

1 KING EDWARD'S GATE - gave entrance from the main street of medieval Gloucester to St Peter's Abbey precinct. The body of King Edward II was here received by the Abbot for burial after the King's murder at Berkeley Castle 1327

2 TIMBER FRAMED BUILDINGS 15TH-16TH CENTURY

3 A GROUP OF 18TH TOWN HOUSES
4 SHIRE HALL Robert Smirke 1816 -
a classical building; its air of dignity and authority was at the time considered to express its function

5 FOUNTAIN INN. 17TH building with garden courtyard. It is said that when visiting Gloucester William III rode up the stairs that were then opposite the doorway, on a white horse. There is a sculpture to commemorate the legend

6 18TH DOORWAYS
7 BEARLAND HOUSE dignified early 18TH town house; closes street vista. The Girls' High School used this building before moving to Denmark Road in 1909

8 TRANSPORT MUSEUM housed in old Fire Station
9 BEARLAND LODGE another early 18TH town house with a pediment representing Pallas Athene

10 LADYBELLEGATE HOUSE a fine town house of 1705. The Raikes family came to live here in 1732 and remained for many years [see Gloucester Town Trail No 3]

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CONCEIVED AS PART OF THE TOWN PLAN PRODUCED IN 1961 BY GEOFFREY JELlicoe. THE ROUTE FOLLOWS APPROXIMATELY THE LINE OF THE CITY WALLS AND IS RECOGNISED BY THE PATTERN OF DARK PAVING IN THE FOOTPATH PASSING MANY OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS BEGINNING AND ENDING AT THE CATHEDRAL

GLoucester TOWN TRAIL No 4

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19 JUBILEE GARDEN - made as a setting for sculptures representing the history of aviation locally

20 CONSTITUTION HOUSE. 1750 - used as Conservative Club

21 SCULPTURED PLAQUE OF JOSEPH CLAY who was one of Gloucester's earliest trade union leaders in 18TH. The plaque was restored by Mrs Diana Smith 1974

22 IVOR GURNEY 1890-1937 - composer and poet, was born here

23 EASTGATE - Gloucester defences - open May - Sep. Wed, Fri. 2.0-5.0 p.m., Sat. 10.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m.

24 CITY WALL & BASTION - open Aug. Wed, Fri. 2.0-5.0 p.m., Sat. 10.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m.

25 KING'S SQUARE. 1972 - trees, water and wide paving provide space happily free of traffic; designed in the City Architects' Department

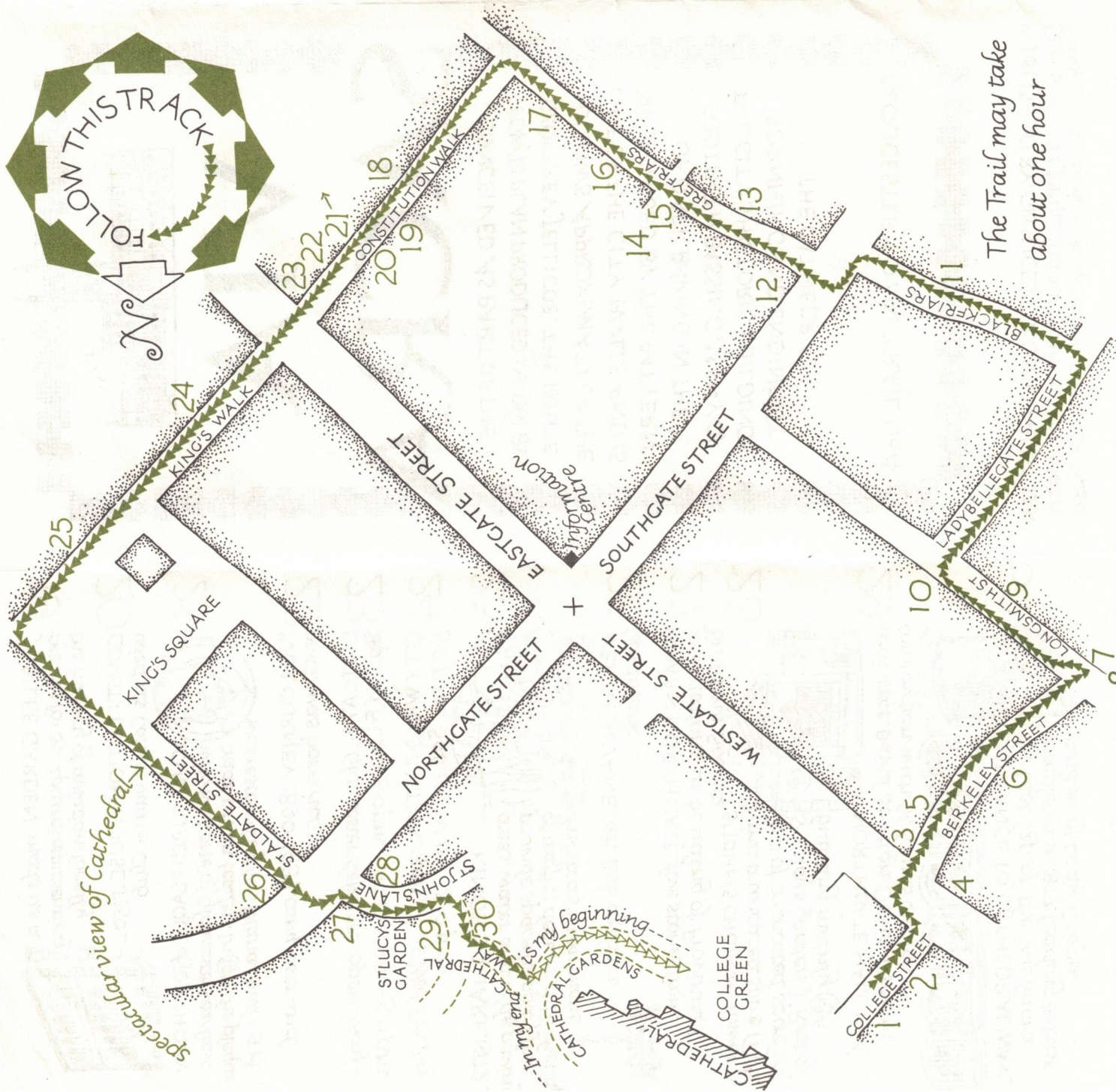
26 WEATHER VANE - an Edwardian landmark

27 ROMAN NORTH GATE - five stones from foundations in building of Provincial Building Society

28 ST JOHN'S CHURCH - tower and truncated spire (14TH top of truncated spire in St Lucy's garden.) Rest of building mainly 18TH

29 NORTHGATE HALL. 1974 - architect. David Stratton Davis. Used in conjunction with St John's Church

30 ENTRANCE TO CATHEDRAL WAY - the last lap of the Via Sacra completed in 1977. Leading to East window of Lady Chapel



The Trail may take
about one hour

11 BLACKFRIARS - 13TH church and cloister buildings, which are a part of the best preserved Dominican Friary in Britain

12 ST MARY DE CRYPT CHURCH - plan of the Church is Norman though the structure is mainly Perpendicular in style with some 13th features

The famous 18th George Whitfield preached his first sermon here

13 FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE & GATEWAY - the building is brick and dates from 18th Roman paving visible

14 ADDISON'S FOLLY - built in memory of Robert Raikes by a local solicitor, Thomas Fern Addison, who could see from the roof Hempsted Church where his wife was buried

15 GREYFRIARS HOUSE - c. 1800 - originally a private house; now the Junior, Music and Record Libraries; was built within the walls of -

16 GREYFRIARS - the remains of the nave and north aisle of an early 16th Franciscan Friary, ruined after dissolution of the monasteries

17 THE MARKET HALL - 1968 - architects - Shingler & Risdon; replaces Medland & Maberley's market of 1856, the original entrance of which has been rebuilt in Eastgate Street

18 WHEATSTONE HALL - commemorates Sir Charles Wheatstone (1802-75) born at Barnwood Manor; inventor of the electric telegraph