## From Parks to Port an accessible trail for all

easy to follow maps



 Southampton City Art Gallery The Art Gallery is internationally renowned. Its core collection is twentieth century and contemporary British art.
 Next: cross the road carefully to East Park (1) (2) (2) (2) (1)

**2. Titanic Engineers' Memorial** It honours 24 engineers, 6 electrical engineers, two boilermakers, a plumber and a clerk, who died onboard RMS Titanic. They sacrificed their lives to keep the ship afloat longer so others could escape.

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3. Wisteria Pergola Usually, the wisteria is in full bloom in April and May. Its fragrant smell, delicate touch and purple tones provide a dramatic sensory experience! Next: pass by the Richard Andrews Memorial to get to the fountain

**4. Queen's Peace Fountain & Mosaic** This fountain honours the Queen's service to the nation and the years of relative peace since WW2. It was refurbished in 2021 complete with LED lamps for light displays! Can you see the crown motif? With your back to the fountain, you will find the six-metre 'mosaic pond' on your left, made of opaque porcelain and glass tiles. Designed by Caroline Isgar.

**5. Avenue of Lime Trees** Frederick Perkins (1826-1902) became a successful brewer and wine merchant, and Mayor on five occasions. In 1863 he donated to the town - in memory of his mother - the avenue of lime trees running the length of East Park and Palmerston Park.

6. John Hansard Gallery This Gallery is part of the University of Southampton. It is one of Britain's leading public galleries of contemporary visual art, and supports, develops and presents work by outstanding artists from across the world. The Gallery is a place to visit for extraordinary experiences. Entrance is free. *Guide and Assistance dogs permitted.* 

**7. Ebony Rockers Mural** Ebony Rockers were a local reggae band in the late 1970/early 1980s. They were signed to the EMI label and the bassist is the father of Craig David. This commemorative memorial was erected in Above Bar in 2022.



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**8. Bargate** Medieval gatehouse to the Old Town built by the Normans circa 1180. In the 1500s two wooden sculptures of lions were put in front; replaced later and refurbished in 2021. Did you know the statue of George III is made of Coade stone?

**9. Castle Bailey Wall** Only this stretch of the bailey wall survives today of Southampton's Norman motte and bailey castle. The motte (mound) upon which the castle once sat has been levelled and is now occupied by a large block of flats.

**10. Hamtun Street Mural** This fascinating public mural charts Southampton's history from Roman times to the 20th century. The mural references the maritime and aeronautical achievements for which the city is justifiably proud.

**11. St Michael's Church, 1070** This Norman church is almost 1,000 years old! Look out for the brass lecterns, black Tournai font, decorative iron grilles and gates, Victorian fire hearth tiles, stained glass windows, and the Cross of Nails.

**12. Tudor House Museum** Have you ever seen 16th and 17th century graffiti, a sedan chair, examples of Tudor and Victorian kitchens or a WWII air raid shelter? The café overlooks the Tudor Knot garden where richer families kept bees, and grew herbs for cooking, medicinal and cosmetic purposes. It also contains Henry VIII's canon! *Audio Tours available. Facilities for hearing impaired visitors. Induction Loop system.* 

13. Dancing Man Brewery Built by Cistercian Monks in the 1300s to store wool. It then became a prison for French prisoners of war. In 1966 it became the Southampton Maritime Museum, and in 2015 it opened as a restaurant and microbrewery.
2 bars. Dog friendly.

**14. Town Quay Park** TQP is one of Southampton's newest parks, having been formed from a bomb site in 1964. For over 12 years it has almost entirely been maintained by volunteers: the Friends of Town Quay Park.

**15. God's House Tower** Constructed over several hundred years from 1189, originally to defend the town from seaborne attack. It has seen several uses, including a prison, warehouse and museum, and is today an arts and heritage venue. *Dyslexic-friendly website. Descriptive tours and large print guides available. All dogs welcome.* 

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## The aim of easy to follow maps

The **easy to follow maps** have been created for everyone, but especially for those with physical and learning impairements.

The bespoke illustrations, route, colour-coded symbols, colours, font and size of texts are dyslexic-friendly.

The route has been tried-and-tested by wheelchair and mobility scooter users with safety in mind and a risk assessment carried out in 2023.

We do recommend that you wear a high visibility safety vest, and carry out this tour on a Sunday morning, when the city can be quieter.

We have added information about accessible toilet facilities, ramps, lifts and cafés for your comfort.

Map 1 is an accessible trail through the city.

It is an outdoor, flat, self-guided tour, which includes passing by gardens, fountains, murals and other features.

We would like you to experience colour, smell, water and visual stimuli, whilst learning about historical features in the city. Above all, have fun!

If you like, you may go inside The Art Gallery, St Michael's Church, Tudor House Museum, John Hansard Gallery, and God's House Tower to make the most of your experience. Just check beforehand their opening times and allow extra time.

You may go to one of these, some of these or none of these - you decide!

You do not have to complete all 15 stops in one day. Go at your own pace!

You can always do part I, and then return another day and carry out part II: Part I: Northern part of the map from 1 to 7. Part II: Southern part of the map from 8 to 15.

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