About the Real Ale Trail
With an increasing number of micro-breweries, Huddersfield is a great place to sample real ale. The trail was originally developed for the town’s annual Food and Drink Festival but with many of the local venues stocking a wide range of real ales why wait until August each year?

Information
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Discover Huddersfield offers new ways to experience this amazing Yorkshire town, through guided walks, talks and trails. See Huddersfield at its very best: grand listed buildings and small independent shops; a place for radicals from the Luddites to the Sex Pistols; birthplace of Rugby League; a town rich in creativity, stories, heritage and the odd ghostly encounter.

1. The King’s Head
   St George’s Square
   Located to the right of the railway station, this pub was first used as the ticket office for the LNWR Company. It was built for the Huddersfield and Manchester Rail and Canal Company which merged with the LNWR Company before the station opened. You’ll usually find ten well priced beers on draught, most of which will be light and hoppy, and if Real Ale isn’t your tipple, there is draught cider available too. It’s a large one-roomed pub, with a couple of smaller rooms with seating. The pub has an eclectic band of regulars and hosts bands on Sunday afternoons.

2. The Sportsman
   St John’s Road
   Reopened around 2009, this pub has been converted from a basic back-street boozer to an impressive Art Deco-type pub with a horseshoe bar which services eight real ales. It has an on-site nano-brewery, which often provides one or more of the beers on the bar, along with others sourced from far and wide. Being voted CAMRA Pub of the Season, CAMRA Mild Pub of the Year and CAMRA Pub of the Year 2011, you are in for a treat!

3. HDM Beer Shop
   Wood Street
   One of Huddersfield’s newest bars, the HDM Beer Shop sells a wide range of beers, from local brews to ones from all over the world. There is also a range of bar snacks and deli items in store for that all important nibble.

4. The Vulcan
   St Peter’s Street
   A small single-roomed pub, popular with sports fans. You’ll usually find horse racing on TV and can enjoy a game of pool with your pint. There tend to be four hand pumps on, two of which are generally locally sourced. Prices are reasonable and you can enjoy some good value wholesome food here too.

5. Herbert’s Bar
   Cross Church Street
   The owners have made a superb job of creating a stylish bar, mixing bare brick walls with contrasting plush leather sofas. They’ve a very agreeable range of hand-pulled beers and ales and when accompanied with some of their lovely ‘Fodder’, it makes for a perfect stop on a night out or for that sneaky lunch. Good music and friendly staff are a given.

6. Northern Taps
   Lower King Street
   Tucked away down Lower King Street, this stylish bar offers quality food and local hand-pulled beers and ales. All their produce is sourced locally from farms and breweries around the area and food is served all day.

7. Rhubarb
   Queensgate
   Situated opposite the university, Rhubarb offers a fantastic modern venue including friendly staff, a private function room, two big screens, freshly prepared food, six real ale pumps supplying locally brewed ales, and live music. Rhubarb is giving Huddersfield everything it needs all in one place!

8. The Rat & Ratchet
   Chapel Hill
   This multi-award winning real ale pub, owned by Ossett Brewery, has an on-site micro-brewery. Rat Brewery started brewing in September 2011 and it has a range of beers with over 13 handpumps with at least six real ciders and six perrys. The Rat comprises of four separate drinking areas plus an attractive terrace beer garden for when the weather’s fine.

9. The Grove
   Spring Grove Street
   Originally the ticket office for the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Company, that shared the station with the LNWR Railway Company, the pub now offers 12 real ales with representation from the larger breweries as well as some of the local ones. Good quality pub food is served all day. Jazz music entertains on Monday & Wednesday evening and the last Sunday of the month at lunchtime.

10. The Head of Steam
    St George’s Square
    This pub has been converted into a real ale mecca! There are 18 beers on hand pull – eight regulars and ten guest. There are always dark beers available along with the stronger beers which are not advisable for the faint-hearted! There are a range of interesting beers sourced from around the world on key keg and over 200 world beer bottles on the beer menu.