

YORK Chocolate Trail



Take a mouth-watering wander through time, packed full of chocolate, pioneers & famous confectionery.

1. VISIT YORK INFORMATION CENTRE

Begin at the Visitor York Visitor Information Centre, You'll find us at 21 Parliament Street, right in the heart of York. We're your go-to place for information and assistance as you navigate all that York and its surroundings have to offer.

1. TERRY'S SHOP & TEA ROOM

Stroll along to St Helen's Square, where you can still see what was an elegant Terry's Chocolate Shop; the name is still quite visible. Terry's original factory lay behind the shop which now houses Impossible Wunder Bar and Tea Room. Bettys Café Tea Rooms on the corner, another celebrated name in confectionery, has been handcrafting the finest chocolates for nearly 100 years, using rare Venezuelan criollo beans for their rich flavour.

2. MANSION HOUSE

Make your way to newly restored Mansion House, opening late 2017. In 1914, the Lord Mayor sent a bar of Rowntree's chocolate to every York soldier fighting in the Great War – one of the original tins with the chocolate bar still inside is on display. Joseph Terry was Sheriff of York in 1870 and Lord Mayor four times.

3. YORK'S CHOCOLATE STORY

Discover York's chocolate heritage at York's Chocolate Story on King's Square. Take a guided tour and follow a mouth-watering journey on which you'll experience all of York's chocolate history, as well as tasting some for yourself. From its Central American roots to our present love affair with all things sweet; hear first-hand the story of how York became the Chocolate City!

4. ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Call in at All Saints Church on Pavement for some quiet reflection and gaze at the stained glass window, commemorating Mary Ann Craven of confectionery fame and paid for by her children. To the right, is the JORVIK Viking Centre, located in Coppergate on the original spot of Mary Ann Craven's factory.

5. 28 PAVEMENT

Stop at 28 Pavement (Pizza Hut). This was the Rowntree's store established by Joseph Rowntree senior. In 1858, the team of apprentices working in the Rowntree's grocers included famous names such as Mr George Cadbury, alongside J.S. Rowntree. Don't miss the Civic Trust Blue Plaque. Head through the Shambles past Monk Bar Chocolatiers, specialising in artisan chocolates.

6. FAIRFAX HOUSE

Experience Fairfax House, which houses the exceptional Noel Terry collection of English furniture and clocks from the family home, Goddards on Tadcaster Road. The collection was given to York Civic Trust in 1980 following his death – Noel was great grandson of Joseph, founder of the Terry confectionery business. Drop into York Cocoa Works on Castlegate. Inside you'll find unique sweet and savoury chocolate treats; also on the menu are chocolate making workshops and chocolate demonstrations.

7. MERCHANT ADVENTURERS' HALL

The Merchant Adventurers' Hall is home to The Company of Merchant Adventurers, which controlled trade and industry in York. As a woman, Mary Tuke could only join the guild as the daughter or widow of a member. Mary was neither and as a result was fined and threatened with court action, but ignoring their opposition she went on to be one of the founding figures of York's chocolate legacy.

8. WALMGATE & FOSSGATE

Onto Fossgate, where Mary Tuke's original grocer's shop once stood and where the Rowntree dynasty had its roots when apprentice and Mary's fellow Quaker Henry Isaac Rowntree acquired the Cocoa business from her descendants. Today the street is choc full of independent delis and restaurants and is also home to Hotel Indigo, which offers delicious chocolate themed stays in its luxurious bedrooms.

9. CASTLE MUSEUM

Arrive at York's renowned Castle Museum and check out the city's sweet past and many of the brand names that made York world famous for confectionery. Step back in time at the Terry's sweet shop, the Cocoa Temperance Room and the famous cobbled Kirkgate. Crossing Skeldergate Bridge towards Terry Avenue takes you over the River Ouse which brought the raw ingredients into the city for chocolate making.

10. ROWNTREE PARK

Situated on Terry Avenue is Rowntree Park, a gift to the City of York by Rowntree's in 1921 as a memorial to the cocoa workers who fell during the First World War. Listed gates were added to the park in memory of those who died in the Second World War. Continue your walk out of the centre to Terry's factory site which closed in 2005.

11. GODDARDS HOUSE & GARDEN

Venture a little further out of town onto Tadcaster Road to find Goddards, which was the home of Noel Terry, of the famous Terry's of York chocolate firm. The house is open to the public, and you can discover the story of the famous family and life at the chocolate factory. Designed in the Arts and Crafts style, the house is complemented by beautiful gardens.

CHOCOLATE LOVERS CHOICE

Experience the very best in artisan produce at the following locations across the city:

- A York Cocoa Works
- B Bettys Café Tea Rooms
- C York's Chocolate Story
- D Florian Poirot
- E Hotel Indigo
- F Shambles Market
- G The Savvy Baker
- H Loopy Scoops
- I Little Blondie Bakehouse
- J Heavenly Desserts
- K Lucia Patisserie & Gift Shop

