

Leek



Real Ale
TRAIL



21 pubs & bars



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Introduction

This trail takes in 21 pubs and bars around Leek town centre, plus a selection of shops and markets, all offering some of the UK's finest ales and beers. The pubs and bars along the trail all have something different to offer.

Some are traditional pubs in period buildings, others are modern establishments with a focus on dining. All, however have been selected for their welcoming atmosphere, comfortable surroundings and of course, the range of ales available.

All the venues are within walking distance of one another. However there are so many great places to visit that you can't possibly see them all in one trip so come back again and enjoy your favourite beer in another of Leek's excellent pubs.



1 The Hideout

5 - 6 Market Place, Leek, ST13 5HH. 01785 241465

The Hideout hosts an impressive range of craft beer from all over the country. As well as a regular selection of real ale from the Rural Brewing Company in Alton. Consisting of 10 keg lines, 3 cask lines and hundreds of cans available to drink in or takeaway.



2 The Red Lion

7 Market Place, Leek, ST13 5HH. 01538 388652

This 16th-century period building conceals a modern, fresh interior. The Red Lion offers a selection of beers from Manchester's Hydes Brewery, including Hydes Original and Lowry, alongside a rotating guest ale like Flowery Towers. Live music adds to the atmosphere throughout each month with a quiz held every Wednesday.



3 The Cock Inn

19 Derby Street, Leek, ST13 6HN.

A pub has stood on this site for over 300 years and parts of the original beamed structure are still visible in the snug bar. Now a Joules Brewery pub of Market Drayton, where they still brew using water from the same aquifer as the original beers brewed in Stone since the monks started in medieval times. Oak panelling, leather settees and a log burner create an attractive interior, with a large enclosed beer garden at the rear for warmer weather.



4 The Crafty Beer Cave

12 Cawdry Buildings, Fountain Street, Leek, ST13 6JP.

The Crafty Beer Cave is a Bottle Shop & Tap Room, specialising in craft beers & local traditional ales. They are passionate about curating an extensive collection of the finest craft beers from the whole of the UK. Indulge your taste buds from hop forward IPA's to smooth & rich stouts, something to satisfy every palate.



5 The Blue Mugge

17 Osborne Street, Leek, ST13 6LJ. 01538 384450

A regular entry in the Good Beer Guide. The Blue Mugge offers a good selection of keg beers and bitters including offerings from local and regional breweries. 'The Blue Mugge' was named after the present landlord's father found the original 'Blue Mugge' in the attic. A visitor wishing to join the regulars in the 'Blue Mugge Room' would be informed that he had to buy the inhabitants of the room a drink, this was a test of character, and if the person agreed, the occupants would produce the blue mugge, a glass that was only a third of a pint. The pub offers home cooked food in comfortable surroundings and features live music on occasion.



7 The Fountain

14 Fountain Street, Leek, ST13 6JR. 01538 387205

The Fountain is a traditional pub with 8 different real ales on at any one time and regularly features in the Good Beer Guide. This is a dog friendly pub with a great atmosphere. A place to come and relax with your family.

6 The Earl Grey

38 Ashbourne Road, Leek, ST13 5AT.

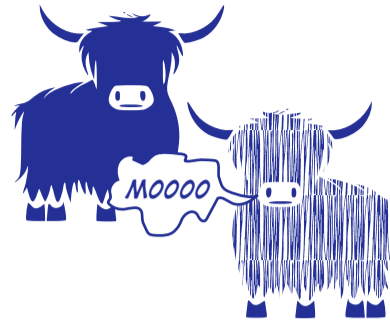
The Earl Grey Inn is a traditional corner pub. It was first registered as a 'Beer-House' in 1831. All manner of wines & spirits have been served since a full license was granted in 1962. Despite refurbishment in 2014, when it also became a Free House, the pub still has time-honoured upholstered long pub benches, cast iron tables, and stools throughout, helping retain the atmosphere of it being a traditional 'street corner boozier'. Pickled eggs and a log-burning stove are merely finishing touches.



8 The Cattle Market

Fountain Street, Leek, ST13 6JR. 01538 528198

The Cattle Market is a traditional town centre pub located near to the site of the old livestock market. Marston's Burton Bitter and Jennings Sneck Lifter are always available along with 1 changing guest ale. The pub has a pool and darts room and features live music on the last Friday of the month.



10 The Cobblers

1-5 Russell Street, Leek, ST13 5JF. 01538 381190

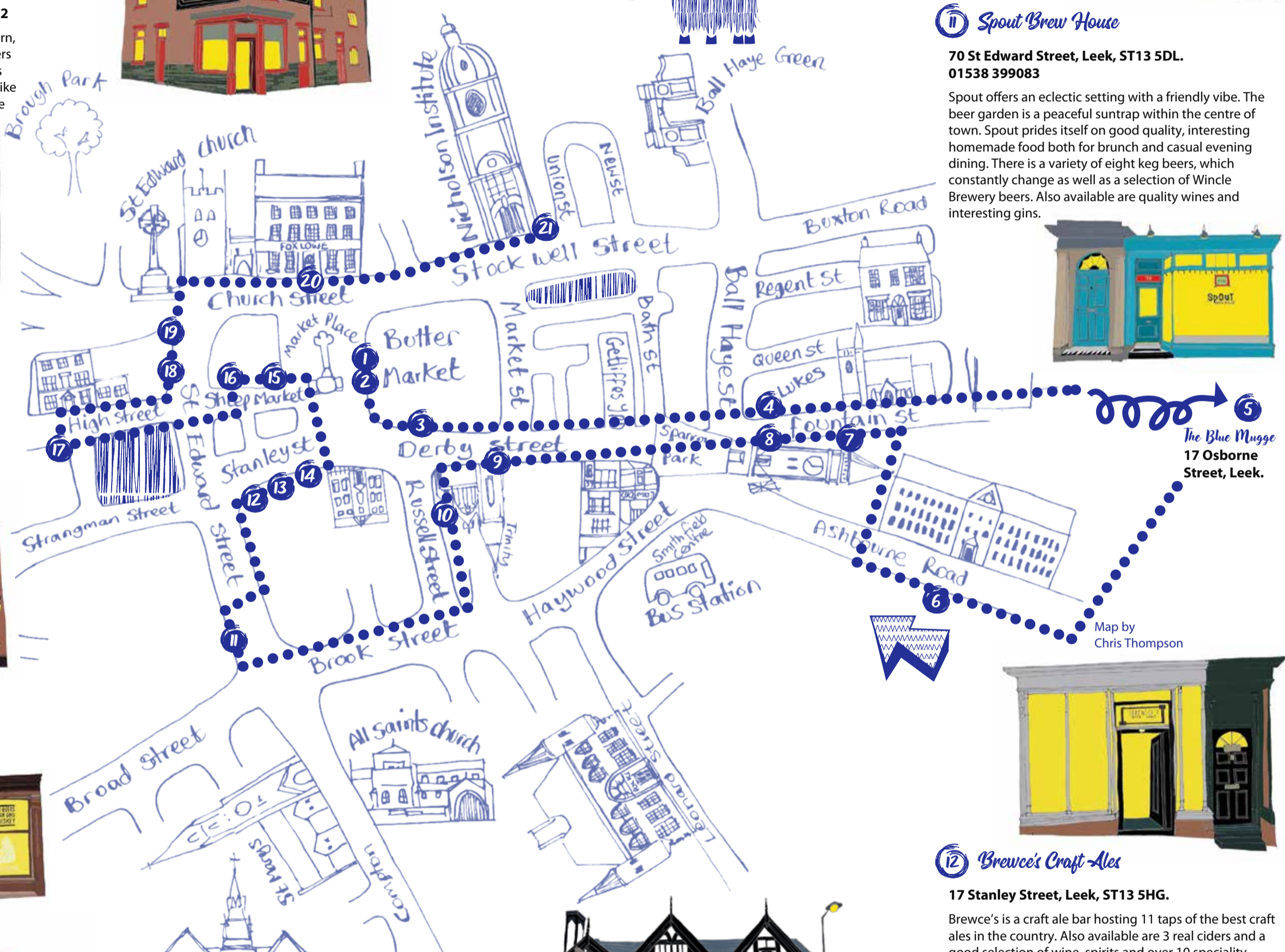
CAMRA awarded and in the Good Beer Guide, The Cobblers is a traditional, welcoming and hospitable pub, with a range of Real Ales. Bass and Abbott are featured all year round alongside Wincle and Salopian offerings and rotating guest ales from large and small brewers from across the UK. There is also a selection of boardgames.



11 Spout Brew House

70 St Edward Street, Leek, ST13 5DL. 01538 399083

Spout offers an eclectic setting with a friendly vibe. The beer garden is a peaceful suntrap within the centre of town. Spout prides itself on good quality, interesting homemade food both for brunch and casual evening dining. There is a variety of eight keg beers, which constantly change as well as a selection of Wincle Brewery beers. Also available are quality wines and interesting gins.



Map by Chris Thompson

5 The Blue Mugge
17 Osborne Street, Leek.



12 Brewce's Craft Ales

17 Stanley Street, Leek, ST13 5HG.

Brewce's is a craft ale bar hosting 11 taps of the best craft ales in the country. Also available are 3 real ciders and a good selection of wine, spirits and over 10 speciality rums.



13 Den Engel

11 Stanley Street, Leek, ST13 5HG. 01538 373751

Den Engel is a unique and long established Belgian bar with 19 keg lines, 4 cask lines and over 50 bottled beers. As well as the Belgian offering, there is also a range of other continental and UK craft beers. You will find a friendly atmosphere, quirky décor and a beautiful outside courtyard for those sunny days. Den Engel is also dog friendly and a great place for families (their licence allows children under 16yrs before 8pm).

9 The Roebuck

18 Derby Street, Leek, ST13 5AB. 01538 385602

This Grade II listed 17th Century coaching inn boasts an impressive timber framed frontage and a traditional pub interior in keeping with the historic town centre. Owned by Titanic Brewery, The Roebuck offers a selection of 10 cask ales, the majority from the Titanic range alongside others from guest breweries. Helpful and knowledgeable bar staff are always willing to describe the different styles of beer on offer, and bottled Titanic beers are also available to take away. The pub also features a beer garden with outside bar. There is regular live music, and a weekly pub quiz held every Thursday.



14 *The Valiant*

3 Stanley St, Leek, ST13 5HG.

A traditional at the heart of its community pub, popular with both locals and visitors. Courage Directors Bitter is accompanied by a changing guest ale, with a selection of traditional pub favourites and bar snacks. A beer garden to the rear provides a large outdoor space in which to relax during the summer months.

15 *The Bird in Hand*

17 Market Place, Leek, ST13 5HJ.

Located on the corner of the historic Market Place, The Bird in Hand is a small, intimate pub offering Bass cask and stocks Lindisfarne damson wine. The beautiful carved oak bar dates from 1889 and was built by Leek based architects William Sugden & Son who were also responsible for the design of the Nicholson Institute along with a number of other notable buildings in the town.



16 *The Black Swan*

12 Sheepmarket, Leek, ST13 5HW. 01538 388910

The Black Swan, or 'Mucky Duck' as it is affectionately known is a traditional pub popular with both locals and visitors. Marstons Bitter is accompanied by two changing guest ales. The menu offers a selection of traditional pub favourites and bar snacks. A beer garden to the rear provides outdoor space in which to relax during the summer months.



17 *The Napoli*

9 High Street, Leek, ST13 5DZ. 01538 528004

A family run restaurant, bar and cafe in the heart of Leek with a great atmosphere and central wood fired pizza oven. Pop in for a light lunch or stay for dinner, serving a selection of meat, fish, vegetarian and vegan meals. Or simply drop by for a drink, from wines and beers to Whim Ales, wonderful Arbor Light and Superlupolo.

18 *The Wilkes Head*

16 St Edward Street, Leek, ST13 5DS.



The Wilkes Head has been a regular feature in the Good Beer Guide for the past 24 years. The small bar features seven hand pumps offering Whim Ales Hartington Bitter, Hartington IPA and Flower Power along with 4 changing guest offers. The pub is well known for its live music and customers come from far and

wide to see bands and artists perform. The beer garden to the rear of the pub includes an outdoor bar and stage area and is home to a number of music events and festivals during the summer months.

19 *The Green Dragon*

**2 St Edward Street, Leek, ST13 5DS.
01538 392540**

This Grade II listed building is said to be Leek's oldest inn. In 1693 these premises were called the Green Dragon, by 1783, the inn had become The Swan, more formally known as The Swan With Two Necks, the name derives from centuries-old tradition of marking bird's beaks with nicks (for necks) to denote ownership. In 2013 J.D Wetherspoon took ownership and reverted back to its original name.

20 Foxlowe Arts Centre

Market Place, Leek, ST13 6AD. 01538 386112

The Foxlowe Arts Centre is a popular cafe, gallery, live music and cinema venue. The Foxlowe Café is staffed by an extremely friendly group of volunteers and has a great range of fairtrade coffees, teas and hot chocolate together with a small selection of freshly prepared hot and cold dishes, the majority of which are vegetarian or vegan. They also serve a range of bottled beers from Titanic Brewery and Wincle Brewery.



21 Benks

39 Stockwell Street, Leek, ST13 6DH. 01538 382783

An uncomplicated, traditional pub with a wide range of products on the bar.

Bass always on, plus a selection of guest ales on cask. There are pool tables, 4 dart boards, an amazing juke box and outdoor smoking area suitable for all weather.



CAMRA

The Campaign for Real Ale is an independent, voluntary organisation campaigning for real ale, community pubs and consumer rights. CAMRA has over 100,000 members across the world over 200 branches across the UK, enabling members to campaign and socialise in their local area. For details on how to join or to find out more about your local branch contact 01727 867201.

Local breweries

TITANIC BREWERY

Callender Place, Lingard Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire, ST6 1JL. 01782 823447

www.titanicbrewery.co.uk

STAFFORDSHIRE BREWERY

2 Harrison Way, Cheddleton, Leek,
Staffordshire, ST13 7EF. 01538 361919

www.corkesbeer.co.uk

THE WINCLE BEER COMPANY

Tolls Farm Barn, Dane Bridge, Wincle,
Cheshire, SK11 0QE. 01260 227777

www.winklebeer.co.uk



HARTINGTON BREWERY

Whim Ales, Whim Farm, Hartington,
Derbyshire, SK17 0AX. 01298 84991

www.whimales.co.uk



PEAKSTONES ROCK BREWING CO LTD

Peakstones Rock Farm, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4DH.
07891 350908

www.peakstonesrock.co.uk

WILSONS OF WARSLOW BREWING CO.

The Greyhound Inn, Leek Road,
Warslow, SK17 0JN.

01298 84782

[www.thegreyhoundinnwarslow.co.uk/
micro-brewery](http://www.thegreyhoundinnwarslow.co.uk/micro-brewery)



FLASH BREWERY

Buxton, SK17 0SY. 07967 592345

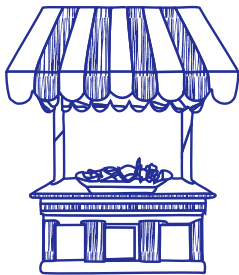
www.flashbrewery.uk

RURAL BREWERY COMPANY

Hurstons Ln, Alton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 4AP.
07794 321364

www.ruralbrew.co.uk

Shops & markets



THE WINE SHOP

22 Russell Street, Leek, ST13 5JF.
01538 382408

A moochable down to earth wine, whisky, spirits and beer specialist with over 1,000 products and a great little venue to try something different and enjoy a glass or two. Stocking a selection of local real ales from The Wincle Beer Company, as well as a large selection of whisky including their own label cask bottling of the Queen of the Moorlands Whisky.

LEEK MARKETS

Wednesdays

Leek's Charter Market (established in 1207) hosts a variety of stalls throughout the town centre.

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

Newly refurbished in 2024, the indoor Butter and Trestle market is open 8.30am to 4pm.

Saturdays

Outdoor Vintage & Collectors market held in the Market Place.

First Sunday of the month

Totally Locally's Sunday Supplement market features over 70 stalls of local makers - food, craft, artisan jewellery and more. This is a great day to sample some real ale at one of the many local pubs whilst enjoying live music on Derby Street. Many of Leek's independent shops open for the day too.

Getting here

BY CAR

Sat nav to High Street
long stay car park:
ST13 5DZ

Other car parks:

www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/Leek-Car-Parks

BY RAIL AND BUS

The nearest railway stations are Stoke-on-Trent (12 miles), Macclesfield (13 miles), Buxton (13 miles). There are frequent connecting bus services from Stoke and regular connecting bus services from Macclesfield & Buxton.

For alternative travel contact Moorlands Connect 01335 300670.

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