

# 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.

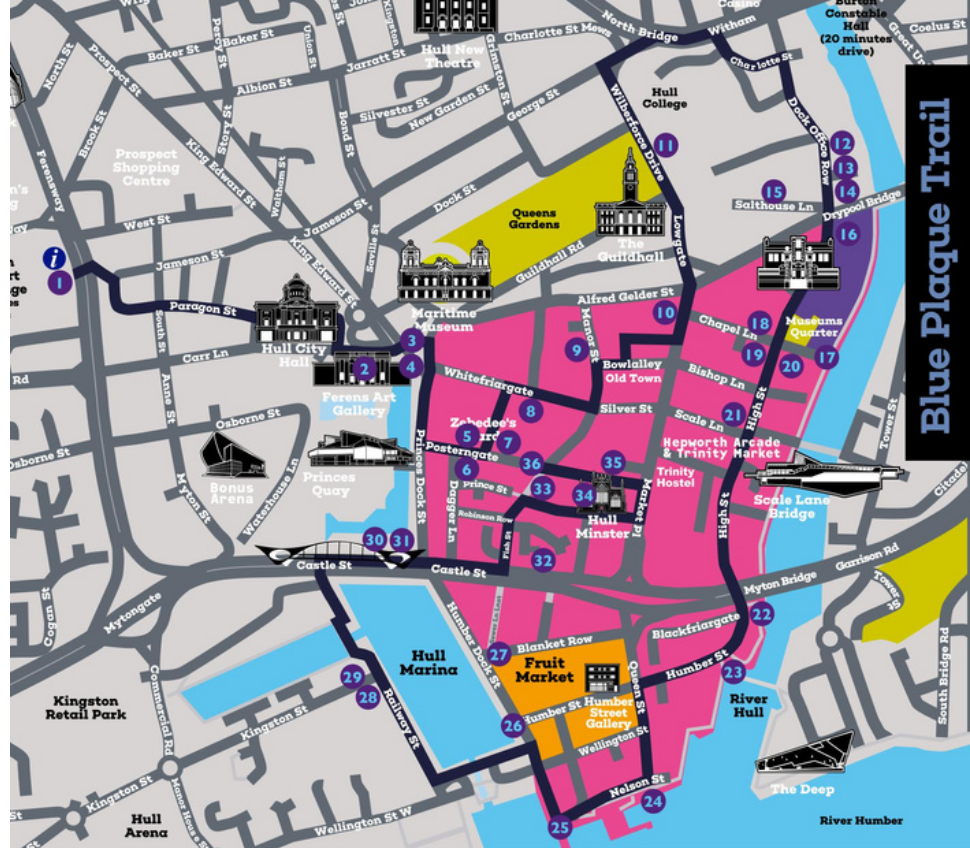
Our starting point is a tribute to legendary Hull musicians Mick Ronson, Mick "Woody" Woodmansey and Trevor Bolder. They stepped on to the train at Paragon Station as wide-eyed, denim-clad members of city band The Rats and stepped off into the bohemian, glitter-drenched world of David Bowie. They became 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 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 Harry Lazarus' Hotel<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 Seamans 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 Museum       |
| 7 Neptune Inn<br>Above Boots   | 16 Pease Bank<br>Car park wall                                    | 26 Hesse Gate<br>Exterior wall of Thieving Harry's (coming soon) | 34 Holy Trinity Church<br>Hull Minster (Coming Soon) |
| 8 Land of Green Ginger<br>Right of solicitors  | 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)                 |
|  | 18 Joseph Fenner  |  | 36 Trinity House<br>Posterngate                      |
|  | 19 Maister House  |  |  |

