



Stage Four - Castle Street Bridge to the Napoleonic Cannon/Wellington Street

Allow a minimum of 25 minutes for this stage

A new and beautiful pedestrian bridge has been erected over Castle Street/A63. It has been named officially as "Murdoch's Connection" after Dr Mary Murdoch who worked in Hull during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The bridge was expected to be open for use by April 2020 but was delayed by the 2020 coronavirus lockdown. From here we can see the Marina.

Cross the bridge, turn left and walk to Humber Dock Street, which runs south alongside The Marina. Turn into Humber Dock Street and look across the Marina to a tall building - Number 13 Warehouse. It now has luxury apartments and an Italian Restaurant, Al Porto. To the right is the Holiday Inn, and between them is a modern version of a Dutch-style bridge. It spans the entrance to the old Railway Dock, the fourth of Hull's docks, which was built in 1846 and is now part of the Marina. (See: ***Hull's Docks and Hull's Railways in our 'Want to Know More?'*** section)

The Marina itself was the second of Hull's town docks, opened in 1809. Originally called New Dock, it became Humber Dock after the opening of Princes Dock in 1829. It was designed to provide a berth for 70 ships. (The material from Humber Dock was used to create land south of the present Humber Street on the edge of The Humber.)

Across the Marina you can spot Kildale Marine. This was where Hull-born actor Barry Rutter and the Northern Broadside Theatre Company staged their first ever production, *Richard III*, in June 1992.

Continue down the side of the Marina. On the ground you will see, set into the pavement, a series of iron rings. These were used for tethering horses as carts were being unloaded and loaded and possibly for boats to be tied. Closer to the road is a broad line of bricks that marks the original position of the city walls. These were knocked down in 1803 to allow for the development of the dock.

In a glass case there is a steam engine with an information plate on the side. It was used to haul boats out of the water onto a slipway.

On the east side of Humber Dock Street you will see Blanket Row and Sewer Lane, 'sewer' being a medieval term for a natural watercourse that ran along the lines of Dagger Lane and Sewer Lane. These narrow streets are part of the old Medieval Street pattern.

Now we come to **the Humber Dock Tavern** opened in 1806. The older part has its green bricks which gave it its nickname. (See: ***Hull's Pubs in our 'Want to Know More?'*** section). Next to 'The Green Bricks' is Hesslegate House, built in 1884 which is now a restaurant.





On your right is **The Spurn Lightship**. Built in 1927, it served for 48 years as a lighthouse in the middle of the mouth of the Humber. The lightship has no engine or propellers as it was meant to stay in one place, anchored by four heavy chains to the estuary bed.

The Spurn Lightship was decommissioned in 1975 and bought and restored by the City Council before being moved here in 1987.

Further along, if you are lucky, you may see a working replica of Nelson's schooner, *Pickle*. The Marina became its home port in 2015. There may also be the *Spider*, an original type of Humber sailing barge known as a lighter.

Continue along Humber Dock Street until you reach the end of **Humber Street**. Humber Street was named when it was much closer to the Humber. Looking down you will see the location of Hesse Gate marked out in brindle bricks. Here the city walls turned into Humber Street.

The area between here and the Humber Estuary is reclaimed land built with the spoils from the excavation of Humber Dock which was opened in 1809. Humber Street was formerly the Fruit Market; now it's a cultural centre with café bars and specialist museums.

Around the city you will see references to 'Dead Bod' on T shirts, pens, mugs, coasters and such. To find out about it, visit **the Humber Street Gallery's** café and see the original 'dead bod' for yourself.

If you choose to go down Humber Street, then come back to Humber Dock Street afterwards to continue the guided walk.

Walk towards the Humber and you will come to Wellington Street. (At present it is unmarked at this end, but Henry Vernon Court is on the corner.) This and nearby Nelson Street were named after well-known national heroes of the early 19th century.

Ahead of you on the other side of a low brick wall is a **Napoleonic Canon**. We'll be coming back to it at the start of stage 5. For now, turn right and pass a floor sculpture depicting waves. Continue to the lock gates and old railway bridge over Humber Dock Basin. (Keep a close eye on children in this area.) Cross to the west side of the Marina. (It may be difficult to get wider wheelchairs over the lock gates) With luck you will see a boat entering or leaving the Marina. You are now in the area where the cargo railway system was prominent; indeed the rails can still be seen embedded into the road. (See: **Hull's Railways** in our 'Want to Know More?' section)

This side is a quiet and pleasant place to spend a little time on a nice day. There is another 'wave' sculpture and a statue to the thousands of transmigrants who passed through Hull between 1836 and 1914 and there are four information boards in this area. There is also a First World War anti-submarine gun salvaged from the sea.

End of Stage Four

Stage Five begins back at the Napoleonic Cannon on the other side of the bridge.