

LIVERPOOL PUBS #2

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Ten Real Ale Pubs of Excellence in

Liverpool City Centre West



Liverpool City Pub Walk 2 Dale Street Area

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If you like real ale, interesting people, great pubs and a nice vibe then you can do worse than spend a couple of days checking out the pubs of Liverpool.

In the city centre there are plenty of good pubs, both old and new, with some great real ale.

I've split the Liverpool walks in to two groups of ten due to the sheer number of pubs – wouldn't want to over stretch it (Walk 1 is the St Lukes/Philharmonic area).

This walk is centered around the Dale Street area (5 mins walk from Lime St

and Central stations). The walk would take you from Lime Street past St George's Hall taking in the town hall and the Mathew Street area.

The walk comprises in order:

- Ship & Mitre
- Vernon
- Lion Tavern
- Thomas Rigby's
- Hole in the Wall
- Cross Keys
- Exchange
- Corn Market
- White Star
- Globe

The map above should be suitable to guide you

around and the wee descriptions overleaf include the street and number to further assist. I've put them in a circular order here if starting at Ship or in reverse from the Globe.

Other nearby pubs worth considering include:

- Excelsior
- Crown
- Baltic Fleet
- Welkin
- Richmond
- Pig & Whistle
- Fall Well
- Blackler's

Happy walking!!

Ale & Hearty Music
Listed Toilets & a Gin Palace

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Ship & Mitre 133 Dale Street

Probably the most famous of the real ale joints in Liverpool. Has regular festivals. But even when there isn't one on the pub has 12 hand pulls on. It has stacks of international bottled beers too so get your Belgian's here.

The Art Deco room upstairs has been tastefully refurbished.



Vernon 69 Dale St

Nice old fashioned two room pub, which at one time appeared lost for good. Usually 3 or 4 ales on. Back room is quiet if there is something on in the main bar.

Lion Tavern 67 Moorfields

Another Grade II Listed pub with a beautiful interior. Check out the lovely glass dome in the back room. Ceramic tiles throughout around a central bar. The bar has a great selection of eight or so hand pulls, and if you fancy a whisky then there's not many better places to go.



Thomas Rigby's 23-25 Dale St

Guess what? Yep, another Grade II Listed building. This time it is an Okell's pub, which has a wide range international beers and guest ales.

If you are not waiting for a pork pie at the Lion then the food is top drawer. Nice court yard for fresh air (or the opposite I suppose if you need a smoke).

Hole in the Wall 37 School Lane

This multi room pub, just off Dale Street, is Liverpool's oldest, dating back to 1726. It has up to 7 real ales on. Stained glass and real fire and quiet off the main street. Simple hearty food available.



Cross Keys 13 Earle St

A bit out of the way this one. But worth hunting out. Good choice of beers and nice and bright large roomed pub in the office district next to the Liverpool Echo building. If you don't see an Echo be sure to search out the MerseyAle

Exchange 1 Old Hall St

This unassuming looking large bar is in a semi basement beneath offices on the corner of Old Hall Street. Has several ales on and worth checking out (alternatively visit the Pig & Whistle around the corner on Chapel Street).

Corn Market Old Ropery

Large old pub in the business district. It has two entrances as it was originally two pubs.

Several ales and also does food. Note that it is closed on Sundays.

White Star 4 Rainford Gardens

This Victorian pub is just beside Matthew Street right adjacent to the Welkin. The pub was famously adopted by the Czech fans in Euro 1996 who went back and opened a replica in the Czech republic!

The Beatles were known to frequent the pub and there is memorabilia in the back room. The rest of the pub has plenty of boxing and shipping memorabilia.

Popular stopping off pub on routes in and out of Matthew Street and can be packed one minute and breathable the next.



Globe 17 Cases St

Famous narrow pub with three casks on in tucked in a busy shopping area opposite Central Station. Popular meeting place with Liverpool fans during the season. Has an infamous sloping floor making you feel like you've had a drink even if you haven't.

