

How to find us

Priory Street Centre is located in the heart of York, within the city walls, and is minutes away from the train station and local bus services.

York is well served with rail, air and road transport links. The main East Coast rail line provides an almost hourly service from London Kings Cross and the northern route goes through to Edinburgh and beyond. There are also good public transport links from Manchester in the west and Hull in the east.

Train

Fast and frequent rail services take as little as 1 hour 52 minutes from London Kings Cross and some 2.5 hours from Edinburgh. Manchester and Birmingham are also direct.

When you arrive by train, exit York Railway Station and turn right up Queen Street (the City Walls will be on your left). Turn left at the first set of traffic lights (the junction of Queen Street and Blossom Street) and go through Micklegate Bar (the gate through the City Walls). Turn right at the Priory pub onto Priory Street. Priory Street Centre is located on the left.

Buses

Leaflets on bus services are available from National Express (Tel. 0990 808080). National buses drop off passengers in Rougier Street (off Micklegate). Arriving by bus - head in the opposite direction from the City Wall and turn right onto Micklegate. Go up the hill and Priory Street is on the left.

Car

Although not directly on the motorway network, York is only 20 minutes drive from the A1-M1 link road, which gives fast road access South to London (M1), West to Manchester and Liverpool (M62) and North to Teeside / Tyneside and Scotland (A1). The East coast port of Kingston upon Hull is about an hour away.

Parking

Approach York from either direction and follow directions to the Askham Bar Park and Ride (see Attachments below). However, at Tesco supermarket roundabout continue straight along Tadcaster Road into York. Pass York Racecourse/Knavesmire (large open grass area) on your right. Continue straight through several sets of traffic lights. Pass Reel Cinema on the left. Take the right hand lane at the next set of traffic lights facing Micklegate Bar (the gate through the City Walls) and turn right into Nunnery Lane. The entrance to the car park is on the left just after turning. Disabled persons parking bays and disabled people's toilets are located in the car park.

York CVS has 5 car parking spaces which are allocated on a first come first served basis and are charged at £5 per day per space. We also have a number of parking bays designated for blue badge holders these spaces are also allocated on a first come first served basis.

For short stay parking (max 2 hours):

Priory Street - Pay at meter £1.70 per hour and Micklegate - Pay at meter 20p per hour.

The nearest public long stay car park is:

Nunnery Lane Car Park - £1.80 per hour or approx £10 per day

Tourist Information

Visit York provides tourist information and has a searchable accommodation database at www.visitthecityofyork.org

Local information for people with disabilities

Shopmobility lends wheelchairs (manual and powered) and scooters to anyone with limited mobility. The service is provided to both residents and visitors. It is located on level 2 of the Coppergate Centre car park, Piccadilly. For more information contact:

Tel - (01904) 679222

email - enquiries@shopmobilityyork.org.uk

Talking Signs Priory Street Centre is signposted with talking signs. These automatically speak information to people who approach the sign carrying a small 'REACT' unit, helping people with visual impairments to know where they are in the city centre. (The signs can speak in one of four different languages - English, Urdu, Bengali and Gujarati) The 'REACT' units are available from:

York Blind and Partially Sighted Society, Holgate Villa, 22 Holgate Road, York, YO24AB Tel: (01904) 636269

Dial and Ride is a service for people with difficulty walking or using public transport. Specially adapted buses offer a door to door service from your home to the city centre. Tel: (01904) 624455

York Wheels is a voluntary sector service for people who have trouble using public transport. It's available to people who live within the local authority area. Volunteer drivers, using their own cars, provide a service for a small charge. There are also two minibuses that small groups can hire. tel: (01904) 630080 for more information.

Public Toilets have facilities for disabled people but you will need a RADAR key to get into them unless they are attended. All disabled facilities are locked between 8pm and 8am. Keys cost £3.50 and you can obtain them from

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