



Manufacturing and migration

Discover Birmingham's industrial & cultural heritage

Birmingham has been described as the 'Workshop of the World'. The city's manufacturing history includes copper coins, chocolate, printed books and jewellery. Since the Middle Ages the centre of Birmingham has also been subject to constant change.

On this walk you can find out about the latest wave of redevelopment and regeneration. See how the city's heritage is being celebrated in converted old buildings and spectacular new ones. Also see evidence of the waves of immigration that have made Birmingham so ethnically and culturally diverse - from Irish labourers and Jewish refugees to Chinese businessmen and South Asian farmers.



The Chinese pagoda, Holloway Circus
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If you haven't visited Birmingham for some time you will be surprised by the transformation taking place.

Location	Birmingham, West Midlands	Suitable for	Families - Kids will enjoy the BBC open space; parents will enjoy shopping opportunities
Start point	Bullring shopping centre		
Postcode	B5 4BU		Wheelchairs - An entirely step-free route
Finish point	Victoria Square	Refreshments	Plenty of cafes along the route
Distance	1 ¾ miles	Facilities	Public toilets at the museums
Level	Gentle - An easy and flat city walk	Other info	Some busy streets at the beginning

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