

	MANCHESTER CITY TRAIL PT 251 - 10km			
START VENUE	**The Permanent Trail is open but please adhere to current restrictions and guidance ** The route description starts from Manchester Piccadilly Station but can be started at any point on route. Train/Tram intersections are indicated on the route. The 'Free Bus' service with Routes 1 & 2 operate around Manchester, both go to/from Piccadilly. Details available from https://tfgm.com/public-transport/bus/free-bus The post code for Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station is M60 7RA, however the car drop off location at the rear of the station has a different post code M1 2QF.			
CAR PARKING	There are numerous car parks in Manchester, including Piccadilly Station.			
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	Manchester Piccadilly is easily reached by Public Transport. If arriving by train, in addition to the start, the route also passes Manchester Victoria. The route passes many tram stops and is covered by the 'Free Bus' which covers the whole of the city and joins all the main railway stations			
MAP	Free maps of the city are available from Manchester Visitor Centre, in the Central Library. (It is 15-20 minutes into the route if you start at Piccadilly Station).			
DISTANCE/GRADE	10km - Grade 1			
TERRAIN	This is an urban walk and the walk is flat and all on paved surfaces. It is wheelchair/pushchair accessible (by following 1 short diversion for steps). There are also a few cobbled streets.			
REFRESHMENTS:	As Manchester is a City, there are ample places to purchase a wide variety of refreshments, * in the route description denotes a certain coffee shop.			
TOILETS	There are public toilets within Manchester Piccadilly station and Victoria Station on the route. Toilets are also available on the route in café's, shopping centres and MOSI. Those by the Town Hall are currently closed (April 21).			
BWF / IVV	This trail is registered until 31 December 2021			
ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK/UPDATED	25 April 2021 (Please check you are using the latest version if you printed this off a while ago). <i>Question update too.</i>			
BWF DECLARATION	The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.			
DATA PROTECTION	The data provided on his form will be retained until 1 st February 2022 for statistical analysis and will then be securely destroyed.			
ENTRY FORM	Please complete the section below and send your IVV log books, Payment and an SAE to the Contact Address. Please check the postage rate for weight/ thickness of the envelope. Overseas postage is more expensive.			
ENTRY FEE	£1.00 per walker (Cheques payable to: Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club)			
AWARD	Sew-on cloth badge price £2.00. The cloth badge is shown at the top of this page. Quantity Required: _____			
SOUVENIER LOG BOOK	Free stickers for your souvenir log book are available on request. Quantity Required _____			
CONTACT/ ADDRESS FOR STAMPING OF BOOKS	Spike & Helen Elliott, LVWC, 11 St Ives Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire. SK10 3JX. Email: lwwc.bwf89@btinternet.com <i>Please use this form (page 1) to submit your entry and claim IVV stamps</i>			
NAMES OF THOSE COMPLETING THE WALK				
DATE WALK COMPLETED		PAYMENT ENCLOSED	£	
EMAIL	(in case we need to contact you about your entry)			
PT POSTAL CARDS	Will be stamped if you do not wish to send your IVV books - YES/NO *			
QUESTION 1		QUESTION 5		
QUESTION 2		QUESTION 6		
QUESTION 3		QUESTION 7		
QUESTION 4				

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Please Note: Manchester is always changing with building works, you may need to follow local pedestrian access signage but you should still be able to identify where you are from the features/buildings etc in the route description to find your way round. In November/December each year, the Manchester Christmas Markets take place, the route is still accessible however you will need to take care navigating round the stalls as road/path junctions may be obscured. Manchester Town Hall is closed until 2024 for major refurbishment/repairs; Albert Square/Lloyd Street diversion and new Q2.

Exit Piccadilly Railway Station along station approach (bus area) and in 10metres Turn Left crossing roadway and then cross footbridge (signposted Mint Hotel/Head Office). Descend to tram tracks. Turn Right signposted City Centre. Cross Auburn Street keeping tram tracks on your left. Pass the Crown Court on the left (*). At end, Turn Left and Turn Right crossing road to Parker Street sign. *If you look on the opposite side of the road, you will see the Britannia Hotel, which is the former great warehouse of Cook & Watts.* Keep ahead towards Primark, with bus/tram station on your right. (*) Turn Left and follow with tram tracks on your right to Charlotte Street. Turn Left into Charlotte Street. *As you turn left, note the Portico Library on the corner and the blue plaque.*

Q1. On the Blue Plaque for the Portico Library, which person named on the plaque is knighted (Sir)

Continue along Charlotte Street noting the preserved warehouses. Turn Right into Faulkner Street. You are now entering China Town. Continue through the arch, cross Nicholas Street and ahead still Faulkner Street. At the end, Turn Right onto Princess Street (sign on 2nd building along on opposite side of road). Just after the Art Gallery, cross over the tram tracks and continue still on Princess Street, the large building on the left is the side of the Town Hall (covered in scaffold, April 21). As you are level with the end of the Town Hall building continue and follow the Building Work Picture Information Fence round to the left around Albert Square until you reach the junction of Lloyd Street/Mount Street (police station / toilets [closed April 21] on Lloyd St).

Turn Right into Mount Street keeping the arches of the building façade to your left for a short distance until you reach the Gated Library Walk (it's a curved walkway between the Town Hall Annex and the Circular Manchester Library).

Q2. In the Carved Stone Inset on the Left at the start of Library Walk just before the Gates, what Year did King George VI open the building?

Continue along Library Walk, through the glass walkway and out the other side into St Peters Square (Tram Stop opposite) and turn right passing the Circular Manchester Library on your right.

If Library Walk Gates/Doors closed continue along Mount Street passing Friends Meeting House on Right to end with Peter Street, The Midland Hotel is just to the left opposite. Cross Road/Turn Right and you are back on the route marked with "X" below.

Turn Right onto Peter Street, The Midland Hotel is on the opposite side of the road and ahead to junction at Mount Street (*). Use crossing at lights and cross over road towards Hotel but continue in same direction along Peter Street. "X" *Note the Peak District & Northern Counties Footpath sign on corner of St Georges House building.* Cross Museum Street, *note Shakespeare above the former Theatre Royal,* and continue to Southmill Street. *Note red plaque on the corner of the Free Trade Hall building at the entrance to Southmill Street, to the site of the Peterloo Massacre, in St Peter's Field.* Turn Left into Southmill Street and ahead to reach Manchester Central (formerly GMEX and the Central Station 1880, now an exhibition and conference centre). *It is currently NHS Nightingale North West.* Turn Left and pass front of building. Cross tram tracks and then cross road using the pedestrian crossing towards Bridgewater Hall (home to the Halle and BBC Philharmonic Orchestras). Descend steps/ramp between Bridgewater Hall and 101 Barbirolli Square building to water. Cross wooden bridge and ahead along walkway, keeping water on left. Pass under bridge and ahead to reach Tib Lock 89. Turn Right along canal and at second Lock Gate 89, Turn Left and cross bridge. Turn Right, signposted Deansgate Locks/Castlefield.

If the canal towpath is closed for maintenance or it is flooded; Turn LEFT after crossing bridge and in 50m Turn Right away from the canal to road (First Street Railway Arch opposite) At Road (Whitworth Street) turn right and continue along pavement with road on left and canal down on your right. At junction cross using pedestrian crossing and ahead in same direction. As you continue you will see the Deansgate railway arches on your right with the bars/restaurants and the canal below. At the junction by Deansgate Station (formerly Knott Hill Station) use the double pedestrian crossings to cross over road and ahead in same direction with canal still on your right (it is hidden under the road as you cross). Ahead under bridge on cobbled road to reach the Castlefield heritage area on your left and the Grocers Warehouse and Waterwheel – you are now back on route just before Q3.

Original Route if not diverted: Go ahead with Rochdale Canal on right. Pass locks 90 and 91 and go under Bridge 100 (along tunnel) and ahead to reach Red/Cream arched bridge overhead. Bear Left off the towpath on ramp/path to the road. At road, cross over to Castlefield heritage area opposite (note the information boards) and Grocers Warehouse and Waterwheel. [Diversion ends]. As you are facing the Waterwheel, Turn Right and follow cobbled road (canal now down below on your left).

Q3. On the Castlefield Sign (opposite the Bass Warehouse and by the entrance to the Coal Wharf car park); What year did Castlefield Basin first open?

Continue to follow road as it bears right, passing Bass Warehouse, Dukes 92 (*The Dukes 92 pub was formerly the stables for the Merchants Warehouse*) to corner by Alberts Shed. The building in front of you is the Merchants Warehouse.

Continue along cobbled road and go over canal at bridge 101/lock 92 and ahead under railway bridge (Catalan Square sign). [Pushchair/wheelchair diversion or if event on at amphitheatre: Bear right along cobbled road to reach cross-roads with Castlefield Roman Granary, then ahead for Museum of Science & Industry]. Keep left and ahead up ramp under brick railway arches and along amphitheatre area. Turn Right up steps and ahead to Castlefield, Roman Granary at cross-road junction. Turn Left, signposted Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) and ahead towards Rice Street sign, passing to left of round building. Cross Liverpool Road using zebra crossing to MOSI (Museum of Science & Industry. (Free entry and toilets / café inside), you are now on Lower Byrom Street. Continue along Lower Byrom Street, passing St John's Gardens to end [*The area to your left is the former Coronation Street set*]. Turn Left into Quay Street and just after Atherton Street, cross over road using pedestrian crossing towards Manchester College and continue ahead along New Quay Street, passing Spinningfields NCP Car park. Continue towards red/cream bridge (faded colours). (*This is the boundary between Manchester and Salford*). Just before bridge, bear right through columns into covered walkway and ahead on walkway with River Irwell on your left and restaurants on your right. Continue ahead keeping river on left to metal bridge

[Pushchair/Wheelchair route small diversion: turn left over metal bridge and then turn right, keeping river on right and ahead to brick bridge at end of Stanley Street, then cross bridge towards Peoples History Museum].

At metal bridge, continue ahead on walkway signposted Peoples History Museum and then up steps to road and ahead. Turn Right between Museum and Manchester Civil Justice Centre. Bear Left on the paved area alongside court building towards the XYZ building, bear left and continue along the paved road with the metal bollards. At end of bollards Turn Right and then Turn Left into pedestrian paved area, by 3 Hardman Square building. Continue along right hand side of square to reach No 1 Spinningfield building and road, opposite is the Opera House Stage Door. Turn Right passing front of 20 Stories/1 Spinningfields building. Using pedestrian crossing just to the side, Cross Over Quay Street into Byrom Street opposite and then Turn Left into St John Street. At end, Turn Left along Deansgate. (Opposite is the former LNER - Railways Goods Depot).

Q4. To the right of the archway saying 'LNER Goods Depot' (just before the road junction) in the wall of the former Railway Goods Depot, there are 5 larger archways all with destinations. What is the destination of the archway on the right?

At junction (*), ahead over Quay Street and continue along Deansgate until you reach Spinningfield sign, on the red stone John Rylands Library building. Cross road using Pedestrian Crossing and Turn Right then Left into pathway at the side of Centurion House/building (*) and follow pathway with construction/fence hoardings on left until end and bear left onto small roadway. [*Caution: there is*

currently building work underway by Centurion House, if access prevented, go up Queen Street at the side of Starbucks and follow to reach construction fence on left and then continue as above. The area of the building works was Lincoln Square, the statue of Abraham Lincoln has been removed] As you turn left onto the short road go ahead to reach the passageway with the green railings round the entrance. Just to the left before you go into the passage way is St Mary's Church, known as The Hidden Gem. Go into the passageway with the green railings round the entrance, pass through passageway and on emerging from this section bear slightly left (Note question before you enter second passageway).

Q5. What is the name in the Green Arch over the next passageway?

Go through this next passageway (green arch) to emerge at road. Cross Road WITH CARE into road opposite and continue to end where it meets South King Street (sign high up opposite). Turn Left and after approx 10 metres, Turn Right into archway/passageway [grey wall/entrance with white lining] . At end, go straight ahead into Old Exchange/St Anne's Passage opposite (tiled floor) and then Bear Left round church to reach St Anne's Place. Go ahead, passing statue of Cobden into St Anne's Square. (*). Pass fountain and war memorial, note the glass arcade on the left (*well worth a look*) and ahead passing Exchange Theatre on right. Continue to end. Go ahead into New Cathedral Street and then descend steps (ramps available to either side) at Exchange Square and ahead into Cathedral Gates (this is the name of the street, not a gate!) to reach Manchester Cathedral. Turn Right and follow round Cathedral wall.

At end of Cathedral Street, go ahead (*to the right is the Urbis, angular glass building, home of the National Football Museum*) and follow the water feature to reach the site of the original Manchester Grammar School, now Chethams Library/School of Music and formerly Hospital. Just before the road (as the cobbled area ends), take the pathway to the left and cross the road (use Pedestrian Crossing) to Victoria Station. Using the entrance under the Red Victoria Station sign, enter station. Pass the 'Offices' and ahead into station concourse and in approx 10 metres, before the tracks stop at The Soldiers Gate. (This is set in the wall on the right). (*July 2020, follow station signage to enter station, turn right (toilets here) and ahead to The Soldiers Gate*).

Q6. On The Soldiers Gate, what number is below BAGNEUX [on the lower lefthand side of map]?

The size of the holes on the gates correspond to the number of fallen at each location.

Exit the station at Exit 4 Corporation Street and Shudehill (if you are facing the gate, the exit is ahead of you, slightly to the right of the gate). Exit station and go ahead on pavement with tram tracks on your left. Continue to follow pavement passing Printworks on left, Urbis on right. At Junction (*) go ahead through Exchange Square, pass Exchange Square Tram Stop and pass under glass walkway. Cross Market Street into Cross Street. After approx. 150m, note Cross Street Chapel (housed in the Observatory building) ,*the City's oldest non-conformist chapel 1594*. Turn Left into King Street and at Spring Gardens, Turn Left then Turn Right into York Street. Take the 2nd Left Turn into Fountain Street (no sign until half-way along on left or at end – as you enter Fountain Street there is building work fencing saying “Aviva Investors /11 York Street” – but you are on Fountain Street!) towards and passing The Shakespeare, a timbered inn. At end of Fountain Street, Turn Right onto Market Street signposted Piccadilly.

Q7. Looking at Market Street Tram Stop, which destinations do the trams go to from the platform on the side you are facing?

Go ahead between Primark and Debenhams alongside Market Street Tram Stop. Continue ahead (*) and cross over tram line to corner of Piccadilly Gardens (large stone wall saying Piccadilly Gardens). Continue ahead passing the large statues of Victoria and Wellington on your right. Just after Wellington, keep left, following blue tourist and road signs for Piccadilly Station. Continue along Piccadilly, crossing Paton Street and Lena Street (*) and ahead up the station approach to return to Manchester Piccadilly Station and the end of the walk.

Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club hope you have enjoyed your walk.