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Walking routes

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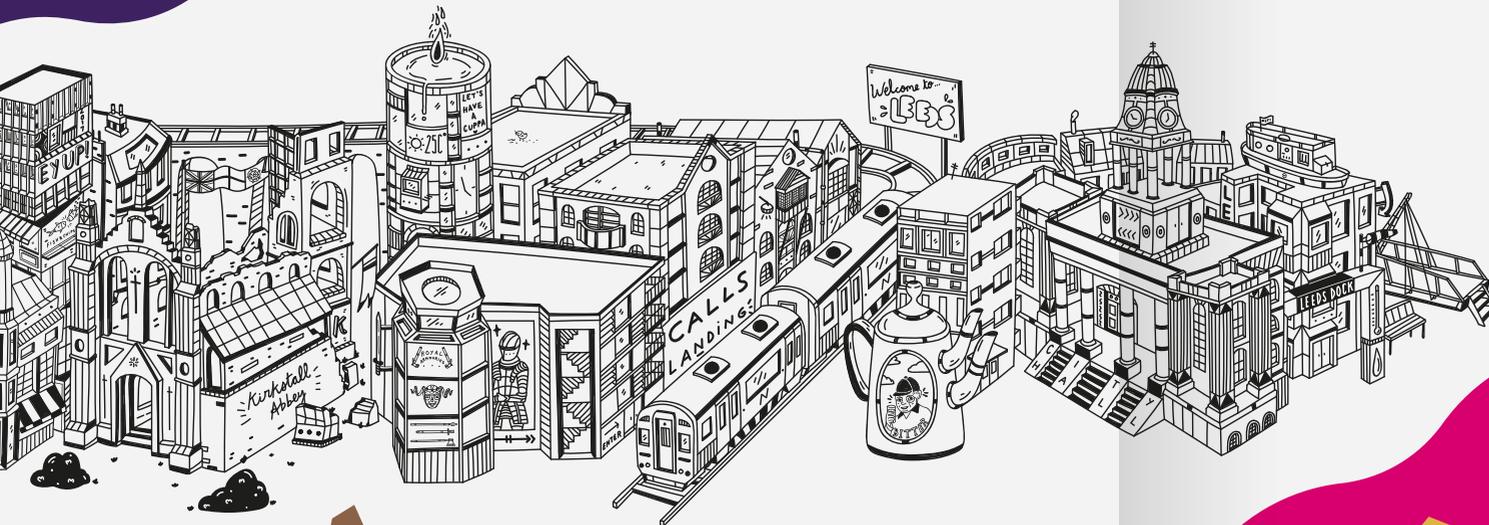
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Whether you're taking a break from your desk or enjoying a weekend stroll, we've put together some fantastic walking routes for you to explore. Each route takes around 25-40 minutes to complete and offers a great way to discover the city.



The map overleaf shows you four different walking routes you can take from Wellington Place, which have been developed in partnership with CityConnect and Local Historian Clifford Stead.

The routes are easily accessible from Wellington Place, and can be enjoyed anytime. Take your colleagues, friends or family on the walks and see the city's landmarks.



If you have a route you would like to share with us, or if you have any questions about the routes given, then please email our Travel Team: wptravel@stantec.com

Waterways (2.3km)



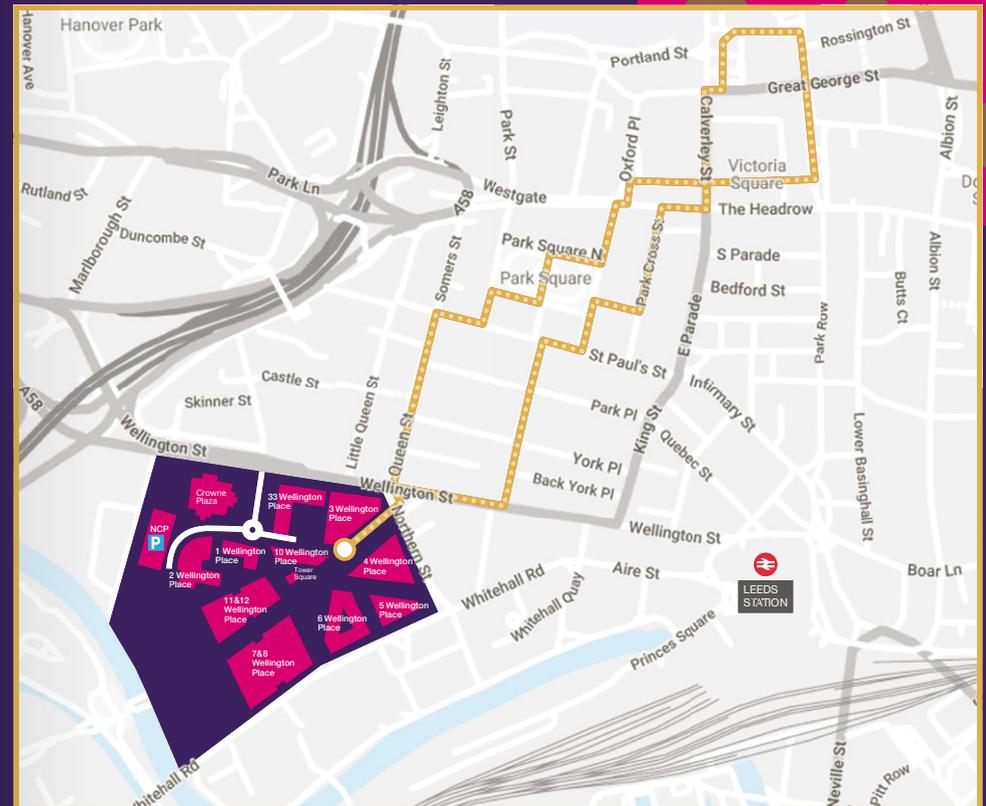
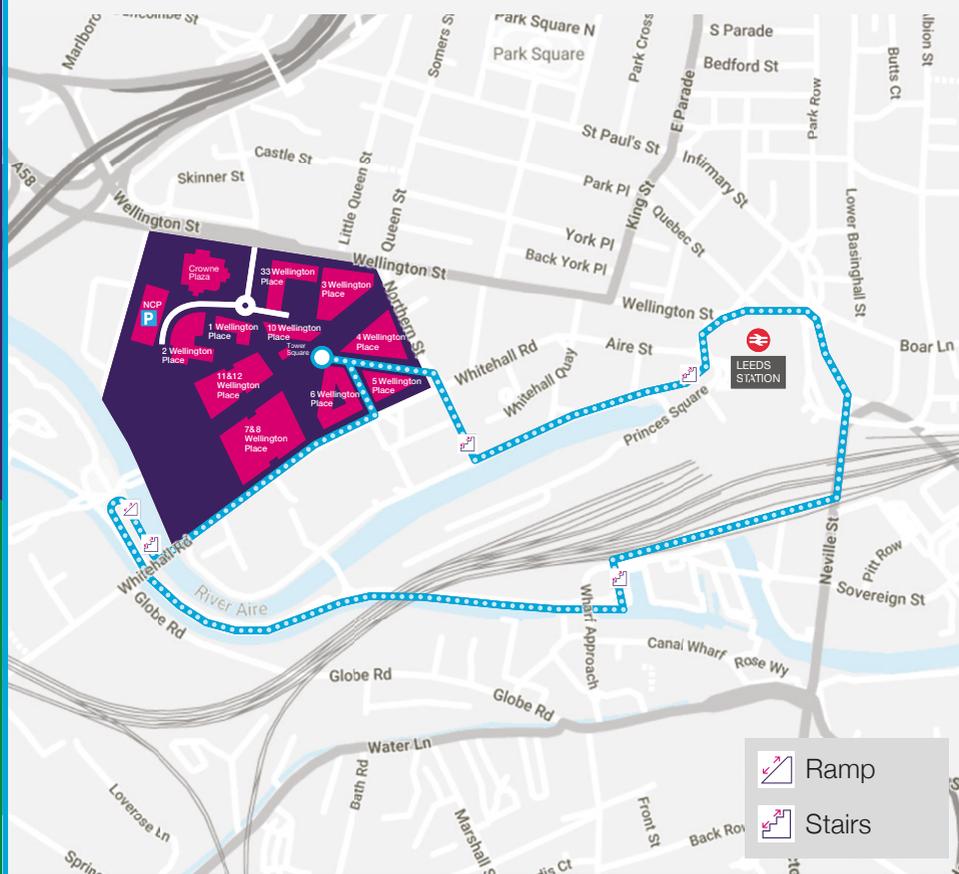
Escape the city buzz with a leisurely stroll along Leeds's scenic waterways. This gentle route is ideal for stretching your legs, spotting wildlife, and seeing the city from a fresh perspective.

Start your walk at Wellington Place and join the tranquil **Leeds & Liverpool Canal** from Whitehall Road. Walk along the canal with its calm waters, passing canal boats and historic locks showcasing echoes of Leeds's industrial past.

Along the way, admire striking railway bridges that showcase the city's mix of old and new architecture.

The route then leads you into **Granary Wharf**, a lively area filled with cosy cafés, bars, and restaurants.

From there, loop gently around **Leeds City Station** before returning along the canal for a peaceful finish. It's a short walk, but full of character, perfect for seeing Leeds from a different perspective.



Civic Quarter (2.3km)



Enjoy a relaxed walk through Leeds's Civic Quarter – where culture, history, and green spaces come together.

Start your walk at Wellington Place and head towards **Park Square**, a popular green oasis in the city centre, perfect for soaking up sunshine on a bright day.

From there, make your way up onto The Headrow, spotting the iconic **Leeds Town Hall** along the way. Continue to **Millennium Square**, a lively venue for events and live music throughout the year.

Nearby, you'll find **Leeds Central Library** and **Leeds City Museum** – ideal if you have time to explore.

On your return, stroll past **Leeds Art Gallery** and the world-famous **Henry Moore Institute**, a must for art and sculpture lovers. The final leg takes in buildings with a historic and modern architecture blend, before arriving back at Wellington Place.

The Civic Quarter Walk is a gentle, inspiring walk showcasing some of Leeds's best cultural sights.

Southbank (2.4km)



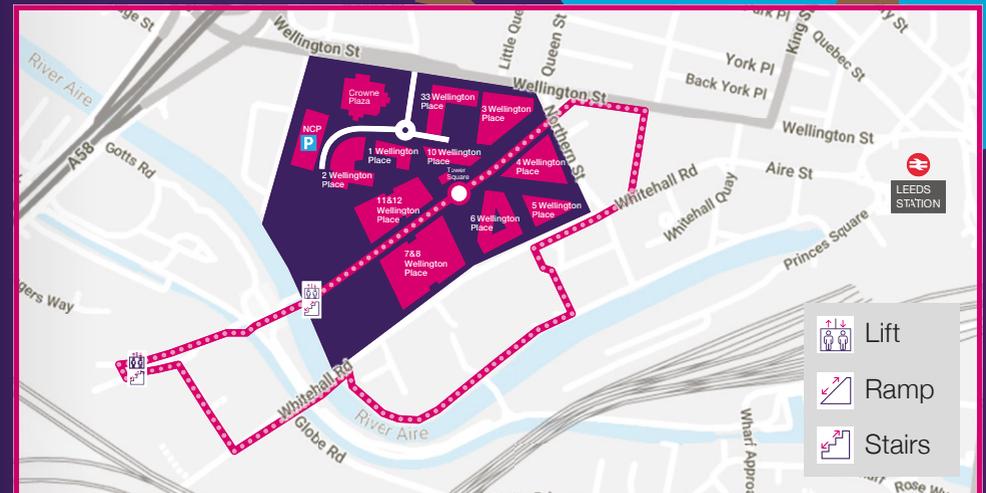
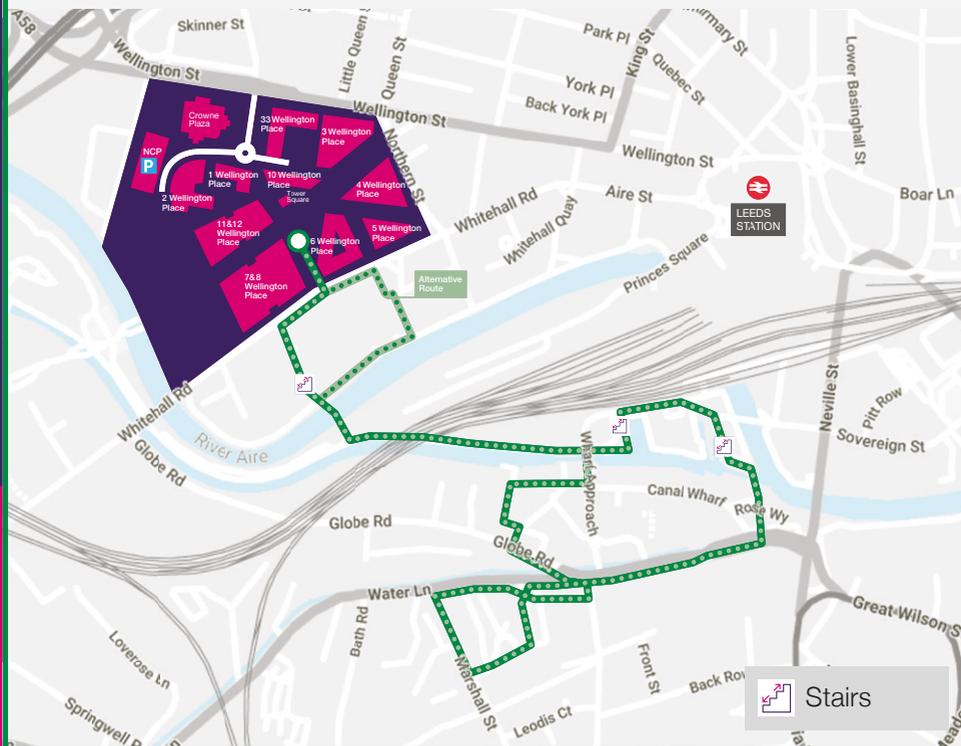
This scenic 2.4 km loop is the perfect way to stretch your legs, clear your head, and uncover a few of Leeds's hidden gems – all in just 30 to 40 minutes.

Start your walk at Wellington Place and head towards the River Aire, crossing the footbridge and joining the historic **Leeds & Liverpool Canal** towpath. The calming water and lovely views offer a welcome break from the daily grind.

Along the way, spot the **Leeds Water Taxi** stop at Granary Wharf – watch for the cheerful yellow boats gliding toward the docks. It's a charming reminder of the city's character in motion.

Next, cross over the river and explore **Holbeck Urban Village**. Once an industrial powerhouse, it's now a lively mix of history, creativity, and regeneration. Pass the Grade II listed **Round Foundry** on Water Lane and loop back towards **Tower Works** on Globe Road, known for its iconic Italian-style towers – a nod to Leeds's textile heritage.

To finish, simply cross back over the canal and river to return to Wellington Place – feeling refreshed, recharged, and a little more connected to the city around you.



History Tour (1.8km)

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Get a glimpse into the history of the Leeds railways with our short walking tour.

The walk begins at the historic **Wagon Lifting Tower**, the site of Leeds Central Station which closed in 1967. The Tower has been restored into a fabulous mini museum which is worth some time to explore.

From here head up to the Grade II listed **Monk Bridge Viaduct** (built around 1846) which has been reinvented as a serene elevated urban park. The viaduct carried high level lines to the station and connected to the lifting tower.

Take the stairs or lift to the ground floor of The Junction and take a look across the piazza with the railway bridges on either side of you.

As you make your way to Whitehall Road, stop before Monk Bridge. This was the site of **Monk Bridge Ironworks** where the jet turbine blades for Concorde were made, on your left is a sculpture to mark this historical site.

Head down to the canal through the pocket park and cross the canal making your way back to Whitehall Road. Look out for Shokupan Restaurant which is on the site of the **original station concourse**.

Head back to Wellington Place for more time in the mini museum or to simply relax with a drink and bite to eat!

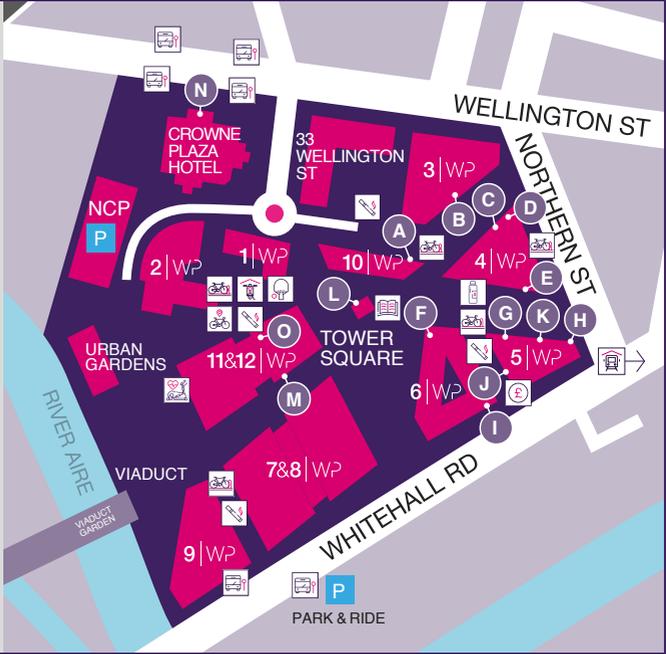
Have a favourite city walk? We'd love to hear about it! Contact the travel team at wptravel@stantec.com.

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