

Fishergate Postern Tower

Fishergate Postern Tower (FPT) is located where Piccadilly reaches the City Walls. It was built around 1505 at the end of the walls by the River Foss, where water lapped its foundations, creating a natural defence for the city.

It has four floors, a spiral staircase, a complete garderobe and several masons' marks. The roof was added in the late 1500's and this turned the battlements at the top of the tower into a row of square windows on the top floor.

The Friends of York Walls have recently leased the tower from the City of York Council; we display information there about the tower and the history of the City Walls. Entry to the tower is free on our open days, but individual visits can be arranged for a donation. Currently we need money for internal electrical installations, lighting, and roof repairs. For a £20 donation, you can also "Sponsor a Stone" in your name or for someone else; in this scheme a particular stone on an external wall of Fishergate Postern Tower is then linked to your donation. Any donations will help FoYW to return the recently unused tower to fuller community use, and to improve the displays and the internal facilities.



Fishergate Postern Tower Opening Dates in 2018

Sat 27th & Sun 28th Jan	= York Residents Weekend
Sat 17th February	= York Viking Festival
Sat 10th March	= Mother's Day weekend
Sat 24th March	= York Literary Festival
Sat 31st March	= Easter Saturday
Sat 21st April	= York Open Studios
Sat 5th + Mon 7th May	= May Day BH
Sat 26th + Mon 28th May	= Late Spring BH
Sat 16th June	= Father's Day weekend
Sat 21st July	= Festival of Archaeology
Sat 11th August	= August Saturday
Sunday 26th August	= Late Summer BH weekend
Sat 8th & Sat 15th Sept	= Heritage Open Days
Sat 29th Sep	= Late September Saturday
Sat 13th & 27th Oct	= October Saturdays
Normal opening times - 10:00am to 4:00pm	
NOTE - All dates to be confirmed on the website, and are subject to volunteer numbers.	
Other 2018 events & activities are still to be planned - Watch the FoYW website for further details.	

Help Friends of York Walls

Joining the email list for our monthly newsletter is FREE, or to become a full friend make a donation. Please use our website at : <http://yorkwalls.org.uk> or send email to : friendsofyorkwalls@gmail.com We would like to do more but we need more volunteers - as guides at FPT, to help us fundraise, as walks/talks guides, to join the committee, etc..

Sponsoring a Stone

Stones can be sponsored on the website, or by email to: stones@yorkwalls.org.uk



Scan the QR code on your smart phone and go directly to sponsor a stone.

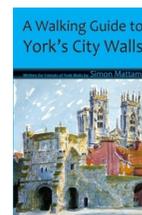


Friends of York Walls Map & FPT Open Days 2018

The Friends of York Walls is a charity that helps people understand and enjoy York's old defensive walls. It is specially concerned with the City Walls and has a lease on Fishergate Postern Tower, previously an unused tower on these walls.

York's City Walls Trail

The map overleaf shows the route - for full details follow the "Walls Trail" on the FoYW website at http://yorkwalls.org.uk/?page_id=3690



Or buy the book :-
"A Walking Guide to
York's City Walls"
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York's City Walls



York's medieval City Walls (or "Bar Walls"), a scheduled ancient monument encircling the historic City of York, comprise 3.4km (2 miles) of surviving masonry. They are the most complete town walls in England. They were built mainly in the 13th century of Magnesian Limestone and, uniquely in England, were set on earthen ramparts.

York's City Walls offer a splendid elevated walk around the city. The accompanying moats have largely disappeared but the slopes of the ramparts are well known for the display of daffodils in March and April of each year.

A walk all round the walls [going up on the wall-walk, or just using the pavement outside them] takes about 2 hours. This is if you pause to look at the main features without going in any towers, etc.. There are four main bars, or fortified gateways, two smaller bars and one postern (a very small gateway defended by a tower), many other towers and details like arrow slits, musket loops, sculptures and masons' marks. There are also good views of many interesting and important buildings from the walls.

Wheelchairs and pushchairs are not practical up on the narrow wall-walk but there is good access to the Museum Gardens with York's best Roman walls, including the Multangular Tower which is topped with a row of medieval arrow-slits. Also here are the ruins of St Mary's Abbey; the medieval defensive walls around the Abbey are the best preserved in England, and were built at the same time as the City Walls. FoYW are concerned with these as well as with the City Walls, Clifford's Tower and the stretch of medieval castle wall nearby.



St Mary's Tower (in the Abbey precinct walls)



Bootham Bar (with portcullis)



Lord Mayor's Walk and the last remaining City Wall ditch



Monk Bar (with museum and portcullis)



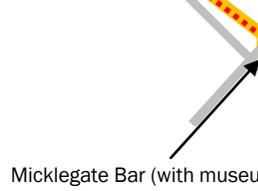
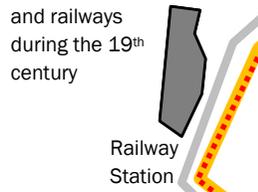
Multangular Tower



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Museum Gardens

East of the station the City Walls were pierced for roads and railways during the 19th century



Micklegate Bar (with museum)



Clifford's Tower



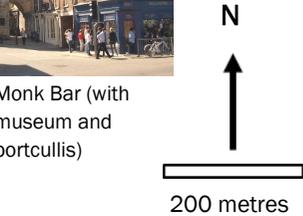
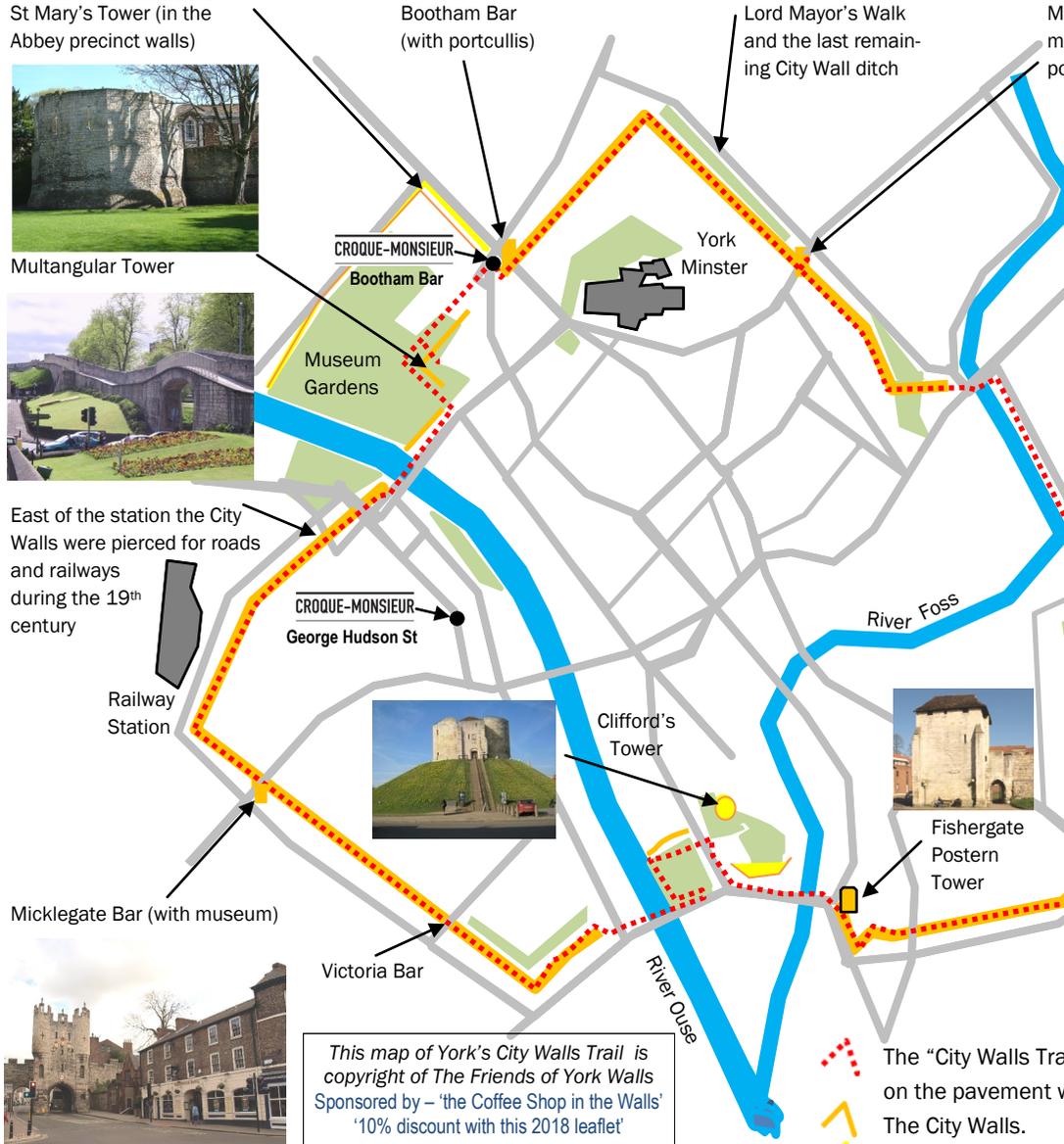
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Red Tower (at the south edge of the land once flooded to make the King's Fishpool)



Walmgate Bar (the only bar which still has a barbican extending from its gateway to defend it)



York's Old Defensive Walls
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- The "City Walls Trail". A route marked by brass studs on the pavement when it is not on the Walls.
 - The City Walls.
 - Other medieval defensive walls.
 - Gardens and green space usually freely open to the public; please respect rules that are displayed.
 - Selected roads.

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