Welcome to the Chester Millennium Festival Trail, laid down in 2000 as part of the city’s ‘2000 Years of Building’ Millennium Festival. All 40 buildings on this trail were selected by local people as outstanding examples of Chester’s architectural development over two millennia, from Roman times to the present day. They include many well-known and much loved buildings. Others are less familiar – and some may surprise! They all contribute to the rich architectural heritage which makes Chester so special among Britain’s historic cities.

Each building is celebrated with its own unique waymark, created by artist Michael Johnson. The complete route is approximately 3.5 miles (5km) long and takes about 3 hours. For a shorter tour, the Trail can be divided into two routes, covering the southern section (waymarking 27) and the northern section (waymarking 28-40).

However you choose to use this Trail, you will explore some of the most beautiful architecture in Britain – and possibly discover your own favourite ‘Millennium building’ somewhere along the way.

The Trail begins and ends at Chester Town Hall and Tourist Information Centre. Look for the waymarkers set into the ground.

Access

These sites are generally wheelchair accessible, will find parts of this walking route inaccessible. For more information contact Chester’s Contacting Chester’s Access Service on 01244 302345.

The Chester Millennium Festival Trail

A city walk covering 40 of Chester’s most important buildings

Artists representation only. Not to scale.