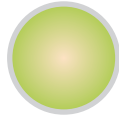


Trail Guide:



In 2006 no fewer than 127 public houses were serving real ale within the city of Derby. Today 60 different brews are permanently available and more than 40 "guest" beers are available alongside these stalwarts. Such a fortunate situation contributes to the growing success of Derby's biannual CAMRA Beer Festival established in 1978 which now regularly attracts over 12,000 visitors, putting it in the top five beer festivals in the UK.

THE TRADITIONAL ALE PUBS

There are two separate Ale Trails in this series. A map is provided to help the keen follower to pick and choose their route and choice of public house!

This first trail is **The Midland Friar** and the second **The Full Crompton**.

This, **The Midland Friar** Trail is quite long, best completed on foot and wearing stout (rather than mild or bitter) shoes.

The fresh Derby air, be it filtered through sunshine or rain, will of course add to the tang of the beers you choose!

Station Inn, Midland Road

Its narrow entrance, flanked by stained glass windows, leads into a huge function room, as befits most large cities' Station pubs, with a dining room to the rear.

Serves: Draught Bass, Deuchars IPA, Black Sheep, Marston Pedigree and Theakston HB

Food: Bar meals

Open: Monday-Thursday 11.30-14.30, 17.00-23.00
Friday 11.30-23.00
Saturday 11.30-14.30, 19.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-15.00, 19.00-22.30

Telephone (01332) 608014

Trail Key:



Walking



Car



Bus



Cycling



Scenic



Historic



2hr



40km
25miles

Distance

Difficulty Rating for walks:



Easy



Moderate



Strenuous

This trail is one of 44 exciting trails to explore in the Peak District & Derbyshire.

The George Hotel, 15 Midland Road

Victorian premises with high ceilings, ornate decor and etched windows which are a reminder of an old Derby brewery. The premises have been very recently refurbished and extended whilst retaining a traditional pub ambience.

Serves: Hardy Hanson Bitter and Olde Trip

Food: Lunches, evening and bar meals

Open: Monday-Sunday 12.00-23.00

Telephone: (01332) 207002

Waterfall Bar and Café, Railway Terrace

The café bar has a rather modern feel despite or perhaps because of its high, dark red ceilings, yellow middle walls and salmon-orange lower sections all surrounded by chairs and the occasional couch.

Serves: Everard Tiger

Food: Lunches, evening and bar meals

Open: Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 366517

The Brunswick Inn, 1 Railway Terrace

Restored by the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, this is a free house with a tremendous selection of ales. One of the country's earliest commercial hotels, the Brunswick was the watering hole for the first purpose-built railway workers' estate. The premises include a working brewery which supplies beers to other Everard's pubs in addition to supplying its own needs. The premises incorporate a stone-flagged bar and adjoining lounge, a non-smoking room, a family parlour and a long function room on the first floor. Below stairs is a deep, twin-level cellar. An annual beer festival is held in October.

Serves: Brunswick Second Brew, Mild, Father Mike [beware - strong!], Triple Gold, Triple Hop, Railway Porter, Old Accidental, Marston Pedigree, Taylor Landlord and eight guest beers

Food: Lunches and bar meals

Open: Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 290677

Alexandra Hotel, 203 Siddals Road

Formerly the Midland Coffee House, the "Alex" was named after the Danish princess who married the Prince of Wales [later Edward VII] in 1863. It was here that the Derby branch of CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale) was founded in July 1974. Once serving Shipstones Ales delivered from the nearby brewery, only the Victorian gothic exterior serves as a reminder of those bygone days. The pub carries a good stock of foreign draught and bottled beers.

Serves: Castle Rock Nottingham Gold, Harvest Pale, Black Gold, Belvoir Star, York Terrier and four guest ales

Food: Lunches and bar meals

Open: Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-15.00, 19.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 293993

The Smithfield, Meadow Road

With its long, basic bar, small rear lounge, stone fireplace and old wooden settles, this unique place, with car park, offers an unusual range of beers from the Whim and Oakham breweries.

Serves: Draught Bass, Whim Arbour Light, Hartington IPA, Oakham JHB and guest beers

Food: Lunches, evening and bar meals

Open: Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-15.00, 19.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 370429

The Exeter Arms, Exeter Place

With a small bar and an open fire separated from a partitioned lounge by the chimney breast, this is a homely pub indeed! You might prefer the snug with its wooden settles and old-fashioned range but, either way, try to arrive at lunchtime, to enjoy one of their wholesome and inexpensive meals

Serves: Marston Bitter, Old Empire, Pedigree and a seasonal guest beer

Food: Lunches except Sunday, and bar food

Open: Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-18.00

Telephone: (01332) 346679

Furnace Inn, Duke Street

Formerly the haunt of local foundrymen and close to the historic St Mary's Bridge Chapel and river Derwent, this busy local pub is ideal for walkers and cyclists following the river's course.

Serves: Hardy Hanson Bitter, Mild, Olde Trip and a seasonal guest ale

Food: none

Open: Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-15.00, 18.30-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 331563

The Flowerpot, 25 King Street

This pub consists of several interlinked rooms, each with its own character reflecting the variety of ales on offer. The premises have been extended and improved but the small bar area hints at the original architecture of the building. A glass cellar wall reveals up to two dozen casks of beer. Live music is frequently featured at weekends whilst on sunny days a planted patio is the place to take your glass.

Serves: Draught Bass, Marston Pedigree, Whim Harbour Light, Hartington IPA and guest beers

Food: Lunches, early evening and bar meals

Open: Monday-Saturday 11.00-23.00
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Telephone: (01332) 204955

Blessington Carriage, 13 Chapel Street,

Two former shop premises extended to incorporate adjacent houses form the present Blessington Carriage. The large, rambling interior is divided into discrete, individually styled sections but with an outer courtyard to enjoy fine weather. Many features of the original buildings have been retained. The beers of the Derby Brewing Company are always on tap.

Serves: Draught Bass, Courage Directors, Marston Pedigree, Derby Brewing Company Blessington Ale and a guest beer

Food: Lunches, early evening and bar meals

Open: Monday-Thursday 11.00-23.30
Friday, Saturday 13.00-01.00
Sunday 14.00-23.30

Telephone: (01332) 365988

The Greyhound, 76 Friar Gate

Just around the corner from the former Derby jail, and incorporating a former brew house, the Greyhound serves good food either in the central body of the pub or, in the summer months, on the outdoor patio.

Serves: Draught Bass, Deuchars IPA and Abbott Ale

Food: Lunches and early evening meals (except Sunday)

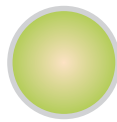
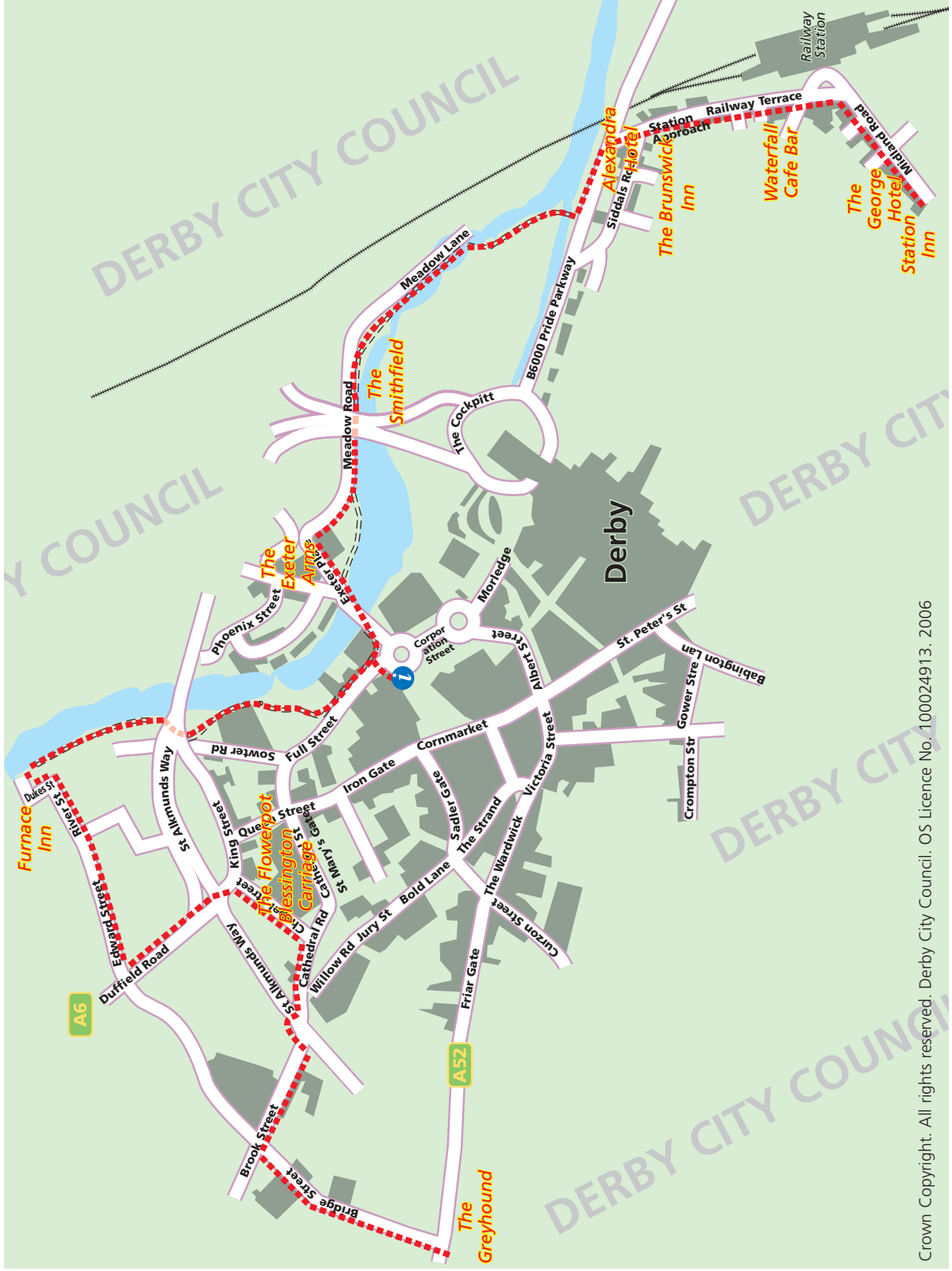
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Telephone: (01332) 242460

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Derby City Trail No. 6

The Midland Friar Ale Trail



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