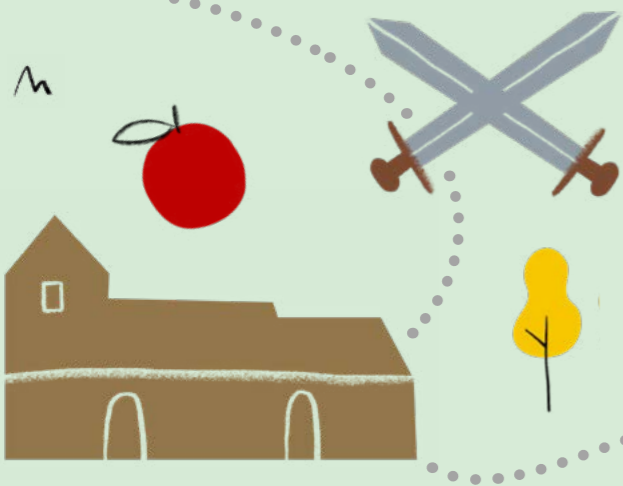


# EXPLORING YORK



Exploring York and all that it has to offer has never been so easy.

We've routes for all ages and abilities, ready and waiting for you to explore.

Whilst you're out and about, remember let's be respectful and patient of others, and let's keep as safe as possible.

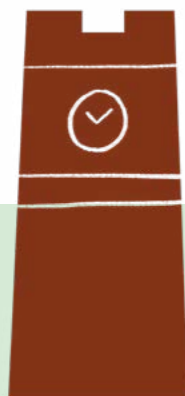
## Millennium Bridge to Designer Outlet trail

 Distance **3 miles**  
 Est. Time **1-1:30 hrs**

If you're planning to travel to, from and through York we want to make sure you have access to travel information that will help keep you safe and be able to plan your journey.

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### Millennium Bridge

If you look carefully beside the bridge you'll find the remains of a narrow gauge railway which was formerly used to transport supplies for Fulford Barracks via the river. Before the bridge, ferries transported people across the river for many years.



### Tawny Owls

If you visit the Millennium Bridge at night, you're likely to hear the striking calls of tawny owls roosting in nearby trees. They mostly call during autumn and winter and male and females may perform a duet. Tawny owls nest in tree cavities, so are only found in places with old trees.

### Did you spot any birdlife on your walk?

- Blackbird
- Blue tit
- Bullfinch
- Chaffinch
- Chiffchaff
- Goldfinch
- Great tit
- Great-spotted woodpecker
- Greenfinch
- House martin
- Robin
- Swallow
- Swift
- Whitethroat
- Willow warbler
- Vulture!?
- .....



### The Old St Oswald's Church








Adjacent to the footpath you will see a row of gravestones in the grounds of the former St Oswald's Church Fulford. The churchyard was formerly used as a site for the burial of plague victims. The church is now a private residence. The current St Oswald's Church in Fulford is a much larger building which was tragically almost destroyed by fire in 1877.

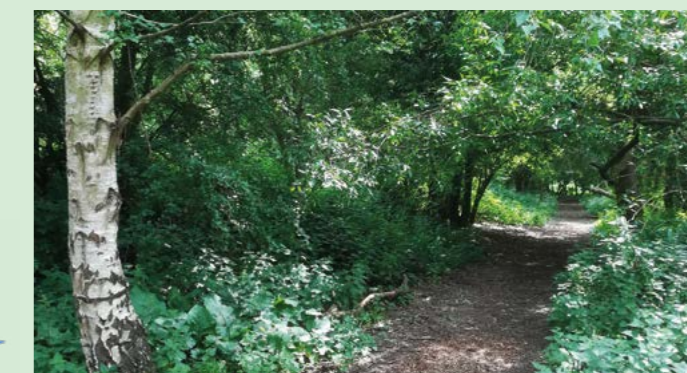


### Fulford Ings

Fulford Ings is a nationally important wetland with extensive areas of rushes and sedges, with large patches of common bistort and meadowsweet. Roe deer can often be seen feeding here, whilst birdlife includes Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Whitethroat and Great Spotted Woodpecker.

### How many different types of leaves can you find?

-   Alder
-   Ash
-   Beech
-   Rowan
-   Sycamore
-   Oak
-   Birch
- .....



### Danesmead Wood

Danesmead Wood is a small woodland with numerous trails which are well worth exploring. The woodland is managed by the Friends of Danesmead Wood. The wood is particularly colourful in the spring with foxgloves, bluebells and forget-me-nots growing in abundance.



### The Designer Outlet & Fulford Community Orchard

The Designer Outlet was built in the grounds of the former Naburn Hospital and is now a very popular shopping destination. An adjacent orchard which used to supply the hospital with fruit still exists and is open to the public. Fulford Community Orchard as it is now known contains many old varieties of plum, damson, pear and apple.



# Millennium Bridge to Designer Outlet trail

## 1 Start

Start from the Fulford side of the Millennium Bridge. Follow the footpath heading south away from the city centre.

The footpath runs through Fulford Ings, a nationally important wetland wildlife site. Roe deer can sometimes be seen feeding here.



The footpath passes Danesmead Wood. It is worth spending a little time to explore the trails running through this woodland. The Friends of Danesmead Wood look after this site.

This is a great place for a picnic. A table for picnickers can be found here.



## 2

The footpath has a sharp left turn followed by a sharp right turn at this point. Continue walking parallel to the river.

## 5

Where the path diverges follow the footpath which runs closest to the riverside.

## 6

The footpath passes under the A64 Outer Ringroad.

Bishopthorpe Palace, the official home of the Archbishop of York, can be clearly seen on the opposite bank of the river.



## 3

Upon reaching St Oswald's Road walk straight ahead along a gravel track which leads into Fulford Ings.

## 7

At this point the footpath turns left and follows a ditch heading east.

## 8

At the end of the meadow the footpath turns to the right and then proceeds to run parallel to a long fence.

## 9

Just before reaching a small stone plaque the footpath turns to the right and passes through a narrow gap in the hedge.

## 4

Where the footpath forks turn right and walk towards a building where the University of York Boat Club stores its boats. Turn left upon reaching the boat club building.



## 13

Enter the car park and turn right. A pedestrian path at the end of the car park followed by a pedestrian crossing lead to Fulford Community Orchard.

After crossing the road enter the orchard through a small wooden gate and enjoy exploring this tranquil location.



## 11

If you would like to visit Fulford Community Orchard turn right and pass the Designer Outlet building.

## 12

Turn left at this point and walk towards the car park.

## Accessibility

The walk has no stiles but it passes through some meadows which may be muddy at times.

## Buses

The nearest bus stop to the start of the walk is 'The Winning Post' Bishopthorpe Road, bus 11. Alternatively take any bus to the city centre and then walk beside the river until reaching Millennium Bridge. Bus 7 from the Designer Outlet runs to the city centre.