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THE MIGHTY LUNE AQUEDUCT & LANCASTER LOOP

Explore the mighty Lune Aqueduct and the historical sights of Lancaster via this loop route which passes listed churches, a Priory, a Castle and two museums; linked by two lovely flat riverside and canal side walking routes.

This route begins and ends at the Canal & Rivers Trust car park next to McDonalds on Caton Road, Lancaster.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arriving by Bus: The Skerton Bridge bus stop on Caton Road is within walking distance to the starting point. Visit [Stagecoach](#) for timetables and fares.

Arriving by Car: Parking at the Canal & River Trust car park is free.

Arriving by Bike: Most parts of this route are suitable to be explored by bike.

WALK IT! AT A GLANCE



TIME
1 hour 45 mins



DIFFICULTY
Moderate



DISTANCE
4.2 miles



TERRAIN
Flat



Please note the map shown is for illustrating the route - for a more accurate map we would recommend using AllTrails.co.uk

THE MIGHTY LUNE AQUEDUCT & HISTORIC LANCASTER ROUTE

Follow the points below and tick them off as you go!

1. Walk through the entrance gate into a small nature reserve managed by a dedicated team of Canal & River Trust volunteers. Enjoy the wicker circle next to the pond and look out for the bird boxes too before continuing along the path to the foot of the aqueduct.

2. Turn left, walking under the Aqueduct arch. You are now on the River Lune cycle path which takes you into Lancaster city centre. Continue for approx. 1.75km until you've walked through the underpass which leads to an exit into Sainsbury's car park.

3. Cross through Sainsbury's car park and leave through the pedestrian entrance onto Cable Street.

4. Walk along passing the Lancaster Community Fire and Ambulance station on your left, continue for approx. 100m until you reach the pedestrian crossing.

5. Cross on to Chapel Street with The Bobbin pub on the corner.

6. Continue to the end of Chapel Street, look out for the Lancaster Heritage Plaque on the Grade II listed Church of St John the Evangelist.

7. Turn right onto North Road, and follow the cycle path road markings for approx. 20m walking between the stationary planters and cycle markings.

8. Continue for approx. 50m up North Road passing shops on either side. At the bend in the road, turn right onto Church Street at the Cheapside crossing.

9. Stay on Church Street for approx. 210m until you reach the Judges Lodgings Museum. Take care crossing Sun Street / New Road and China Street / Bridge Lane via the pedestrian crossings.

10. Take the cobbled street to the right of the building which takes you up the steps onto St Mary's Parade. From here you can visit The Lancaster Priory and Lancaster Castle.



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11. Following your visit to the Castle and Priory take Castle Hill down back towards the city centre, then turn left on to Market Street.

FUN FACT: You can see an original passenger carriage from the Lancaster Canal Packet Boat in the museum.

12. Walk past the shops to the end of Market Street and turn right onto Penny Street, continuing for approx. 140m.

13. Turn left onto Brock Street and continue for approx. 340m, passing the Town Hall, Dalton Square and the Baptist Church.

14. Turn right into the entrance of Nelson Street Car Park and find the pedestrian access to the canal in the left-hand corner of the car park.

15. Turn right towards The Water Witch canalside pub for a halfway break or turn left to continue back to the aqueduct.

16. Follow the Towpath Trail for approx. 2.6km towards the aqueduct. Take the steps on your left-hand side to return under the aqueduct arch, through the nature reserve and back to the car park on Caton Road.



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