

Lancaster

SMALL CITY BIG STORY



DISTANCE APPROX:

7.3 km / 4.5 miles



GRADIENT:

Mostly flat, some moderate ascents.



UNDERFOOT:

Street, towpath, lanes, good tracks and paths; nowhere rough, rarely muddy.



PUBLIC TOILETS:

In city centre.



REFRESHMENTS:

Plentiful at start and finish of walk, nothing in middle section.

Walk 1

Lancaster And The Lune

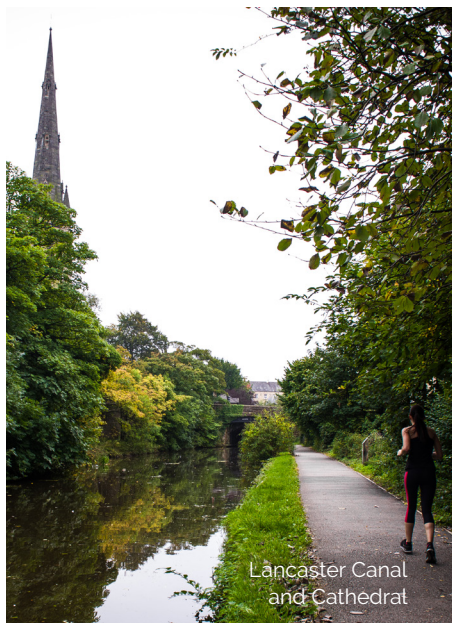
It's part of Lancaster's charm that it remains a compact city, enjoying close contact with surrounding countryside. This easy walk takes full advantage, moving from the bustle of the city centre to the leisurely pace of the canal and on to the wide open spaces of the Lune Estuary, where binoculars and a bird book would be ideal companions.



Lancaster Castle



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Lancaster Canal and Cathedral



City Museum and Market Square

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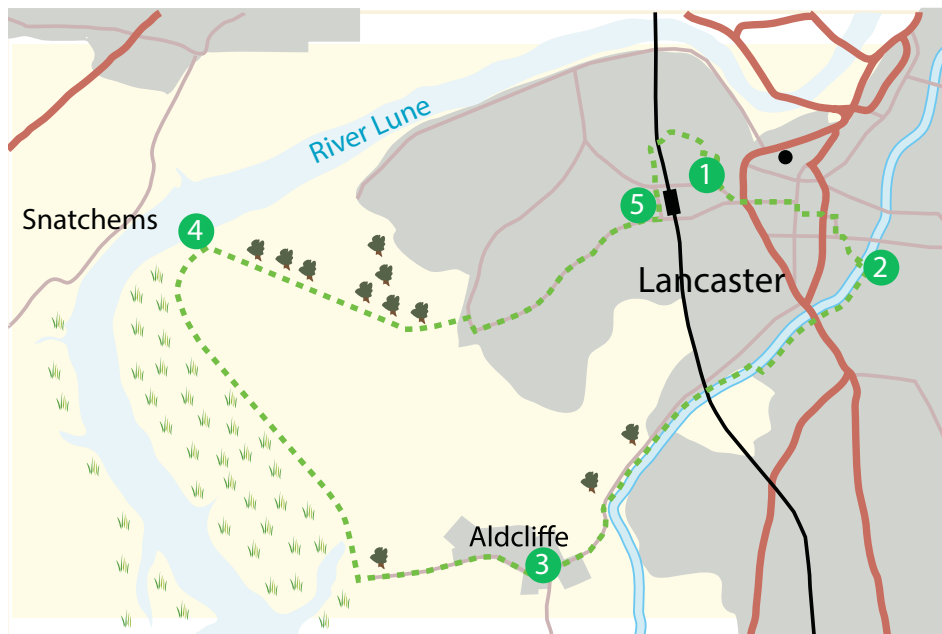
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Dalton Square and Town Hall



KEY: L: left · R: right · SA: straight ahead or straight across · FP: footpath · BW: bridleway

1 START OUTSIDE LANCASTER VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE AT THE STOREY

Descend Meeting House Lane and cross at traffic lights outside Waterstones. Go SA into pedestrianised Market St and down to crossroads at Horseshoe Corner. Turn R up Penny St then L through Frances Passage. Continue SA to Dalton Square. Go through the gardens then turn L in front of the Town Hall, up Nelson St. Enter Nelson St. car park and at far end find steps which lead up to the canal towpath.

LOOK OUT FOR: Old Town Hall, now City Museum. Queen Victoria Monument and Town Hall in Dalton Square. St Peter's Cathedral.

2 CANAL TOWPATH 0.8 KM / 0.5 MILES

Go R along this, swapping sides at the first bridge. Continue past White Cross and Waterwitch pubs, then change sides again. Follow the towpath, with Aldcliffe Rd alongside. Where the road swings away, leave the canal and follow the road uphill. TAKE CARE: the road is narrow and lacks decent verges. At the top continue SA down Railway Crossing Lane.

LOOK OUT FOR: Former Storey's mills at White Cross revitalised for offices and light industry.

3 ALDCLIFFE 3 KM / 1.9 MILES

Follow the lane to its end, meeting the Lune Estuary Cycle Path. Go SA to a stile and turn R (Lancashire Coastal Way sign) along the embankment. Follow this for about 1.5km to Marsh Point, opposite the pub on the far bank.

LOOK OUT FOR: Around Marsh Point, extensive works by the Environment Agency to provide flood protection and create new wetland habitats. The pub across the river is the Golden Ball at Snatchems, still occasionally cut off by high tides.

4 MARSH POINT 4.5 KM / 2.8 MILES

Turn R on a footpath flanked by trees. Cross the Cycle Path and continue SA. When the path forks, near to the houses, take the R branch out to Willow Lane. Go R to a mini-roundabout then turn L up Westbourne Rd. Follow this to the railway station.

5 LANCASTER RAILWAY STATION 6.5 km / 4 miles

Just before the bridge turn L on Station Rd, past the station then SA on a cycle path. Meet a road, go R, under the railway, and turn immediately L on continuation cycle path. At an opening on the R, climb steeply through trees and past an amphitheatre to the Priory Church. SA along the side of the church to a flight of steps. Descend then go R, below the castle walls, to return to The Storey, which houses Lancaster Visitor Information Centre and Print Room café as well as workspaces, meeting rooms and a performance space.

LOOK OUT FOR: The mediaeval Priory Church and the forbidding bulk of the Castle centred around its Norman keep. Great view over the city from the Priory steps.



Lancaster Canal