

THE KEEL LINE TRAIL

Sunderland • South Tyneside

-  3.6 MILES
-  BIKE PARK
-  MOSTLY FLAT
-  BUS STOP
-  METRO
-  TRAIN



Can you spot the National Glass Centre?

The original Wearmouth Bridge opened in 1796, but was reconstructed by world-renowned engineer Robert Stephenson between 1857-59. In 1927, it was rebuilt to accommodate increasing traffic and was opened in 1929 by the Duke of York, who would become King George VI.

Take in the National Glass Centre, near the Monkwearmouth-Jarrow Priory built in 674 AD, where Benedict Biscop introduced glass making to Britain, hiring French glaziers to make the windows for the priory. The £17m centre, opened in 1998, celebrates the city's glassmaking heritage.

One mile from the city centre, Sunderland Marina offers sailors access to the North Sea. A haven for watersports enthusiasts, you might even see some swimming and surfing.

End your journey at the picturesque village of Whitburn, in South Tyneside, where it is thought Lewis Carroll wrote *The Walrus and the Carpenter* while holidaying.

If you have energy reserves, why not carry on your journey to Souter Lighthouse.

Welcome to Sunderland's "twin resorts" of Roker and Seaburn – enjoy the beautiful beaches as you take in the dramatic North Sea vistas. Why not cool down with an ice cream or traditional fish and chips?

How many vessels can you spot on the horizon?

Can you find the whale that guards Roker seafront?

The Promenade is unsuitable for cyclists.

Dare you try the dizzying glass floor?

Can you spot the elephant?

Embark on your epic family journey at the 'Propellers of the City'. This artwork honours 600-years of shipbuilding, and celebrates the unsung heroes of Sunderland.

An understated icon, swing by The Elephant Tea Rooms, built between 1872 and 1877. Now a library studies centre, it once served the finest tea from across the globe.

Inspired by a rich maritime history, The Keel Line Trail takes intrepid travellers from solid ground to the rolling North Sea waves.

The route of discovery - named after "The Keel Line", an artwork remembering the ships and shipbuilders of Sunderland, by the "Propellers of the City" - plots a course that includes elephants, a huge mouth and a glass palace!





THE ROUTE

1. Embark on your epic family journey at the "Propellers of the City"
2. Here there be... "Elephants"
3. Crossing a "big mouth"
4. A "Glass Act"
5. Sailing by the Marina
6. Take me to the beach
7. Wander across the border

HOW TO GET TO THE START

Visit livemap.nexus.org.uk and enter the postcode SR1 3AP.

SUITABILITY

-  Full route
-  Full route
-  Full route
-  Full route

The Keel Line Trail is fully accessible to walkers, wheeled pedestrians and cyclists.

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