

# Truro City Loop



*The Truro City Loop shows off Truro's interesting heritage. Some of its best-loved places are hidden away, but follow the red route and you will find them.*

*Walk the City Loop and enjoy beautiful architecture, public spaces and historic streets*

Detailed directions and information on points of interest along the walk are provided below.



It is suggested that you start your walk from Lemon Quay in the centre of the town, however if you are arriving in Truro by train then it is suggested that you pick up the route at the railway station, point 10.

## Directions

1. Starting in Lemon Quay with Marks and Spencer's behind you, the Truro river and creek are on your right, and to your left and in front a variety of local and national stores. On the left of the street is the East entrance to the Hall for Cornwall.

***Our theatre sits within Truro City Hall, a Grade II\* listed building in the centre of Truro built in 1847.***

***Originally the market place and civic rooms for Truro, City Hall has always held municipal and social prominence for Truro and its surrounding communities. In 1990 A campaign achieved funding for the rebuilding of the central space as a Theatre, and the Hall for Cornwall opens as Cornwall's largest theatre in 1997.***

***In 2018 Hall for Cornwall gained funding for major refurbishment, giving 1300 seats within a three-tiered auditorium, an unveiled heritage, lively bars and cafés, and creative digital hub with vibrant work and social spaces. Work was completed in 2021.***



2. In front and slightly to your left you will see the entrance to the Pannier market. Walk through the market, and head to the far-left corner. Exit through the door into a small courtyard, a large model of a cow stands here! Walk through the covered way into Princes Street.
3. On your right you will see two magnificent villas; Princes House, built in 1839 for William Lemon, a wealthy mine owner, and the Mansion House built in 1859 for Thomas Daniel who was clerk to William Lemon, and took over his practice when he died.



*Princes House*



*Mansion House*

4. Turn around and walk back up Princes Street into Boscawen Street, a wide street full of shops and banks, and including the Tourist Information Office.



***The war memorial was erected in 1921 and serves to remember all who lost their lives in all conflicts during WW1 and since.***

***The Coinage Hall is not the original, but is Victorian, and now houses a Pizza restaurant below and Charlottes' Tea Room above.***

5. Walk along Boscawen Street, taking care on the cobbles, and not to fall into the deep gully to the side of the road, often containing running water. The system of “leats” is a Victorian system thought to have provided water for street cleaning and drinking water for horses. The origins of this system will be seen later at Victoria gardens. Turn right at the corner by HSBC bank into Pydar Street, again taking care not to fall into the leat”. After 50yds you will find the cathedral on your right.

***The diocese of Truro was established in 1876 and the cathedral built between 1880 and 1910, the first new cathedral to be built since 1220!***

***The tall spire is named Victoria and the two front towers are Edward and Alexandra. In the gardens to the left is the cathedral school and where the cloisters were intended to be built, but alas the money ran out.***



6. Return to Pydar Street and continue to the next imposing building on the right, The Passmore Edwards Library and Technical School as was and now the Library. Looking to the right of the Library you will see the Methodist Church.



***Whilst much of the right side of Pydar street was rebuilt during the 70's, 80's and 90's, the left side retains some original buildings, now transformed into shops. The Crew Clothing shop was formerly Laura Ashley's and retains its 18<sup>th</sup> century façade. Next door the EE/BT phone shop is early 19<sup>th</sup> century, and next door the Body Shop is unusual in having its gable end facing the street.***

7. Leave Pydar Street via Coombes Lane into The Leat. Continue over and to the right of Trevaills shop to pass through an “ope” or passageway into River Street. Turn right and you will come to the Royal Cornwall Museum on the right.

***This was originally two buildings, built in 1845; the building to the left started life as a bank before becoming the Hendersons Mining School, and that on the left was a Baptist church***



*The Royal Cornwall Museum.*

8. Continue up River Street, crossing first Castle Street and then Edward Street. As you cross the latter you will see the Crown Courts designed and built in 1998.



*Truro Crown Court*

9. River Street becomes Frances Street and at the junction bear to the left to continue along Ferris Town and then onto Richmond Hill. Continue up until you reach the Railway Station. Truro sits on the main line between Penzance to the west and London Paddington to the east.
10. Continue past the station entrance, and then cross the road and head along The Crescent, eventually coming to a leafy lane Chapel Hill. The city centre is down the hill on your left.
11. Continue across the road into Gwarnick Road and then into Treworder Road. Bear left at the junction with Greenwith Close and then continue across the next junction onto Redannick lane.
12. Turn left at the next junction into Daniel Road. Continue past Observer Close along Albert Place and then Daniel Street until you reach a crossroads with the Lander

Monument opposite.

***Richard Lemon Lander (1804 – 1834) was a British explorer of western Africa. He and his brother John were the first Europeans to follow the course of the River Niger, and discover that it led to the Atlantic. His name is attached to a number of public institutions in the city including our medical centre and a senior school.***



*The Lander monument*

13. To the right is Falmouth Road, and to the left is Lemon Street which leads down the hill directly into Lemon Quay from where the walk commenced. Turn left and proceed down Lemon Street past the Thomas Daniel pub and the Lander Medical centre.

**At this point you may choose to go directly down the hill and into Lemon Quay, or alternatively for a slightly longer walk continue as below.**

14. Cross Lemon Street and walk along Strangways Terrace



15. Continue on Strangways Terrace, a fine Georgian street, past Strangways Villas and onto St Aubyns Road. As you round the bend take the left turn in Carclew Street and take the next right into William Street and continue to the bottom of the road.
16. Turn left onto Fairmantle Street and continue to the junction with Lemon Street. Turn right onto Lemon Street and continue down to Lemon Quay.
17. Arriving in Lemon Quay you will see the rear entrance to the Hall for Cornwall theatre, and in front a large statue of a naked man beating a drum.



*West entrance to the Hall for Cornwall*



***This 15ft high statue was designed by artist Tim Shaw and is intended to portray a sense of celebration and Cornwall's "steely determination". It was unveiled by Queen drummer Roger Taylor in 2011.***

***The Hall for Cornwall reopened in 2022 after a £23M renovation, during which its capacity was increased to some 1200, and now hosts many touring shows.***

This point marks the end of the walk. For those who started at the Railway Station, walk across lemon Quay to the entrance to marks and Spencer's, and continue from step 1.