

# York Cat Trail



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The Cat Gallery  
45 Low Petergate  
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FIND THE CAT  
STATUES ON OUR  
SELF GUIDED TOUR

## CAT TRAIL STATS

- 2km
- 1-1.5 hours
- 4000 steps

If you have a little longer, why not visit cats 23-26 (shown on the map) or for a full and updated list visit [CATSINYORK.COM](http://CATSINYORK.COM)

- 01** Look towards The Cat Gallery shop – what can you see? **Charlie says:** "This cat was commissioned by The Cat Gallery when they moved here in 2010."
- 02** Turn right towards York Minster, then almost immediately left down Stonegate. Can't see him? Look just above the doorways! **Alfie says:** "His name is Gordon, and he's modelled on a real cat who was born without eyelids on one eye and wears an eyepatch to prevent infections."
- 03** Retrace your steps in Stonegate and turn left onto High Petergate. 'Paws' for a moment to enjoy **York Minster** then turn left down Duncombe Place, keeping right. Cross over at the lights onto Museum Street. When you reach the entrance to the **Yorkshire Museum Gardens**, look across Museum Street. **Charlie says:** "This is my friend called Chambers!"
- 04** Head down Lendal and continue into St Helen's Square, past the **Mansion House** and into Coney Street. Cat 4 is halfway down on the right. Look for the number 25 if you're stuck. **Alfie says:** "This was one of the first cats placed in the city by Tom Adams - a local architect who placed cats on buildings he had worked on."
- 05** Carry onto the end of the street and turn right into Low Ousegate. Look at the buildings opposite.
- 06** **Charlie says:** "These are the oldest cats on the Trail, placed here by Sir Stephen Aitchison in the 1920's. Some say he put them there to scare away rats, but maybe he thought they would bring good luck for his retail business below."
- 07** Continue to the middle of Ouse Bridge, then look right, on the roof of the building opposite Radisson. **Alfie says:** "If you can't find him, look near the tallest tree!"
- 08** Retrace a few paces, then cross the road and head down the steps towards the river, along King's Staith. Sticking to the river's edge, continue to the junction of Friar's Terrace and South Esplanade. Look to the upper floors of the houses facing the river. **Charlie says:** "Can you see these kitties sunning themselves on the window ledges?"
- 09**
- 10** Retrace a few paces, then take the steps up to Peckitt Street, heading away from the river. Stop to admire **Clifford's Tower** before turning left on Clifford Street. Pass the **Grand Opera House** then cross the road and head down Coppergate. Look to the right. **Alfie says:** "If you need a clue, how much might an elephant weigh?"
- 11** Go straight across the crossroads, onto Pavement. Look up to the right. There is another animal on the same building. **Charlie says:** "This one is known as the ghost cat!"

## KIDS

Don't forget to fill in the quiz along the way!

TURN OVER FOR MORE CATS...



- 12** Cross over the road and down the cobbled street of **Shambles**. Halfway up on the left you'll find the next cat. Turn around and you'll see another cat, which is a recent addition. **Alfie says: "This is York's most famous street!"**
- 13** Walk back down Shambles and turn left through the stone arch and into the passageway - this will bring you out at Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate. Head left along Colliergate and keep an eye out for Cat 14 on the right. **Charlie says: "This is the only two-dimensional cat on the Trail."**
- 14** A very short distance along, look under the clock. **Alfie says: "This was the last cat commissioned by Tom that was placed in the intended position."**
- 15** You are now standing in King's Square. Scan the roof line above the pub. **Charlie says: "The plastic pigeon was put there by a plumber with a sense of humour!"**
- 16** Look out for St Andrewgate and head down there. On the left is an unusual house (No. ½). Look for cat 17 there. **Alfie says: "Due to the house number, Tom Adams felt it could not have a full size sculpture. So it's a kitten!"** Just next door, at house No.1, you will find another cat.
- 17** Continue along St Andrewgate, turning left onto Bartle Garth. Look at the house immediately on the right. **Charlie says: "It's a Suzie Marsh sculpture called Maxim Fishing."**
- 18** Continue along Bartle Garth, past **Bedern Hall**. Head towards York Minster, following the road left onto Bedern, then turn left onto Goodramgate. Keep to the left, and just after the road forks you'll see cat 20 on the right hand side. **Alfie says: "Here's a clue - it's not a meat eater!"**
- 19** Continue down Goodramgate to find a climbing cat called Hope, commissioned in 2020 by The Cat's Whiskers Cat Café. **Charlie says "It's where to go for tea and cake with real cats. Book in advance if possible."**
- 20** Retrace your steps to take the other fork (Deangate), passing York Glazier's Trust to your left. Opposite the South entrance of York Minster you will find a small road, Minster Gates. Go down there, then turn directly left onto Low Petergate and you'll find yourself back where you started, at The Cat Gallery. **Alfie says: "Have a look in the window of The Cat Gallery. You'll find Cat 22 clearly labelled."**



Fill in the quiz below, then tear it off and hand it in at **The Cat Gallery**. Kids will receive a Cat Trail souvenir and adults providing a name and email address will be emailed a £5 voucher to spend online.

**MINI QUIZ**

Name:

Email:

What colour is cat 2?

What animal is with cat 11?

What is the name of cat 22?



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- Designed in York and Handmade in England
- A thoughtful gift that can be personalised
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