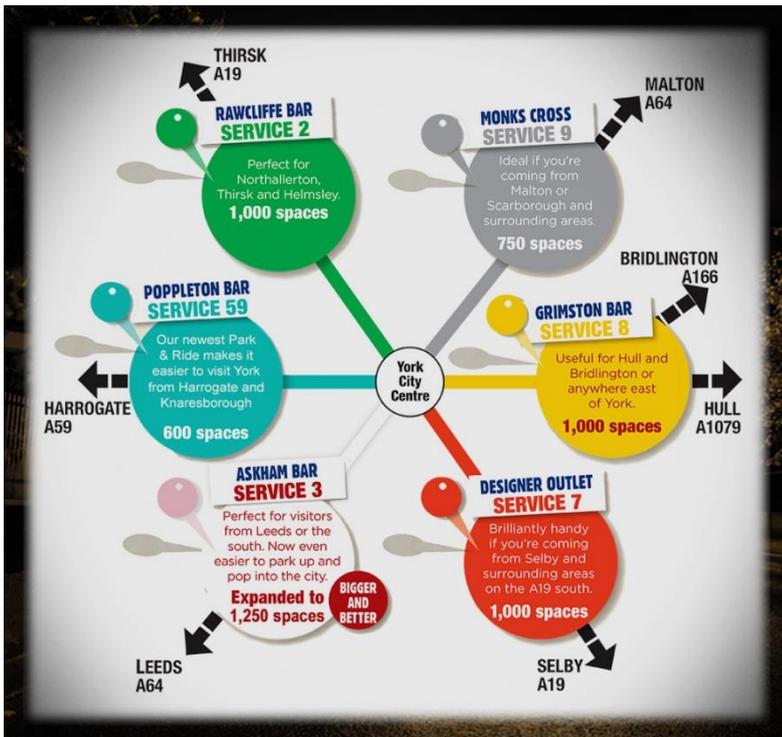


INTRODUCTION

A warm welcome to all MX5 Owners Club members visiting York for the 2019 Spring Rally at Elvington Airfield on Sunday 28th April.

For those of you who are turning the visit into a weekend away and are considering a trip into York or to some of Yorkshire's finest attractions, we offer you some pointers and lots of hyperlinks to things you can enjoy.

As members will be using accommodation in various parts of the city, we suggest you use York's Park & Ride (P&R) network. The street plan of the historic core of the city dates from medieval times and large parts within the walled city have restricted vehicular access. Car parking is also relatively expensive at circa £2.50/hour.



The plan opposite indicates the general geographical location of the city's network of 6 P&R services.

The car parks are located close to York's outer ring road which comprises the A1237 to the West & North and the A64 dual carriageway to the South and East. The plan overleaf indicates the bus stops for these services in and around the City's Walls.

- Grimston Bar** (YO19 5LA)
- Designer Outlet** (YO19 4TA)
- Rawcliffe Bar** (YO30 5X2)
- Monks Cross** (YO32 9JU)
- Askham Bar** (YO24 1LW)
- Poppleton Bar** (YO26 6QF)

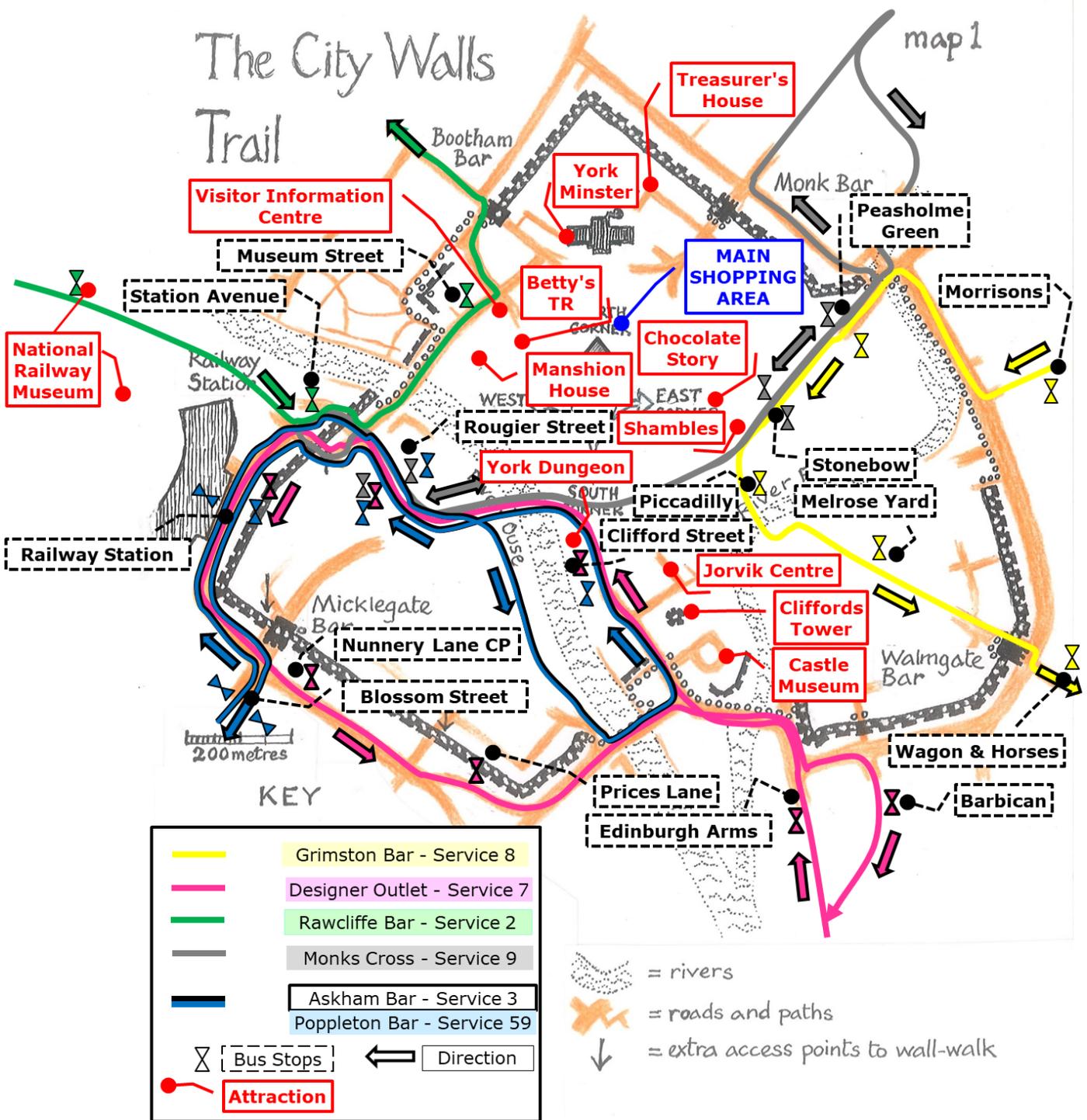
EXPLORING YORK

In the 19th century, York became a hub of the railway network and a confectionery manufacturing centre. In recent decades, the economy of York has moved to one that provides services. The University of York and health services have become major employers, whilst tourism has become an important element of the local economy.

The city is surrounded on all sides by an outer ring road, at a distance of some 3 miles (5 km) from the centre, the A1237 to the North & A64 dual carriageway to the south. The former having become notorious for congestion over its northern most sections.

The centre has a number of major historical 'attractions', some of which are commercial 'spin offs'. A selection (including the Tourist Information centre) are highlighted in this guide with a brief description. Additionally they are shown overleaf on an overlay of the city centre with the Park & Ride bus routes and stops. Your two FREE options are '**A self guided walk of the City Walls**' which can be downloaded via the Spring Rally website and the **National Railway Museum** (NRM).

CITY CENTRE – PARK & RIDE ROUTES +STOPS and ATTRACTIONS



RETAIL THERAPY & SIGHTSEEING

Over recent decades York has gradually lost many of its major retail outlets to out of town retail parks, with the centre being taken over by a network of cafes, restaurants, bars and small niche retail shops and franchises.

There are still a few big 'high street' names plus a local department store 'Browns' in the centre, for others you have to venture out to:

1. **Designer Outlet;** With more than 120 stores, cafés and restaurants
2. **Vanguard Park;** M&S, John Lewis, Next + food franchises
3. **Monks Cross;** Debenhams, Primark, Boots, River Island, Clarks & Sports Direct + ASDA, Sainsburys & smaller outlets.

All 3 can be accessed via the southern A64 ring road & are have the Designer Outlet and Monks Cross Park & Ride sites close by.

ATTRACTIONS

Visitor Information Centre www.visityork.org 01904 550099

There is plenty of York tourist information available on attractions, events, tickets and maps at the centre. The official sightseeing card 'York Pass' can save you money at 30 top attractions and over 40 shops and restaurants.

Open: 9am – 5pm (Mon-Sat)

Have a look at their website where there are maps and guides you can download:

<https://www.visityork.org/general-and-tourist-info/maps-and-guides>

York Minster www.yorkminster.org 01904 557200

Largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe which took 250 years to build. Open to Visitors: 9am (Mon-Sat); Adult admission: £10 (valid for 12 months) including Minster, Undercroft and Crypt. Free guided tours hourly from 10 am.

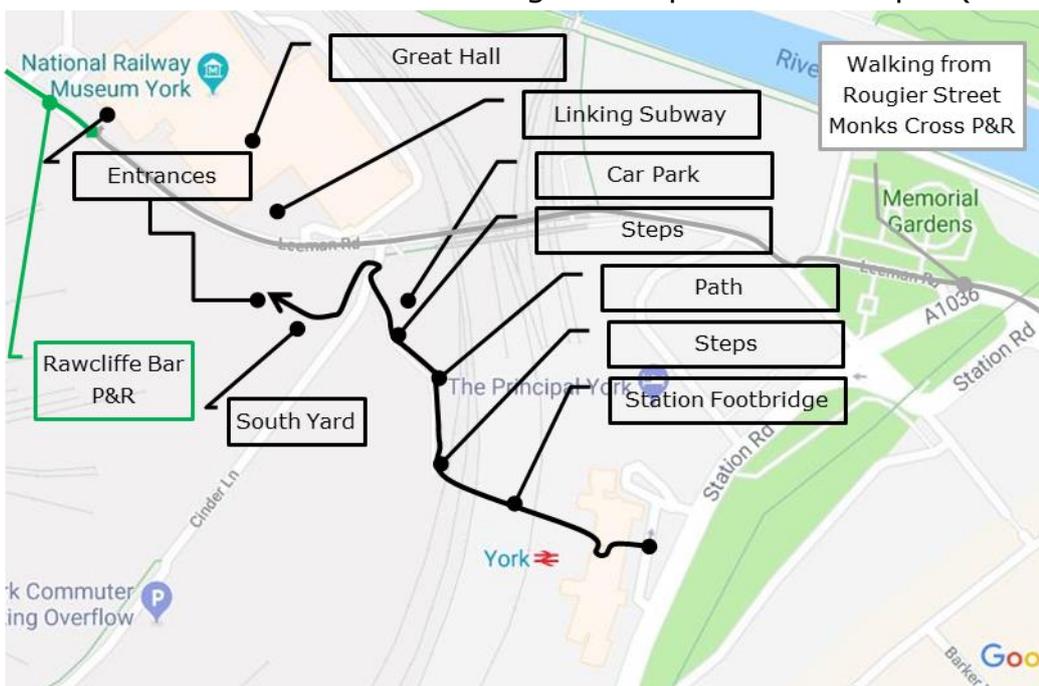
Mansion House www.mansionhouseyork.com 01904 553663

After undergoing its largest restoration since being built in 1732 the Mansion House is unveiling its extensive collections to uncover York's rich history.

Open: 10.30am – 5pm (not Mondays); Admission: £6.50 concession (>65) £5

National Railway Museum www.nrm.org.uk 03330 161010

Located a short walk from the rear of York's railway station, it is home to a vast range of transport material and the largest collection of railway locomotives in the world. Even better it's FREE to get in! Open 10am – 6pm (has a Café)



Walk into & through the station over the full length of the its footbridge (no barriers - behind the 'Smiths') down the steps & follow the path along the back of the station.

Descend some steps into a Car Park & walk across to an access road, crossing it and

turning left into the NRM South Yard Car park. Here is one of the two entrances to the museum. Access to the main building is via a subway from the shop section of this part.

There is a 'Road Train' (£3) which runs from here to the York Minster.

P&R: Askham Bar, Poppleton Bar, Designer Outlet stop at the Railway Station

P&R: Rawcliffe Bar stops outside the Museum

P&R: Monks Cross the nearest stop is Rougier Street

York Castle Museum & Clifford's Tower

Part of a complex of buildings which formed York Castle, the remains of which are the Tower, Museum & attached former prison plus York Crown court.

Castle Museum www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk 01904 687687

Adult Admission: £11 (includes 10% Gift aid donation) or £10 (without donation)

Open: 9.30am – 5pm; visit takes 2½ - 3 hours (has a Café)

Clifford's Tower www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/cliffords-tower-york/

The castle's keep & look-out post is now part of English Heritage

Open: 10am - 6pm; Admission £5.70 (members Free) Concession £5.10

Treasurer's House www.nationaltrust.org.uk/treasurers-house-york

Tucked away behind York Minster. In 1897, Frank Green (the grandson of a wealthy industrialist) bought the property and created a lavish show home. He built a large collection of fine antiques, art and furniture & this was the first house given to the National Trust, complete with its collection. The garden is an oasis of calm, with enjoy unrivalled views of the Minster. (has a Café)

Open: 11am – 4.30pm; Admission: £9.60 (Gift Aid), £8.70 (standard)

Jorvik Centre www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk 01904 615505

Take a journey through the reconstruction of Viking-Age streets and experience life as it would have been in 10th century York

Open 10am – 5pm; Admission: £12.50 (valid for 12 months); queues likely but can pre-book a time slot via the telephone number or online.

York Dungeon www.thedungeons.com/york/en/

Is a 75-minute journey into 2000 years of York's horrible history, bringing together horrible characters, immersive sets and special-effects in a unique and exciting walkthrough experience that you see, hear, feel and smell.

Open: 11am – 4pm (weekday) 10am - 5pm weekends; Admission: best prices online with 'timed' entry': the 'Sinners Saver Ticket' - £13

York Chocolate Story www.yorkschocolatestory.com 01904 527765

Discover the stories behind the greatest names in chocolate, unwrap the secrets of chocolate making & even learn the art of the Chocolatier. A fully guided tour & three floors of interactive exploration take you on a journey through the city where chocolate made history. Free entry to the shop & Café.

Open: 10am – 4pm; Admission for the tour: Adult £12.95 concession £11.95

Recommendation to book online as tours can sell out.

Betty's Tea Rooms www.bettys.co.uk/cafe-tea-rooms/our-locations/bettys-york

No visit to York is complete without a trip to the Café Tea Rooms on St Helen's Square, with beautiful interiors inspired by the Queen Mary ocean liner.

A smaller café (Little Bettys) is also hidden away over their shop in Stonegate.

Open: 9am (8.30am Sat) – 9pm; Shop & Tearooms very popular

Shambles

Is an obsolete term for an open-air slaughterhouse & meat market & York's version with overhanging timber-framed buildings, dates back to the 14th century. As recently as 1872 twenty-five butchers' shops were located along the street, but now none remain.

SIGHT SEEING BUS – HOP ON HOP OFF



A 6½ mile circuit it operates every 15 minutes (April to June) from **1** 9am, starting from stop

Exhibition Square with an hour's round trip.

Last tour starts at 5.30pm.

Fare: from £14.50
(24 hours use)

Bear in mind that York is a small city and many of the 'views' can be seen from the Self Guided Walking tour of the City Walls.

Download a copy from the Spring Rally Tours webpage.

URGENT MEDICAL CARE

Location	Service	Opening Times	Telephone Number
The York Hospital Wigginton Road York YO31 8HE	Urgent Care Centre	Reception staff will direct people either to the Urgent Care Centre or Accident and Emergency. Open 24 hours, seven days a week.	111*

***NHS England 111** is a service to call if you need medical help fast but are not in a life-threatening situation.

Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a week, the service is for people who aren't sure if they need to go to A&E, don't have a GP to call or generally need reassurance and advice.

On dialing 111 a team of fully-trained advisers and experienced nurses will assess your condition and direct you to the local service that can help you best, when you need it.

EXPLORING YORKSHIRE – worth a look

<https://www.yorkshirenet.co.uk/yorkshire/>

<https://www.roughguides.com/destinations/europe/england/yorkshire/>

Hope you enjoy your Visit

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