

This is the Multangular Tower in the Museum Gardens. It is a corner tower in the City Walls - and a good place to start looking at them. Its lower half is Roman, probably built about 100 AD. Its top half was added about 1200 years later when most of the walls on the trail were being built.

A spur off the main path goes through the small gate shown to the left of the tower, this lets you see what was once under the earth ramparts.

Just north of the corner tower (rebuilt after damage by Scots cannon in 1644) the 2 arches let trains into York's 1840s railway station. The arches north of the present (1870s) station were cut through the Walls for road traffic.

HOLES TO SHOOT THROUGH

As well as battlements, you can see arrow-slits, musket loops (from Civil War times, 1640s) and holes for cannon (with sighting holes above) as you look at the City Walls.

Cross the road going through Micklegate Bar at the pelican lights. As with the other bars, only the arch under the tower is really old, this one about 900 yrs old - older than the bar.

Between Victoria Bar and Baile Hill (created 1068) there is an alternative route giving a rest from the noise & air pollution of York's 'inner ring road'.

The Museum Gardens are mainly very wheelchair-friendly. Cross the road going through Bootham Bar immediately in front of the bar, for 250m. north of the bar you don't see the Walls.



These are the City Walls north of Monk Bar. There was once a ditch, deeper than this, all round the Walls. Under the earth of the ramparts here are the walls of the Roman fort. Towers on this section of the Walls were rebuilt around 1880 - with impractical arrow slits in many cases.

On the north side of Monk Bar the route goes under the medieval central arch, this lets you look at a mason's mark and portcullis spikes with 'murder holes' above them.

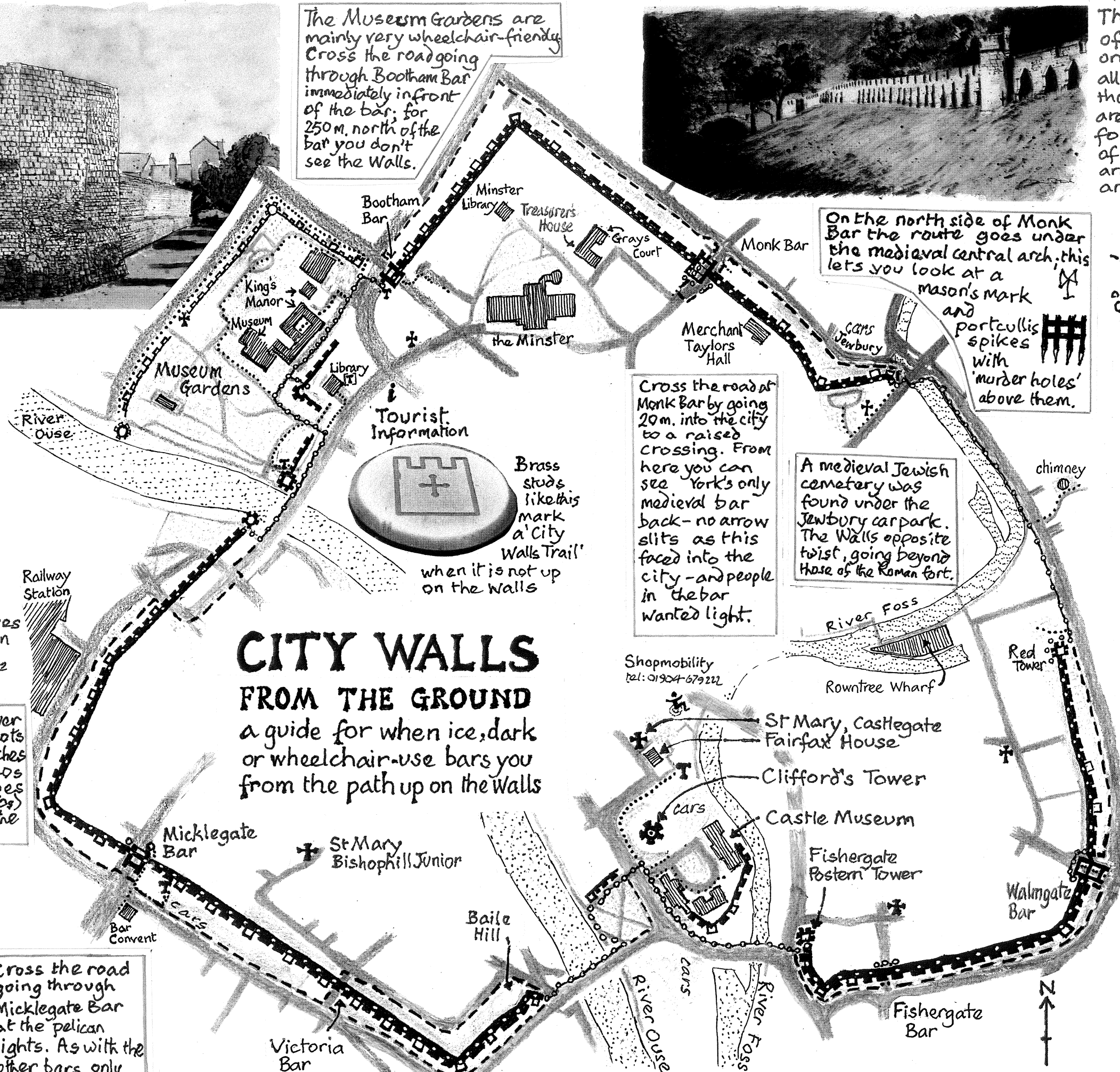
Cross the road at Monk Bar by going 20m. into the city to a raised crossing. From here you can see York's only medieval bar back - no arrow slits as this faced into the city - and people in the bar wanted light.

A medieval Jewish cemetery was found under the Jewbury car park. The Walls opposite twist, going beyond those of the Roman fort.

CITY WALLS

FROM THE GROUND

a guide for when ice, dark or wheelchair-use bars you from the path up on the Walls



KEY

- = ground level route (avoiding curbs) joins City Walls Trail
- = notes about the route
- = city or castle walls [where trail is not on them]
- = major tower on the Walls
- = minor tower on the Walls
- = selected buildings
- = route of wheelchair-friendly 'off-trail extra'
- = roads and paths
- = Church mentioned in guide
- = public toilets
- = usually accessible spaces eg. parks, squares
- = car parks
- = defensive walls around St Mary's Abbey
- = City Walls Trail when up on wall-walk

The wall-walk opens at about 8.00 am and is closed for ice, snow and dark, for details see <https://www.york.gov.uk>

FOR MORE INFORMATION USE 'A Walking Guide to York's City Walls' by Simon Mattam 2014 (but updated on facebook) ISBN 978 0 9929002 05 A version of this is free on the Friends of York Walls website (<http://yorkwalls.org.uk>)

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At Fishergate Bar you can see simple mason's marks in the narrow passages, others are 30m. south of Fishergate Postern.