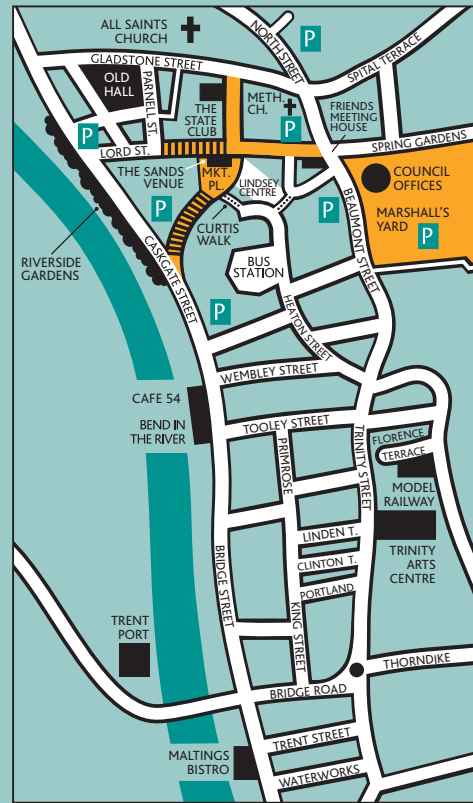


GAINSBOROUGH STREET MAP



KEY TO MAP: Pedestrianised Area Car Parking
 Pedestrian Walkway Town Centre Shopping Areas

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REGENERATION

- **Cross Gladstone Street, and continue up Church Street until the road bears left.** As the road bears left, cross at the corner. You will see a wall mounted plaque in between the shop windows which commemorates William Rose, as mentioned in the introduction.
- **Continue along the street and just before you reach the junction, to your right is the Friends Meeting House (1704)** – records show complete continuity of Quakerism in Gainsborough from the initial visit in 1652 of the founder, George Fox, up to the present day. The old county court building (1759) can be seen next to it on the corner.
- **When you reach the traffic lights, turn right along Beaumont Street.** Marshall's Yard, on the left, Gainsborough's large-scale leisure and retail complex with fantastic stores, restaurants and landscaped plaza. For other local attractions, follow this road down to visit the Model Railway Museum - the Model Railway Society has one of the largest 'O' gauge model railways of its kind in the country, based on the East Coast Main Line from London King's Cross to Leeds Central; and The Trinity Arts Centre with its 300-seat theatre/cinema offers an extensive programme of theatre, music and workshops. A wonderfully converted church, Trinity combines the benefit of an architectural landmark with modern interior facilities, offering an imaginative and wide range of entertainment.

- **From Marshall's Yard, retrace your steps back along Market Street (past the Friend's Meeting House) and onto Lord Street (past the White Hart Hotel and The Sands Venue).** Continue until you reach the very end of the road, passing the Guildhall on your left. Once you reach Caskgate Street, head towards the pedestrian crossing to your left. If you turn and face the Guildhall with your back to the road, the building to the right of it is the elegant Elswitha Hall - built in 1759, the house was named after Elswitha, a princess of Gainsa tribe who married King Alfred the Great. It was the birthplace of Sir Halford Mackinder, born in 1861, who was a famous geographer and pioneer of adult education. On the building is a plaque to commemorate Gainsborough's connections with Elswitha, the Queen Consort.
- **On Caskgate Street, cross over the pedestrian crossing into Riverside Gardens where you will find the riverside walkway.** To your right are toilets (including disabled toilets) and benches for you to take a break before continuing along up the riverside. Straight in front of you is one of many pieces of artwork (or 'street furniture') to be found along the riverside.



Inset L/R Gainsborough Riverside Art | Elswitha Hall
 Marshall's Yard

- **Walk along the riverside (with the river to your right).** Once you reach Chapel Staith, you will find the story of The River Aegir and information regarding the 'Riverside Public Art Trail' on an information point; providing information about the pieces of artwork and the artists involved with the project. Further along the walkway, why not stop off at Café 54 where you can relax by the riverside and choose from a selection of fine coffees, loose leaf teas, freshly prepared sandwiches, smoothies and juices.

- **Continue along the riverside passing the mooring on your right.** Further along, to your left, is another piece of artwork, 'Wind and Tide', which creates a colourful display when it lights up at night. Facing the Trent further up stream is the 200 year old Trent Bridge – it was supposedly from this point that the heroine of George Eliot's "Mill on the Floss" stood, described in the opening paragraphs of the classic tale. The tidal river is said to have provided the inspiration Eliot was seeking during her stay near Gainsborough in the mid-1800s.

- **You are nearing the end of the town walk, close to The Maltings Bistro.** To get there, head up the steps to your left when you reach the end of the riverside walkway on to Bridge Street. From here, turn right and go straight-on, over the junction, until you reach The Maltings on your right. If you would like to finish off the walk with an idyllic stroll along the river into countryside surroundings, just over Trent Bridge head down the path on your right hand side by the side of Trent Port public house – a friendly family pub where you can enjoy a drink on the bank of the river. The toll houses, situated by the bridge, illuminate through 11 different shades, visible from dusk to dawn.



This brings you to the end of the market town trail. We do hope you enjoyed experiencing the sites and history of Gainsborough. Please come again to see the exciting changes which are planned for Gainsborough in the future.

Free walking and cycling routes available from West Lindsey District Council Tourism Unit.
 Tel: 01427 676666



Blyton Ice Cream
 Old Hall Farm, Blyton
 Award winning dairy ice cream parlour.
 Licensed coffee shop, restaurant and childrens play area.
 Tel: 01427 628355

Gainsborough Golf Club
 The Belt Road, Thonock
 Owned by Ping Europe Ltd.
 Tel: 01427 613088
www.gainsboroughgfc.co.uk

Gainsborough Old Hall
 Parnell Street
 Open Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 1pm – 4.30pm.
 Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays Easter to October inclusive.
 Tel: 01427 612669

Hemswell Craft Centre
 Hemswell Cliff
 Open daily 10am – 5pm.
 Tel: 01427 667066
www.hemswellcraftcentre.co.uk

Hemswell Antiques Centre
 Hemswell Cliff
 Open daily 10am – 5pm.
 Tel: 01427 668389
www.hemswell-antiques.com

Hewitt's Windmill, Heapham
 Open April to October,
 Saturdays 11am - 5pm and Bank Holiday Mondays. Other days and times by appointment.
 Tel: 01427 838230

Horse & Carriage Rides
 Around town centre, starting & finishing at Marshall's Yard, lasting 30 minutes or smaller 15 minutes rides also available. For availability, please contact Marshall's Yard on 01427 810706 or visit www.marshallsyard.co.uk

ROUND AND ABOUT GAINSBOROUGH

All Saint's Church
 Gainsborough
 Open during daylight hours.
 Guided tours by arrangement.
 Tel: 01427 613074

Bend in the River Art Gallery
 58 Bridge Street,
 Various opening times throughout the week - please ring for details.
 Tel: 01427 617044
www.bendintheriver.co.uk

Marshall's Yard, Beaumont Street,
 Leisure & Retail complex with fantastic stores, restaurants, a healthclub and landscaped plaza
 Tel: 01427 810706
www.marshallsyard.co.uk

Model Railway Museum
 Florence Terrace
 Miniature East Coast Main Line from Kings Cross to Leeds Central. Founded 1946. Tel: 01427 615871
www.gainsmodelrailway.ik.com

The Old Nick Theatre
 Spring Gardens, Gainsborough Theatre Company.
 For further details and booking information, Tel: 01427 810616
www.gainsboroughtcc.co.uk

The Sands Venue
 The Old Town Hall, Lord Street,
 Jazz music, dining and entertainment.
 Tel: 01427 811118
www.the-sands.co.uk

Trinity Arts Centre
 Trinity Street. Cinema / Theatre with annual programme of live music, drama and dance.
 Tel: 01427 676655

Wharton Hall Farm Park
 Park set in 10 acres with a selection of animals including, sheep, pigs, rabbits and goats.
 Tel: 01427 628375
www.whartonhallfarmpark.co.uk

WHERE TO EAT IN GAINSBOROUGH

Café 54
 Contemporary Riverside Bistro with relaxed lounge bar area overlooking the riverside. Open daily from 10am. Also evenings Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
 Tel: 07919 176665

Maltings Bistro
 2b Lea Road, Gainsborough
 Lunch and evenings meals; coffees, light bites. Tel: 01427 678400

The Lounge
 3-4 Curtis Walk, Gainsborough
 Comfortable coffee bar, appetising food, non-smoking environment
 Tel: 01427 614111

Marshall's Yard
 Costa Coffee, Greggs, Prezzo
www.marshallsyard.co.uk

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Walkabout
 Gainsborough



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For a detailed street map of Gainsborough please refer to the back page.



INTRODUCTION

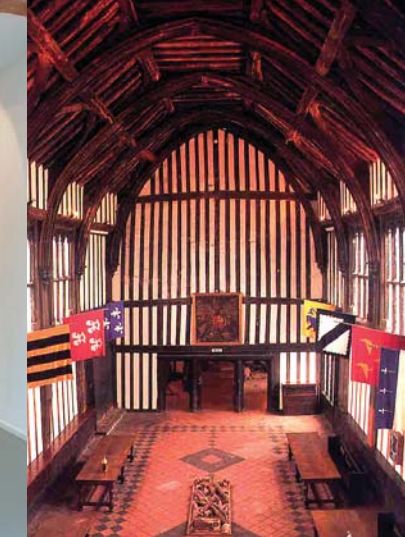
On the eastern bank of the River Trent, Gainsborough was Britain's most inland port. It was probably in the 6th Century that the invading Angles and specifically the tribe known as Gainas, first settled here, giving the town its name. The town also has strong Danish connections.

Being an important wool centre in the Middle ages, a new part of the town grew alongside the church, with the main thoroughfare being as now: Silver, Lord, Church and Market Street. The town flourished around this "market" framework with the earlier timber framed buildings being replaced by the red brick that now characterises the town. Only the Old Hall survives from that age of timber.

The town steadily grew during the 17th Century, despite much fighting during the Civil War, when it was a frontier town between the two sides due to its position as a crossing point on the river.

Gainsborough achieved the status of a Port in 1841. The railway arrived in 1848, as did Marshall Sons Co Ltd, the engineering company founded by Wm Marshall. William Rose was the inventor of the first packaging machine and his name is kept alive today by AMP Rose to remind us of this important industrial heritage connection in the town.

The town, the administrative centre for the region, has an Arts Centre based in a converted church, now known as the Trinity Arts Centre, where both cinematic and live performances draw regional audiences. Gainsborough also offers a contemporary art space known as Bend In The River, a spectacular jazz venue and leisure and retail park Marshall's Yard.



Inset L/R Bend in the River Art Gallery | Inside of the Old Hall | Old Hall Gardens
Gainsborough Riverside | Riverside Art - 'Wind & Tide' | All Saints Church

WALKABOUT GAINSBOROUGH

Gainsborough Walkabout is designed to take you around the town to see sites and places that are considered to be of most interest to visitors. Along the way, there will be various places for you to stop off and eat, or just to sit down and enjoy the surroundings.

- **The walk will commence in Ship Court car park on Caskgate Street.** From the car park, pass under the arch in the right-hand corner of Ship Court which leads into Silver Street - so called because the tenants paid an annual silver sixpence in rent. As you pass through the arch, under your feet you will see that the shape of a boat has been made in the cobbled. To your right, across Silver Street, is the White Horse Public House probably dating back to the 17th Century. The pub's yard housed the water pump used by residents of the town.

DIRECTIONS

- **Turn left and walk along Silver Street into Market Place** - probably dating from around the mid-13th Century. Overlooking the square, directly in front of you is the Town Hall, identified by the weather vane on the roof – built in 1892, it is built on the site of the Old Moot Hall where the Leet Court met twice a year to deal with town problems.
- **Make your way diagonally across the square to the right of the Town Hall** (Natwest Bank will be on your right-hand side). This will lead you to join the start of Lord Street on your left. As you walk down Lord Street, immediately on your left is the refurbished Town Hall which is now a premier jazz venue – 'The Sands Venue' To your right is the White Hart Hotel – this 18th Century coaching inn hosted the celebrations when the Trent Bridge was built in 1791, and again in 1932, when the bridge tolls were abolished. Halfway down Lord Street, you will find a number of places to eat.
- **At the end of Lord Street, turn right into Parnell Street, then take the first left into Cobden Street passing the Library** – built in

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1905, the library is one of the traditional Carnegie libraries, one of a few left in the country. To your right is the impressive Old Hall – a magnificent 15th century manor house owned by only two families until given to the nation in 1970. This timber framed building was built between 1460 and 1480. It welcomed King Richard III in 1483, and King Henry VIII in 1541. The latter stayed for four days with his fifth wife Katherine Howard, who was accused of indiscretions during this period and was executed in February 1542.

The building holds strong connections with the Mayflower pilgrims as Sir William Hickman, Lord of the Manor, allowed John Smyth and a large group of separatists to worship secretly in the manor house. Their harassment and religious persecution eventually culminated in the voyage, in 1620, of the "Mayflower" to the new world.

- **As you face the entrance to the Old Hall from Cobden Street, take the public footpath to the right of the Old Hall.** As you walk along this path around the side of the Old Hall, you will see the memorial to both World Wars ahead. Once you reach the roadside, cross to Fawcett Street and enter the grounds of the Parish Church

of All Saints - the eight pinnacled medieval tower adjoins the main body and is the only surviving example of a grand 18th century "city church" in the county. Take the time to visit inside the church. Tourist Information is available just inside the main entrance.

- **On leaving the church building, turn left around the side of the church to reach Church Street.** Turn right and just before you reach the junction, on your right-hand side, is the United Reform Church (1896) - formerly known as the John Robinson Memorial Church. It is a reminder of Gainsborough's connection with the Pilgrim Fathers and named after the Pastor who led the religious dissidents to Holland in 1608. His death in the Dutch town of Leiden in 1625 meant that he never joined his flock who had settled in America after their historic voyage in the 'Mayflower' in 1620.

