

Durham Pointers Walks around Durham City

Free

Durham Riverside Routes avoiding steps



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CIRCULAR ROUTE 1 - 2.8km (1.75 miles)

Leave the Market Place to the right of St Nicholas's Church and take the pedestrian slope on your left down towards the river. Follow the road to your right under Millburngate Bridge and proceed towards the Premier Inn.

Cross the river via the Penny Ferry foot bridge. Turn left and walk alongside the river. There are excellent views of Castle and Cathedral along this path.

Continue along the path, under Millburngate and Framwellgate Bridges, continuing to follow the river. To your left, as you approach the weir, is one of the most iconic views of the Cathedral.

There is a SHORT STEEP INCLINE in the path leading towards Prebends Bridge. Stop a while on the bridge and admire the views.

Cross Prebends Bridge and turn right following the river, passing the Count's House on your left before going under the modern footbridge, Kingsgate Bridge.

There is then an INCLINE followed by a SHARP DESCENT as the path skirts round a boat house. Head towards, and then under, Elvet Bridge into the lift lobby area at the bottom of the Prince Bishops car park on your left. Take the lift up to the shops and return to your start in the Market Place.

CIRCULAR ROUTE 2 - 2.8km (1.75 miles)

Follow Route 1 until you reach Prebends Bridge.

Cross Prebends Bridge and follow the road straight ahead (STEEP INCLINE), through the Watergate, and up South Bailey. This is a gradual INCLINE. If you want to visit the Cathedral, turn left through an archway towards the top of South Bailey into the College. Keep the wall on your right for about 100 yards and at end of wall turn right and enter the Cloisters through a tunnel. The Undercroft restaurant and toilets are to your left and the entrance into the Cathedral itself is diagonally opposite where you first entered the Cloisters.

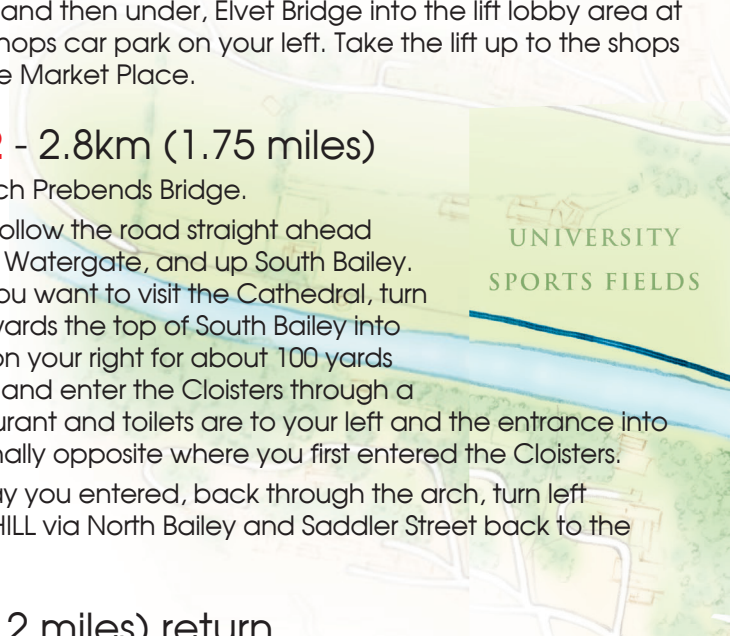
Leave the Cathedral the way you entered, back through the arch, turn left and follow the road DOWNHILL via North Bailey and Saddler Street back to the Market Place.

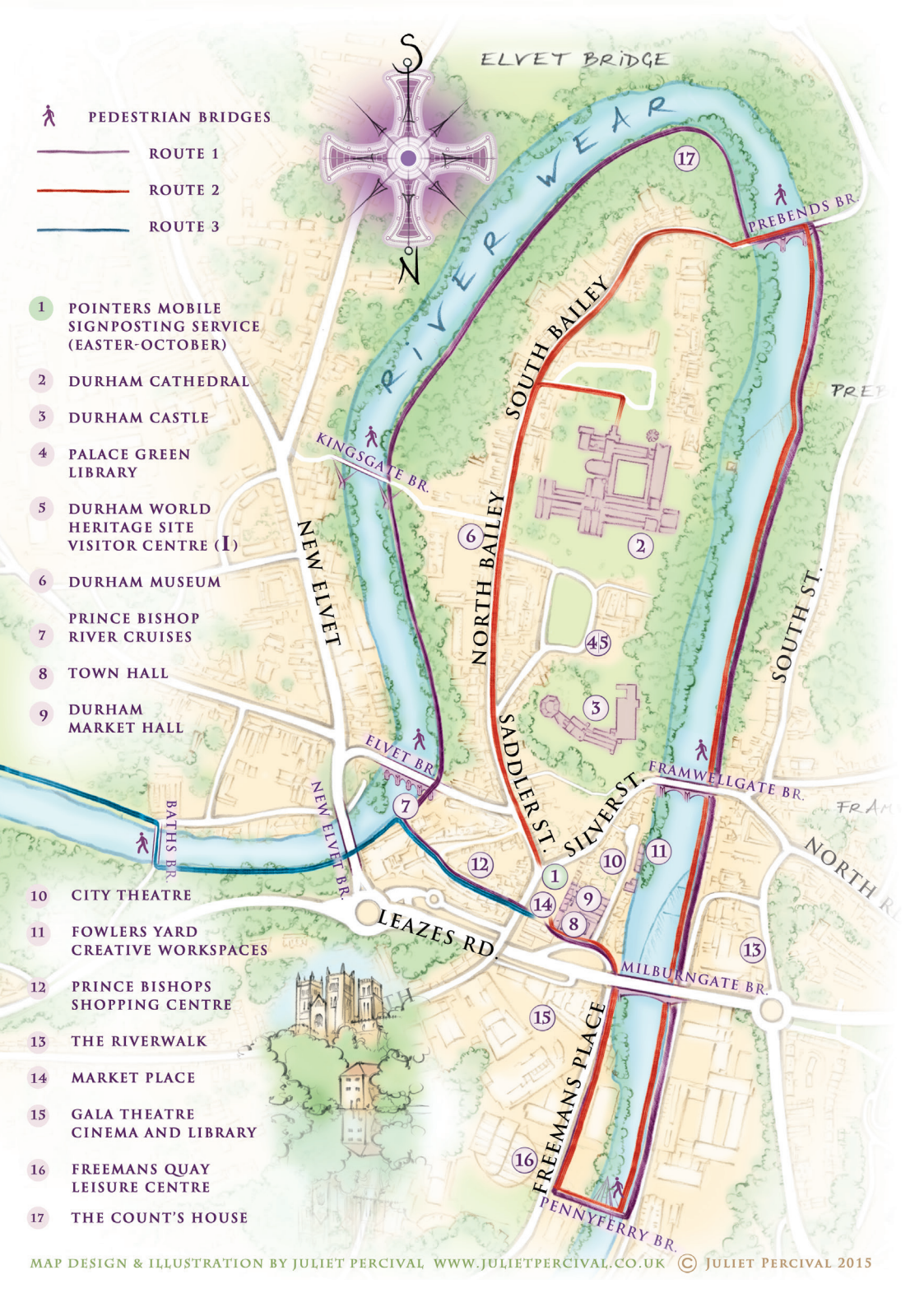
ROUTE 3 - 1.9km (1.2 miles) return

From the Market Place cross the road into the Prince Bishops Shopping Centre. Follow the sign for the Car Park. Take the lift down the ground floor, exit the lobby area and turn left. Follow the river to a pedestrian bridge (Baths Bridge). Cross the bridge and look back at the views of the Cathedral.

Turn left and follow the river with the University playing fields on your right to the bandstand and statue of the Dun Cow on your left.

As you turn round there are stunning views of the Cathedral and Castle. Retrace your route back to the Market Place.





 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

 ROUTE 1

 ROUTE 2

 ROUTE 3

1 POINTERS MOBILE
SIGNPOSTING SERVICE
(EASTER-OCTOBER)

2 DURHAM CATHEDRAL

3 DURHAM CASTLE

4 PALACE GREEN
LIBRARY

5 DURHAM WORLD
HERITAGE SITE
VISITOR CENTRE (I)

6 DURHAM MUSEUM

7 PRINCE BISHOP
RIVER CRUISES

8 TOWN HALL

9 DURHAM
MARKET HALL

10 CITY THEATRE

11 FOWLERS YARD
CREATIVE WORKSPACES

12 PRINCE BISHOPS
SHOPPING CENTRE

13 THE RIVERWALK

14 MARKET PLACE

15 GALA THEATRE
CINEMA AND LIBRARY

16 FREEMANS QUAY
LEISURE CENTRE

17 THE COUNT'S HOUSE

PLEASE NOTE - THE INFORMATION IN THIS LEAFLET AND THE ROUTES SUGGESTED ARE USED ENTIRELY AT YOUR OWN RISK.

This leaflet outlines three routes along Durham's beautiful riverside **AVOIDING STEPS.**

PLEASE BE AWARE that:

- the Cathedral and Castle are located atop a rocky promontory so all routes to and from these buildings and the riverside are either on an incline or a descent;
- the riverbanks consist of **VARIOUS SURFACES** not all of which are suitable for some wheelchairs, especially during or after inclement weather;
- some sections have steep incline/descent and/or adverse cambers which some wheelchair users and pushers may find difficult to negotiate.

We try to highlight some of these factors (but by no means all) in the description of the routes **BUT** please exercise the utmost caution when using any of these routes.

We have also highlighted areas where you can enjoy spectacular views of the Cathedral, Castle and peninsula.

This leaflet does not promote the particular suitability of any of the routes other than the fact all avoid steps. It is up to each individual to assess the suitability of any chosen route taking into account the weather and their mode of transport.

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