

LIVERPOOL PUBS

Real Ale Pubs, September 2008



Liverpool central area, pub map.

Liverpool City Pub Walk 2 south city 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 lots of good pubs old and new with real ale aplenty. I've split the walks in to two due to the number of pubs - wouldn't want to over stretch it.

So what I have called the south walk outlined here comprises:

- Baltic Fleet;
- Dispensary;
- Philharmonic;
- Fly in the Loaf;
- Peter Kavanaghs;
- Roscoe Head;
- Belvedere.

So there is an okay map and some tiny weenie descriptions after a fashion. But life is very

dynamic so go and see what these places are like for yourself, and check out some other pubs not in this walk too. I've put them in a kinda circular walk order. Well more of a straight line if you miss out the Baltic (but please don't!).



The numbers on the map above refer to the pubs numbered overleaf. If you miss one pub

you'll no doubt find yourself another establishment.

Other nearby venues worth considering include:

- Swan;
- Everyman;
- Augustus John;
- Cambridge;
- Ye Cracke;
- Grapes (Roscoe St.).

Happy hunting!!

Posh toilets and tunnels A Bakery & Old Grapes

Baltic Fleet, 33 Wapping - 1

This old pub stands alone on the dock road opposite the Albert Dock and the new Echo Arena. The GBGF award winning Wapping Brewery is based on the premises.

Great choice of Wapping Beers and some guests, including bottles. Don't miss the stout.

Top food apparently (but not tried and tested yet by your truly)..

Peter Kavanaghs, 2-6 Egerton St - 2

Famous local pub in a residential area on the outskirts of town/Toxteth. Bit set back and easy to miss, but don't. The interior decor is one of a kind.

Friendly staff happy to talk about the pub and its history.

Blackburne, - 3

This pub has been going through a difficult time recently but worth putting your head around the door to see where its up to being on the way between Kavanagh's and the Belvedere.

Belvedere, 8 Sugnall St - 4

Round the corner from the Blackburne is a small locals type pub, popular with musicians playing at the Philharmonic Hall around the corner for its atmosphere and beer.

Small two room pub. Some tables usually outside for the weather or the smokers. Real fire inside and usually has some interesting beers in.



BEER SCORING

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Philharmonic, 36 Hope St - 5

Famous for its gents toilets, but dont let that put you off. The pub is set in a former Victorian mens club (not a working mens club) and is all dark wood, cubby holes, tiles and ornate carvings (oh and the toilets).

Handy for the Philharmonic Hall too, who'd have thought!



Roscoe Head

Fly in the Loaf, 35 Hardman St - 6

Large pub in the former Kirklands bakery, hence the name. And more recently was just 'Kirklands' a night spot without too much in the way of real ale. Now run by Okell's (who also run Rigbys and Lady of Mann on Dale Street). Crackin' beers on here usually and the service is spot on for a large pub, even when busy with students and football fans (its one of the small number of real ale pubs with Sky and a couple of big screens).

Roscoe Head, 24-26 Roscoe St - 7

A small traditional two (and a half) room pub just of Leece Street. Great beer of course, which would be expected in one of the few pubs in the country to have been in every edition of the Good Beer Guide.

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On the website you will find the latest details on trips and meetings amongst other bits and bobs on campaigns, beer and local news. You will also find the latest [MerseyAle](#) magazine. You should also be able to

Dont miss it.

Dispensary, 87 Renshaw St - 8

A Cain's pub on Renshaw Street (currently also known as Rapid Hardware Street; but not for long) with a large range of their beer plus at least two Guest Ales on.

During the football season one of the few pubs here that will have the games on along with the Fly.



The Dispensary

By now you should be happy you've chosen a day in Liverpool and planning your next trip.

Check out the Northern Walk (1) for another option for a days enjoyable drinking.



If you want to read more detailed information on these pubs, why not purchase the GBG? It's less likely to mention interesting toilets and crackin beer etc (cos thankfully I don't write that).

pick up copies proper glossy copies of the latest edition in most of the establishments mentioned above.

