

Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City World Heritage Site - Cycle Ride

Introduction:

Liverpool – Mercantile Maritime City was inscribed onto UNESCO's World Heritage List in July 2004. To celebrate this status, Liverpool City Council has prepared a cycle route around the World Heritage Site. The route has been designed to enable riders to see the extraordinary variety and quality of buildings in the World Heritage City and the different areas of townscape character that they create.

Instruction for the Ride:

Distance: 7 miles

Time: Allow at least 2 hours to take in all of the sights

Starting at the Pier Head on Liverpool's world famous waterfront, the ride loops around Liverpool's World Heritage Site. This starting location is convenient for cyclists arriving from the Wirral by ferry or from elsewhere via Merseyrail's James Street Station.

Included on the ride is:

- An extraordinary variety and quality of buildings and townscapes which helped to justify the status as World Heritage City
- A range of the docks and their associated buildings which provide a fascinating insight into on-going regeneration.
- The Stanley Dock Tobacco Warehouse, reputedly the largest brick building in the world,
- St George's Hall, widely regarded as the finest neo-classical building in the world and now freely open to the public, and
- Albert Dock, with the largest collection of Grade 1 listed buildings in Britain.

Also included are lesser known delights - collections of dock buildings both new and old, Georgian townhouses, the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, the heavily decorated commercial buildings and the buzzing vibrancy found on the back streets.

NB. The route takes you through various pedestrian areas where you should walk you bike and if you leave your bike make sure it's locked. Take care and take your time - there is a lot to see!

Directions:

Directions	Of Interest	Cautions
Start at The Pier Head	The Pier Head Group of Buildings. Statues. Former floating landing stage. The River Mersey	Pedestrians. Construction traffic.
Go North around St Nicholas Place and along Princes Parade with the river on your left.	View of Wirral. Church of St Nicholas. New development in Princes Dock. The	Traffic

	"Titanic" Memorial.	
Go over the bridge between Princes Dock and Princes Half-tide Dock and turn left onto Waterloo Road.	Dock wall. Princes Half-tide Dock.	Traffic
Go past Stanley Dock Tobacco Warehouse. And over the Bascule Bridge. Turn right onto Blackstone Street.	Waterloo Warehouse Stanley Dock. Tobacco Warehouse. Bascule Bridge. Victoria Clock Tower (viewed adjacent to the river from the bridge)	Traffic
Go under railway viaduct and turn right onto Leeds and Liverpool Canal at steps on Boundary Bridge.		Traffic at R turn. Narrow steps. Pedestrians on canal
Alternative avoiding steps. Turn Right before bridge onto Barmouth Way, Left onto New Hedley Grove and Right through gate onto towpath		Traffic
Continue along canal towpath. Cycle around branch at locks and cross at footbridge. Continue through gate on main canal to end.	Stanley Locks and view to Stanley Dock. New canalside housing	Path very narrow at locks.
Cycle up slope past Eldonian Village Hall. Turn left then right towards the city centre onto the cycle lane on Vauxhall Road.	Eldonian Village.	Traffic on Vauxhall Road.
Cross over Leeds Street at traffic lights and continue to traffic lights on Tithebarn Street.		Traffic
Turn Left onto Great Crosshall Street and then veer onto the Churchill Way flyover.	High-level views of City Centre	Traffic
Continue up to top of flyover and join Right Hand lane at lights.		Traffic
Go straight ahead at 2 sets of lights and stop in front of Lime Street Station at pedestrian crossing. Dismount.	Empire Theatre. Former North Western Hotel. St George's Hall. Lime St Station	Traffic
Alternative to visit Station Turn Left at Empire Theatre onto Lord Nelson St. Turn Right into station. Walk bikes through station, then exit down steps at main entrance.	Lime St. station interior structure	Conflict with pedestrians
Cross Lime Street at Pedestrian	St George's Hall	Traffic

crossing and push bike onto plateau area.	(Entrance to visitor centre is from St John's Lane. Statues	
Go around East front of St Georges Hall and left down William Brown Street.	Walker Art gallery. Picton Library. World Museum Liverpool. Statuary in St Johns Gardens	Cobbles. Pedestrians on pavement
Get onto pavement and push bike across Byrom Street on pedestrian crossing underneath flyover, with the Tunnel entrance to your left.	Birkenhead Tunnel Entrance JMU Building	Traffic
Go straight and join Dale Street at lights.	135-9 Dale Street	Traffic
Go straight down Dale Street and turn right immediately before the Town Hall.	Municipal Buildings. Commercial Buildings. Rigby's pub	Traffic
Go to end of short road, dismount and walk onto Exchange Flags.	Town Hall. Exchange Flags buildings. Nelson Memorial.	Pedestrians
Remount. Cycle to end of short road that you entered and go straight onto Castle Street.	Commercial Buildings	Buses and traffic
Turn Left down Cook Street. Straight across lights onto Victoria Street. Move to right lane.	16 Cook Street	Traffic
Turn Right onto North John Street and immediately left into Mathew Street at the pedestrian entrance to the Cavern Quarter. Dismount.	A Hard Day's Night Hotel	Traffic
Walk bikes through pedestrian area. Turn right at Stanley Street, right again at Whitechapel and walk to junction with main shopping street.	The Cavern. Sculptures. The Met Quarter	Pedestrians
Turn Left and walk up Church Street and turn right at Hanover Street	The Bluecoat (down Church Alley) The Lyceum	Pedestrians
Remount and go to junction with Duke Street	Casartelli Building	Traffic
Turn left up Duke Street	Merchants Houses and warehouses	Traffic
Turn left onto Colquitt Street	The former Royal Institution and adjacent former warehouse	Traffic
Return onto Duke Street and back downhill to The Munro Public House		Traffic

Turn Left at Munro pub onto Suffolk St.		Traffic
Turn first Right onto Henry Street	Warehouses	Traffic
Turn Left onto York Street then immediately right onto Argyle St. and cycle to end.	Bridewell New flats	Traffic
Turn Left onto Paradise Street		Traffic
Turn half left and cycle up Park Lane.	Norwegian Church	Traffic
Bear Right at mini roundabout then take first right down Blundell Street to the Dock Road	Warehouses	Traffic
Go straight across the Dock road at the lights.	Warehouses	Traffic
Pass Wapping Dock on your left and continue on until the river and then turn right onto promenade	Wapping Dock and Warehouse. Queens Dock. Kings dock Arena. Views of river	Traffic
Cross over Dukes Dock via new bridge and turn left onto road	Dukes Dock	Pedestrians
Continue straight along promenade between Albert Dock and sea wall. Dismount.	Dukes Dock. Albert Dock	Pedestrians
Walk bikes with Canning Half-tide Dock and then Canning Dock on your left	Views of Pier Head	Pedestrians
Turn left onto The Strand, which takes you back to the Pier Head	Views. Mann Island Dvelopment. Paradise Street Development Mersey ferries	Pedestrians. Traffic

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