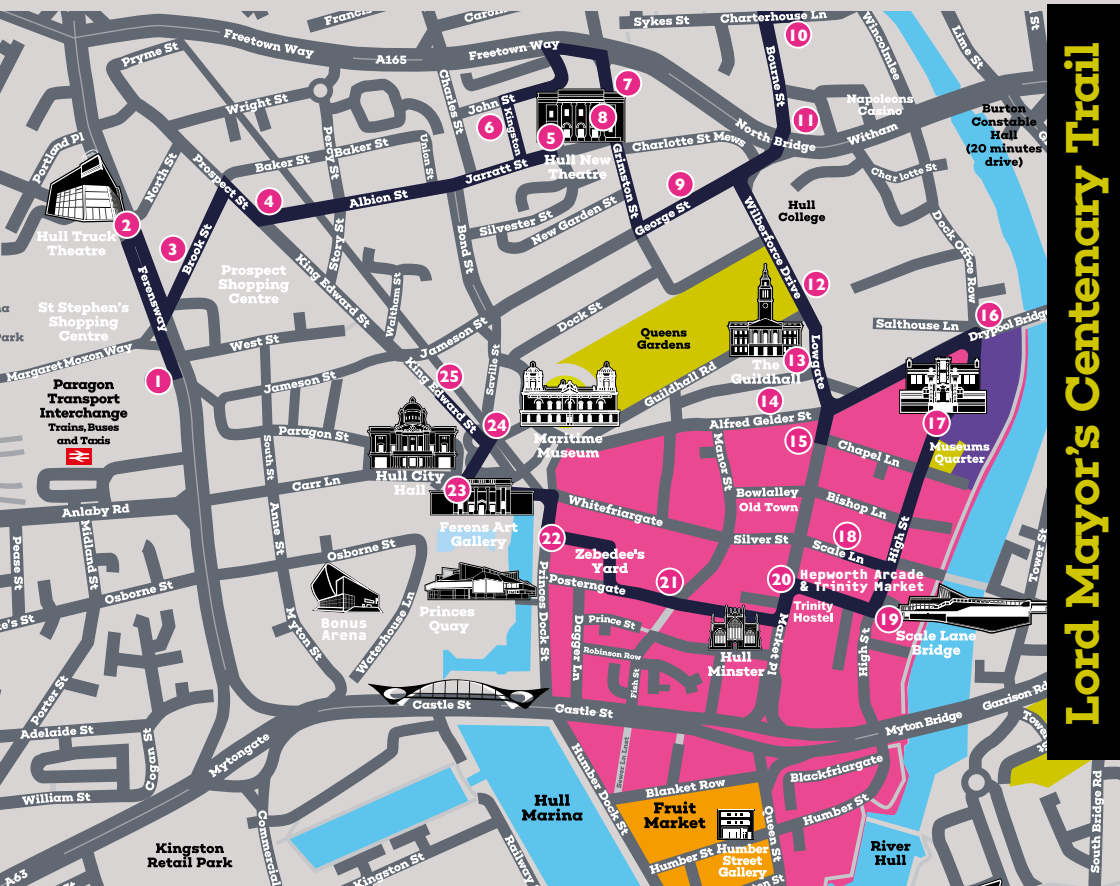
**Bring Hull's hidden heroes and heroines to life**

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## KEY:

- 1** Paragon Interchange  
Jon Pulford  
Captain William Colbeck & Alfred Cheetham
- 2** Hull Truck Theatre  
Inside, Peregrine Pelham
- 3** HEYCU, Brook Street  
Lord James Peddie
- 4** Central Library,  
Albion St, Sir John Hall
- 5** Hull New Theatre  
Norman Collier, Ethel Legniska
- 6** Kingston Theatre Hotel  
Madame Emily Clapham
- 7** Hull History Centre  
Ebenezer Cobb Morley
- 8** UTC Kingston Square  
Lord Ron Dearing
- 9** Trinity House Academy  
Capt. Luke Foxe
- 10** Charterhouse, 27 Sykes St  
Matthew Alured, John Alured
- 11** Hull College for  
Green Energy  
Margaret Kissling (nee Moxon)
- 12** Hull College of Art & Design  
Trevor Key
- 13** 75 Lowgate,  
Opposite the Guildhall/  
corner of Hanover Sq.  
Sister Agnes Walsh
- 14** Guildhall  
Lady Kate Shultz, Mary Hatfield,  
Air Commodore Ronald Berry,  
CBE, DSO, DFC and Bar
- 15** 3 John Scotts  
Lowgate, General Robert  
Overton, William De la Pole
- 16** Drypool Bridge  
John Venn
- 17** Wilberforce House &  
Gardens  
High St, General Thomas  
Perronet, Revd George Grimston  
Cookman
- 18** 28 Scale Lane  
William Jackson
- 19** Citadel House  
High St, Eleanor Rollit
- 20** Trinity Market (Gaitey  
Theatre)  
Duse Mohamed Ali
- 21** Hull Trinity House  
Thomas Ferres
- 22** Zebedee's Yard  
Zebedee Scaping, Sir Samuel  
Standidge, John Harnels, William  
Hammond
- 23** Ferens Art Gallery  
Inside, John Bacchus Dykes,  
Lord Duveen
- 24** Maritime Museum  
Inside, Lillian Bilocca, Yvonne  
Blenkinsop, Mary Denness,  
Christine Jensen MBE
- 25** 16-20 King Edward St  
Peter & Cecile Desmond (Pollys)

# Larkin Trail

Philip Larkin, one of the 20th-century's greatest poets, was a Hull University Librarian from 1955 until his death in 1985. The Larkin Society helped to establish a dedicated trail in 2011.

**Allow: 3 hours**

## Accessibility:

Pavements throughout, some are cobbled. There are several public toilet stops en route. Check for accessibility at individual stops.

## Trail hack #1:

Make sure you get a photo with the poet himself inside Paragon Station, where his statue stands on the concourse.

## Trail hack #2:

Why not visit a bookshop along the way and check out some of Larkin's poetry? Try JE Books on Hepworth's Arcade, close to Trinity Square.

- 1 - inaccessible within the Royal Station Hotel
- 9 - Missing (Awaiting replacement)
- 10 - Only accessible during business hours

Larkin developed a well-documented affinity for Hull and its 'different resonance'. It's where his genius blossomed. In his early days in the city, he notoriously – and plenty of people in Hull never forget! – described Hull as 'a dump' but he soon found that its distinctive atmosphere, people, and geography were inspirational.

His famous collection 'The Whitsun Weddings' (1964) begins with his beautiful evocation of journeying to Hull and beyond, 'Here'. 'I like it here', he said, - which, given Larkin's limited range of expressed enthusiasm, is almost as good as it gets.

Each site has a particular relevance to Larkin the man and the poet: pubs where he enjoyed jazz, houses where he lived, his workplace, the village where he is buried, buildings directly related to poems.

It begins at Hull Interchange where three markers, as well as Martin Jennings's iconic statue of the poet, cluster as a sign of the importance that the site has for the poetry.

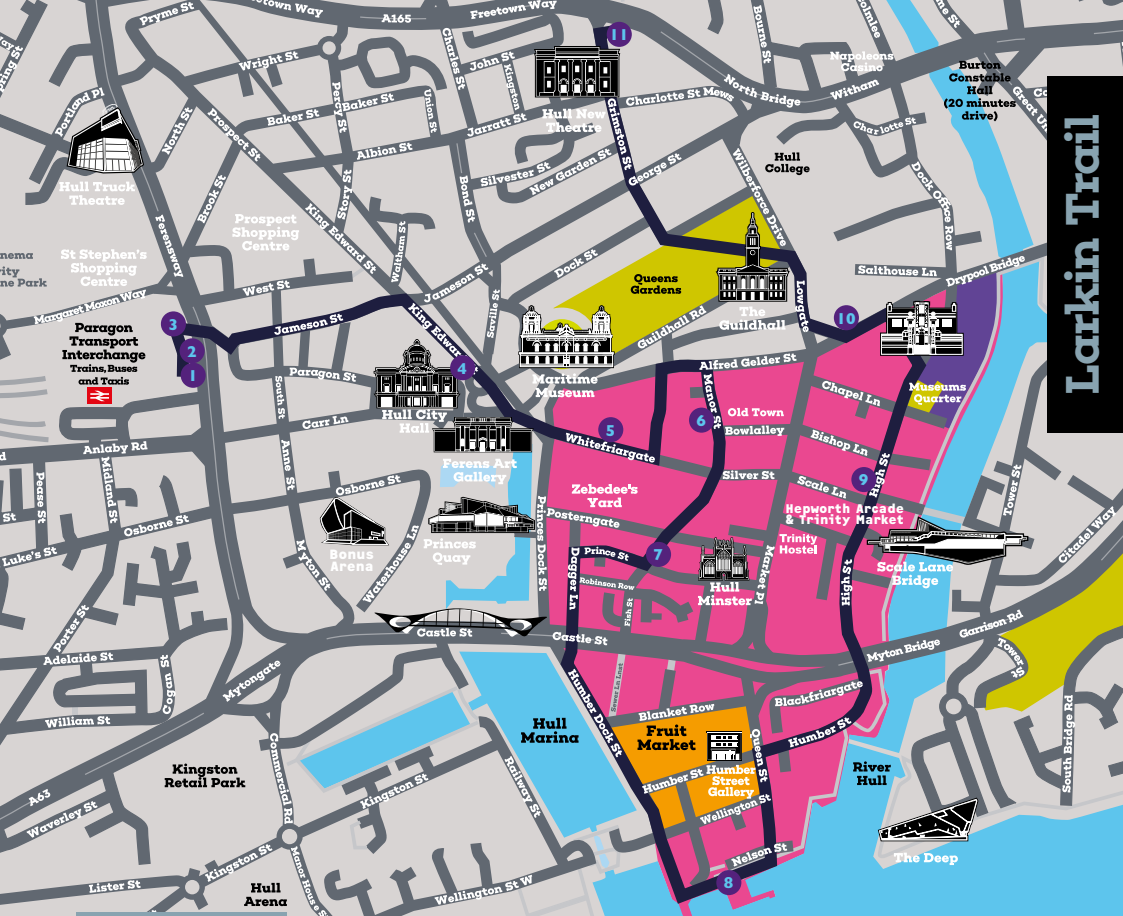
The trail then heads onto other city centre venues he frequented – from the City Hall he visited and performed at, to Ye Olde Black Boy, one of his favourite pubs. The trail finishes at the Hull History Centre – where you can learn lots more about Larkin and his works.

If you'd like to find out more about the trail and download longer versions of the trail brochure, go to <http://www.thelarkintrail.co.uk/>, a very rich website for Larkin enthusiasts and those new to this complex individual.

If you want to find out more about the poet and the man, visit the Philip Larkin Society website [www.philiplarkin.com](http://www.philiplarkin.com)

Larkin' out on the Larkin Trail





# Larkin Trail

## KEY:

- 1** **Royal Hotel**  
Larkin enjoyed many a visit and would often lunch in its subterranean restaurant.
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Larkin's poem 'Friday Night in the Royal Station Hotel' was first published by the Sheffield Morning Telegraph, and later in his collection High Windows.
- 3** **Inside Paragon Interchange**  
Larkin captured one of his more memorable departures from Paragon Station in his celebrated 1958 poem, 'The Whitsun Weddings'.
- 4** **The City Hall**  
Here he could indulge his passion for jazz as the venue played host to many of the greats. Some of Larkin's own work was performed here too, as he
- 5** **Whitefriargate & Marks & Spencer**  
A little way down, on your left, you reach Marks & Spencer - Larkin's 'Large Cool Store'. You can find a copy of his poem 'finished in a terrific hurry' inside the shop just by the lift.
- 6** **Land Of Green Ginger**  
In the days when Larkin frequented this area most pubs closed at 10.30pm and streetlights in some parts of the city centre were then switched off, by 10.45pm.
- 7** **Trinity Square**  
This is an area with which Larkin was very familiar.
- 8** **The Pier & Waiting Room**  
Larkin's trips would have been on one of the three paddle steamers that went back and forth to New Holland in Lincolnshire from the 1930s and 40s until the opening of the Humber Bridge in 1981.
- 9** **High Street & Ye Olde Black Boy**  
One of Larkin's favourite pubs. Here in 1977 he gave a talk on clarinettist Pee Wee Russell and played a selection of his records to the Hull Jazz Record Society.
- 10** **The White Hart**  
Another of the Old Town pubs favoured by Larkin.
- 11** **Hull History Centre**  
Offers a wonderful opportunity to discover more about Larkin

# FREE GUIDED WALKS

with Local English Heritage  
Accredited Guide  
**Paul Schofield**



## Emigrants – A Journey to Hull and Beyond

A tour highlighting the period 1836 – 1914 when Hull developed a pivotal role in mass migration to America.

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## Photography walkabout

You are invited to join Fiona Caley for a wander in Whitefriargate and the Old Town with your camera or mobile phone. These 2-hour sessions are open to anyone who has an interest in photography and the area, Friendly and relaxed. Expect the time to fly by.

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## Tudor Hull

The Tudor period occurred between 1485 and 1603 in England and Wales and were exciting times for Hull's Old Town and its residents. Join Paul on a very special walk to see the buildings and hear the stories about the people who lived in the times of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.

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## Look Up, Look down and all around

Join Paul Schofield (local historian) for his fascinating 'Look up, down and all around' guided walk around Whitefriargate! Just walking through the medieval streets you might spot a stray fish in the pavement or a Lion looming overhead. Discover the many hidden treasures along one of Hull's oldest and fascinating streets.

Photographer Fiona Caley

**For all the details and dates for the next series of walks**