

21. You have now arrived at the busy Bishop's Road. Walk left and cross via the pelican crossing. The Lido is now in front of you. **(M)** Walk to the front of the Lido. **Blue plaque 27 – Lido**



22. Carry on walking past the Lido towards the Key Theatre and the river.

The Peterborough Combined Court Centre is on your right. Just past the Key Theatre is the river Nene embankment. The river Nene flows through Peterborough, from Northamptonshire to The Wash.

23. Turn right and walk along the footpath towards the Town Bridge. On your left you will see the Customs House. **(N)** **Blue plaque 32 – Customs House**



24. Turn left after the Customs House. Immediately on your left, at the start of the bridge you will notice a plaque on the wall. **Blue plaque 33 – Town Bridge**



25. Walk over the Town Bridge, stopping in the middle to take in the view of the Embankment. Just before the Hilton hotel walk down the metal steps to the south bank of the river. This area is known as Fletton Quays.

26. Walk along the Embankment quayside footpath for about 100 metres. You will notice views of the Cathedral back over the river. Turn right past new flats towards some old railway buildings in East Station Road. You will now be in an area marked as Charles Swift Square. **(O)** Charles Swift was both Peterborough's youngest and longest-serving mayor. On the wall of the car park facing the square is a plaque indicating the location of the former Peterborough East station. **Blue plaque 34 – East station**

27. Walk across the square to the other side near the original engine sheds. **Blue plaque 35 – Engine shed**

28. Turn and walk back, past Charles Swift Square, the car park on your right and Quay House Passport Office on your left. At the junction turn right towards the Town Bridge and cross the road via the crossing next to the Customs House. You are now on Bridge Street.

29. Walk back towards the city centre for about 75 metres. On your right you will notice the "Voice of the City" sculpture **(P)** and interpretation boards commemorating Henry Penn, a renowned bell founder.



30. Continue walking along Bridge Street towards the city centre. You will need to cross the busy Bourges Boulevard link road using the crossing. As you walk up the tree-lined Bridge Street look to the right and you will see the Town Hall after about 50 metres. There is a manned Tourist Information Centre in the lobby of the Town Hall where you will find a variety of additional information about the city. **Blue plaque 28 – Town Hall**

31. Opposite the Town Hall walk towards, and into, Priestgate. Look at the wall on your left. **Blue plaque 29 – Angel Inn**



32. Continue walking along Priestgate. After about 100 metres you will see Peterborough's oldest existing domestic building, Yorkshire House on your left. **(Q)** **Blue plaque 30 – Thomas Hake**

33. Continue about 100 metres along Priestgate. On your left you will see Peterborough Museum. **(R)** **Blue plaque 31 – Peterborough Museum**



At this point you may wish to spend time in Peterborough Museum. The majority of the exhibitions and displays are free.

34. Continue along Priestgate, which veers right just before the main Bourges Boulevard road. On the corner you will find another mural entitled "Priestgate 1940s". **(S)**

35. Walk along for about 50 metres until you come to Cowgate. On the right, just as you enter Cowgate, is another mural, this one showing what the street used to look like in 1908. **(cover)** On the building facing the roundabout is a blue plaque. **Blue plaque 13 – Parish Burial Ground**



36. Walk along Cowgate, back towards Cathedral Square. Immediately look to your right. **Blue plaque 17 – Arthur James Robertson, athlete** Walk a further 50 metres and look to your left. **Blue plaque 14 – Deacon's School**

37. Walk a further 100 metres, past St John's Church on your left and you are back in Cathedral Square, from where you started! If you wish, there is one more blue plaque to notice – in Long Causeway just to the north of Cathedral Square, look to your left. **Blue plaque 20 – WWI Recruitment Office**



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A city centre walk starting and finishing in Cathedral Square, taking in a number of notable sites and buildings as well as 24 of Peterborough Civic Society's blue plaques

Description: This walk takes you in and around Peterborough city centre, briefly into the modern Queensgate shopping centre and along some of the city's older, more historic, streets. The walk also takes in some of the area near Peterborough's river Nene. Blue plaques are expanded upon in the Blue Plaques leaflet, available from Peterborough Civic Society and the website www.peterboroughcivicsociety.org.uk. Blue plaque numbers refer to description numbers in the leaflet and on the website.

Distance: About 4.5 km (2.8 miles). It takes approximately 2 hours at a leisurely pace, even more if the visitor wishes to take in and read all the various plaques and interpretation boards along the way. Additional time should be allowed for a visit to the splendid Peterborough Cathedral.

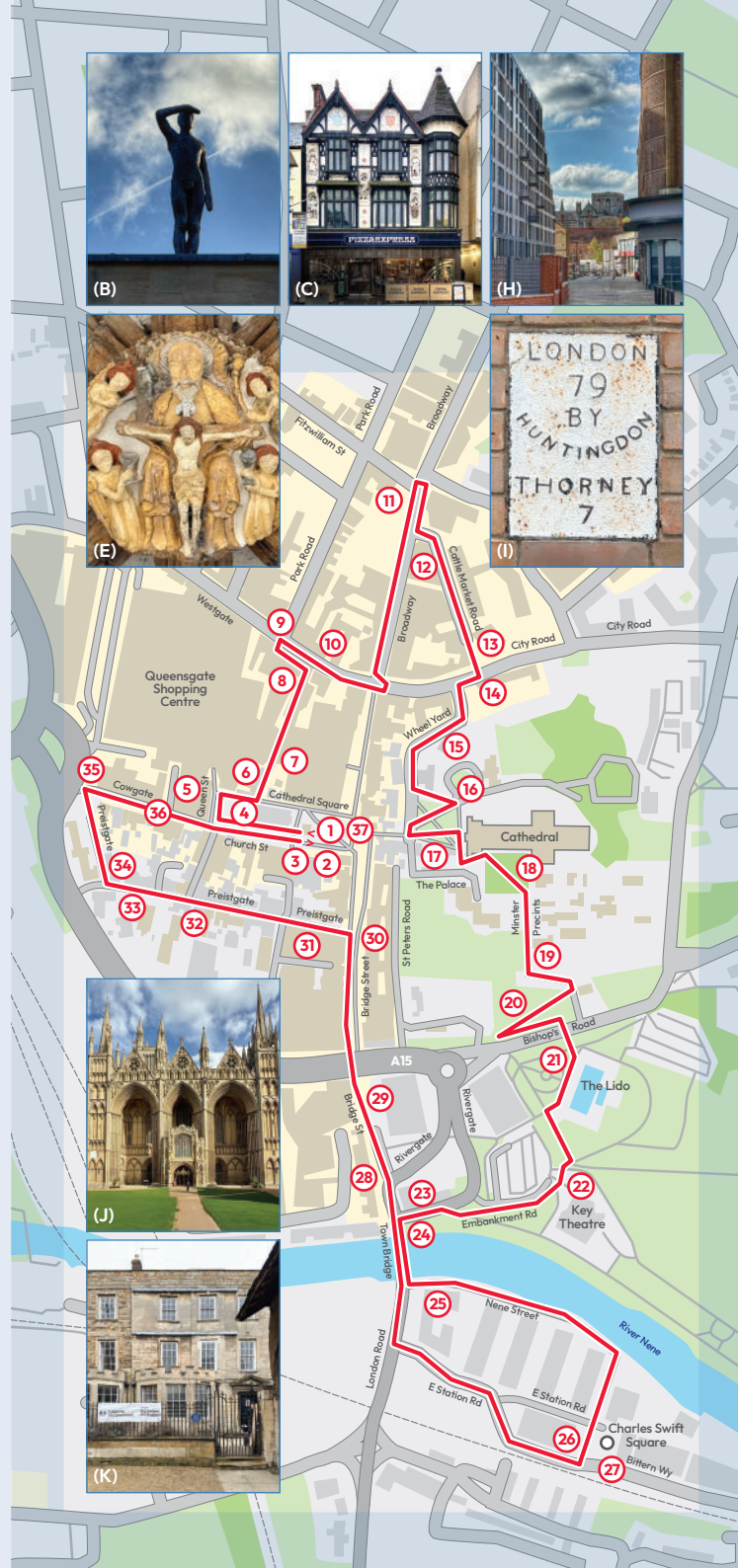
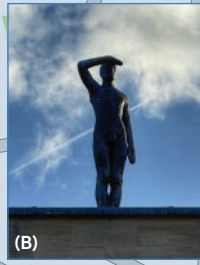
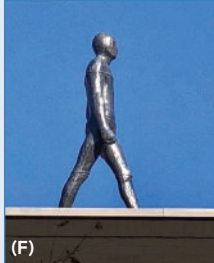
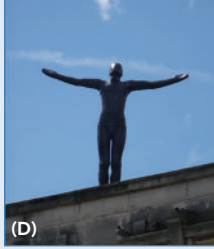
Starting & finishing point: The Guildhall, Cathedral Square.

Access: The walk is on paved and tarmac paths, with very little incline.

Facilities: There are multiple cafes and restaurants in the city centre, in Bridge Street, Queensgate, the Key Theatre, Fletton Quays and the Museum.

Directions

1. Start at the Guildhall (A) on Cathedral Square, look at the south side of the building. **Blue plaque 19 – Guildhall**
2. Turn and look up at the skyline above the buildings on the south side of Cathedral Square. On the roof you will notice the first of three Antony Gormley figure sculptures entitled “Places To Be”. (B)
3. To the south opposite the Guildhall you will see the 1911 building with an ornate mock-Tudor frontage. The frontage contains five plaster figures and the building is currently occupied by Pizza Express, a company founded by Peterboroughian Peter Boizot. (C) Look upwards towards Cowgate and you will see the second of three Antony Gormley “Places To Be” figures. (D)
4. Walk west 30 metres towards St John’s Church and stand inside the porch and look upwards. Here you will see a fine medieval vaulted ceiling containing three bosses that represent the Trinity, the Annunciation and the Crucifixion. (E)
5. Walk on a few metres and just past St John’s church turn right into Queen Street, past Queen Street Chambers to the Queen’s Head pub. **Blue plaque 18 – John Addy, chartered engineer**
6. Walk away from the Queen’s Head and along the side of St John’s Church to Cumbergate. Look up and above an entrance to Queensgate you will see the third of three Antony Gormley’s “Places To Be” figure. (F)
7. Walk along Cumbergate towards the entrance to Queensgate. **Blue plaque 15 – Cumbergate**
8. Walk straight through the entrance to Queensgate and into Westgate Arcade opposite (G). The Westgate Arcade contains mostly independent shops and businesses. Walk to the end of the arcade, turn left and immediately stop. **Blue plaque 12 – Shopping Arcade**
9. Continue west along Westgate for about 50 metres until you are opposite the entrance to Park Road. **Blue plaque 11 – Thomas James Walker, physician**
10. Cross over to the other side of Westgate and walk back along Westgate past the Bull Hotel. At the intersection of Westgate and Broadway (Barrett’s Corner) cross the road. Look on your left and notice the Beatles Abbey Road mural. This is one of a number of city centre murals created by Street Arts Hire and Nathan Murdoch – a leaflet describing these has been produced by Peterborough Positive (www.peterboroughpositive.co.uk).



11. Now walk north up Broadway for about 200 metres. Just before the modern public library look for a plaque on a building on the left. **Blue plaque 09 – Public Library, original library funded by Andrew Carnigie**
12. Cross to the other side of Broadway and walk to the left of the art deco former Embassy Theatre into Cattle Market Road. Stop just round the corner. **Blue plaque 08 – Embassy Theatre**
13. Continue to the end of Cattle Market Road for about 75 metres, noticing the Cathedral in the distance (H), and you will see another blue plaque on the former court building on your left. **Blue plaque 10 – County Court**
14. Cross City Road to the red-brick building named Peterscourt. On the wall of Peterscourt is a rectangular black plaque describing its history.
15. Turn right and after 20 metres turn left into Wheel Yard. As you enter Wheel Yard, on your left you will notice an old cast iron milestone marker near ground level stating “London 79 By Huntingdon Thorney 7”. (I)
16. Continue walking along Wheel Yard and through the entrance to the Cathedral grounds. You are now at the Cathedral’s west front, (J) one of the most stunning examples in Europe. Walk a few metres to the left of the west front and, on your left, you will see a blue plaque on a wall. **Blue plaque 25 – John Fletcher, dramatist**
17. Turn and walk back across the green in front of the Cathedral towards Cathedral Square. Before you get to the gateway look on your left. **Blue plaque 23 – Simon Gunton, vicar of Peterborough during the Great Plague**

At this point of the walk you may wish to take time to enter Peterborough Cathedral and soak in its fascinating, varied history. The Cathedral is currently free to enter, there are guides and interpretation boards throughout the building

18. Turn left and walk to the right of the west front of the Cathedral, through a narrow open passageway that leads to the Cathedral cloisters. You may wish to look at the six interpretation boards explaining the history and uses of the cloisters. Walk diagonally across the cloisters along the tarmac path. You will see Laurel Court in front of you. (K) **Blue plaque 26 – Laurel Court/Edith Cavell**
19. Leave the Cathedral cloisters and walk through the archway that takes you onto Minster Precincts. As you veer left on the path after 150 metres you will see the Almoner’s Hall on your right. **Blue plaque 24 – Almoner’s Hall**
20. After less than 20 metres you will come to Bishop’s Road Gardens on your right. Walk diagonally across the gardens on the tarmac path. On your right you will see the Henry Pearson Gates memorial to Peterborough’s first mayor. This memorial once stood on Cathedral, then Market, Square. In the centre of the gardens is a memorial to three local soldiers killed in recent conflicts. (L)