

The Stops

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www3.hants.gov.uk/achives/living-links.htm



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THE TRAIL will take about two hours to complete. The audio instructions will take you through all the stops from 1 to 17. You can also devise your own route by referring to the map and selecting the stops you want.

MOBILITY — the whole trail is accessible to wheelchair and mobility scooter users, there are dropped kerbs at all the suggested road crossings.

RYDE HERITAGE AUDIO TRAIL was devised and written by members of **RYDE SOCIAL HERITAGE GROUP**. This is a voluntary community group established to research, document and share information about the history of Ryde, Isle of Wight, including the development of the town, the people, their lives, businesses and entertainments. www.rshg.org.uk

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THE MAP was drawn by Island artist Alan Rowe. www.potting-shed-cartoons.co.uk



Ryde Heritage Audio Trail



NOW & THEN

A walking tour of Ryde town centre and the Esplanade illustrated with historical detail selected from archives

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www.rshg.org.uk

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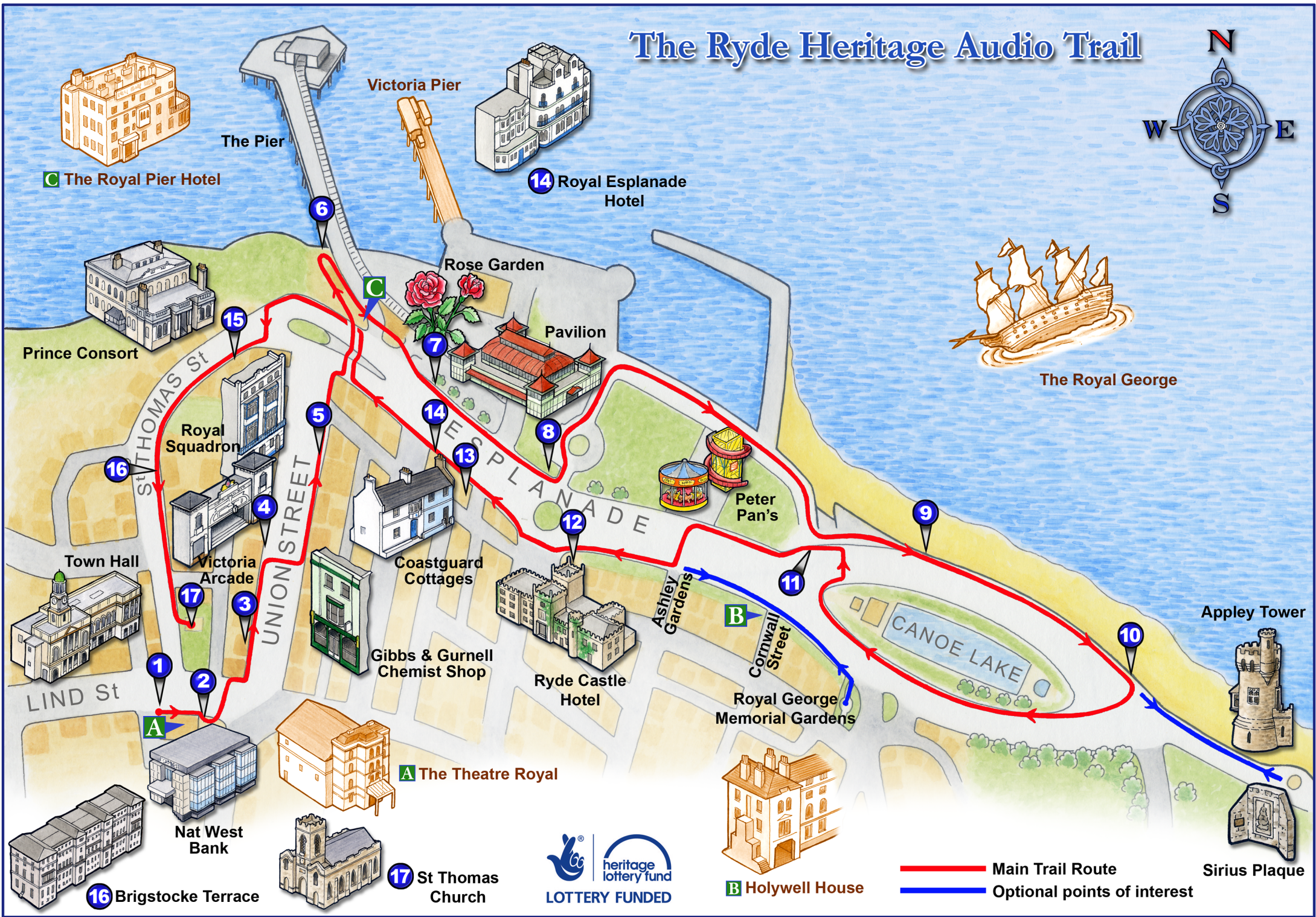
www.talking-guides.com/ryde



1. **LIND STREET** - Near to the red telephone box looking at the building with the clock tower (The Town Hall)
2. **ST THOMAS' SQUARE** - Seated in the Square next to the Nat West Bank
3. **UPPER UNION STREET** - Opposite Gibbs & Gurnell the Chemist shop
4. **MID UNION STREET** - Outside Yelf's Hotel then moving down to the Royal Victoria Arcade admiring the architecture
5. **LOWER UNION STREET** - Outside No 15 then moving down to the next small junction
6. **PIER** - At Western Gardens by the wall near the Pier
7. **ROSE GARDEN** - Sitting in the Rose Garden near the steps to the Hovercraft terminal
8. **PAVILION** - By the corner near to the archway into Eastern Gardens
9. **THE SOLENT** - By the Pagoda shaped shelter with the information board near the Canoe Lake
10. **APPLEY ESTATES** - At the far end of the Canoe Lake by the Pagoda shaped shelter looking across the Bay
11. **ESPLANADE** - Sitting on the low wall by the play area
12. **RYDE CASTLE** - Just at the entrance to the Castle Hotel
13. **COASTGUARD COTTAGES** - Next to the Coastguard Cottages
14. **ESPLANADE HOTELS** - Outside the Royal Esplanade Hotel
15. **ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB** (The Prince Consort) - Across the road from the back of the Prince Consort Building
16. **BRIGSTOCKE TERRACE** - At the entrance to the car park for Brigstocke Terrace
17. **ST THOMAS' CHURCH** - In the garden of rest at St Thomas' Church

NOTE: The map overleaf has some buildings and features in sepia which indicate the features no longer exist

The Ryde Heritage Audio Trail



C The Royal Pier Hotel

14 Royal Esplanade Hotel

Prince Consort

Rose Garden

Pavilion

The Royal George

Royal Squadron

Peter Pan's

Town Hall

Victoria Arcade

Coastguard Cottages

Ryde Castle Hotel

Royal George Memorial Gardens

Appley Tower

CANOE LAKE

Gibbs & Gurnell Chemist Shop

A The Theatre Royal

Nat West Bank

B Holywell House

16 Brigstocke Terrace

17 St Thomas Church



Main Trail Route
Optional points of interest

Sirius Plaque