

The Strand & Upper High St

1. Sandford Park Alehouse

CAMRA's National Pub of the Year 2015, with a great selection of ales and beers from all over the world. Welcoming atmosphere and good beer garden, or inside why not try your hand at billiards!

2. The Swan

A large pub hosting some great live music. Tucked away sofas, a pretty conservatory and enormous picnic tables in the outdoor area to the rear. Shush Bar open 'til 2am Fri-Sat for soulful beats.

3. The Strand

Open plan, large tables, great atmosphere. Outdoor area to rear. Regular events include music, comedy and craft beer evenings.

4. The Vine

Small, charming pub, serving authentic Thai food that is to die for. One for fans of twinkly lights.

5. Old Restoration

The oldest pub in Cheltenham (open since 1661) has a maze-like, well worn interior with a friendly atmosphere. Darts. Quiz nights.

6. The Spectre

A large, no-frills pub offering a range of good food and drinks deals. Ideal for sports with a hefty supply of large TV screens.

7. Lounge72

This bar looks tiny but a few stairs takes you to a large sports bar with eight American pool tables. Toss a coin to *Beat the Barman* and win your round again. Open 'til 3am.

8. Bentleys

Lounge-style bar. Bags of space at the back of the venue with large, alcove seating. Open until 4am for late-night dwellers.

9. The Grape Escape

Expect enthusiastic, friendly and knowledgeable service in this dedicated wine bar/merchants. Selection of wines by the glass changing weekly. Light nibbles available.

10. The Apartment

Sleek, chic, champagne/cocktail bar with a wide selection of classic and trendy cocktails and premium spirits.

11. Bierkeller

German themed chain. Sticky floors, a rowdy atmosphere and massive jugs. Jugs of beer, that is. Don't miss the Bavarian bands.

12. Moon Under Water

A J D Wetherspoons establishment. Does what it says on the tin, with a pleasant outdoor area to the rear.

13. Wild Beer at Jessop House

Vast array of artisan beers that are always changing and sold in 1/3 pints. Regular tasting evenings. Cosy group seating upstairs plus outdoor courtyard. Don't miss.

14. Tailors

A favourite with many; handsome, ivy-clad Tailors is always busy whatever time of day. People-watch from the outdoor courtyard or watch sports in the cosy yet modern interior.

15. Beaufort Arms

Not strictly in the same area as the pubs named above, this is a traditional inn well worth a visit if you're down this end of town. Recently refurbished with pool, darts and a skittle alley.

Town Centre

16. Copa

Modern, spacious and family friendly venue, serving good food all day. The large seating area to the front is people-watching heaven.

17. Whittle Taps

Once the Slug and Lettuce, now a trendy bar serving craft beers and some great comfort food within a quirky industrial interior.

18. Six Degrees of Separation

With the gloriously intimate feel of being in someone's house, this handsome venue serves cocktails, craft beers and pizza.

19. Coco

Basement club/bar, with the emphasis on BASS, open weekends only. Late night venue with free entry.

20. 21 Club

Basement club and late night venue (Thu-Sun) with free entry. Don't miss the surprise covered and heated courtyard bar at the back!

21. AquaVitae

Relaxed, contemporary venue serving bespoke cocktails and tapas style food, with the emphasis on sharing.

22. Lily Gins

High-class Victorian style cocktail bar with a loud, wicked side. Hosts live music on the first Sunday of the month.

23. Fever

Happy, unpretentious club spinning cheesy tunes with a light-up dancefloor. Their motto? *If you can't sing it, we won't play it.*

24. MooMoo

Club popular with Cheltenham's younger revellers. Large venue spread across three rooms, each with a different beat.

25. Prom Vaults

Down-to-earth, feel-good basement party venue. Free entry, music and dancing. Usually only open Friday and Saturday.

26. Yates

No-frills, large chain venue offering good food deals in the day and plenty of music and dancing on Friday/Saturday evenings.

27. The Clarence Social

Opened in 2016 and proving popular. Sophisticated, quirky Regency interior serving high-class cocktails. Can you find its secret bar?

28. Revolution

Used to be a church but the only thing you'll be worshipping is their renowned vodka strips. Spacious and lofty, it serves great comfort food and attracts a young party crowd at weekends.

29. The Bank House

J D Wetherspoons, with a brighter interior than no.12. Decent, well priced pub grub and a good variety of beers.

30. Turtle Bay

Caribbean themed chain – big on flavours, big on decor! Foremost a restaurant but holds its own if it's cocktails you're after.

31. The Cotswold Inn

One of few traditional pubs in the town centre. The Cotswold has a friendly atmosphere and plenty going on – live music every weekend, plus open mic, quiz and Karaoke nights.

The Brewery Quarter & Lower High St

32. 2 Pigs

Down 'n' dirty rock club, loads of fun. Also one of Cheltenham's best live music venues, giving opportunities for young bands.

33. Smokey Joe's

50's Americana themed diner, this gorgeously quirky venue serves shakes, pancakes and more recently bottled beers, wine and cocktails. Don't miss.

34. Cosy Club

Brand-spanking new (Feb '17), this chain restaurant/bar prides itself on being fabulously eccentric. Enjoy your cocktail in eclectic surroundings – even the staff are dressed the part.

35. Brewhouse and Kitchen

With its own microbrewery on-site, this new venue offers a huge variety of beers in gorgeous industrial style surroundings. There's plenty more on offer though if beer's not your thing.

36. Babel Bar

Coming soon to The Brewery Quarter, this promises to be one for 'fans of cocktails and finery', while the atmosphere is kept buzzing with a varied mix of music until late.

37. Coast to Coast

Coming soon to The Brewery Quarter. American saloon restaurant/bar chain. Press suggests we can look forward to happy hours and seriously good burgers.

38. Frog and Fiddle

Large, cheery venue popular with students and focused on live music. No food but they're happy for you to take your own! Loads of screens for watching live sports.

39. The Shamrock

Basic locals haunt, this is Cheltenham's only Irish pub. Large covered seating area to the rear.

40. The Coconut Tree

This is a real find. Tucked away and totally unexpected, experience authentic Sri-Lankan street-style food in this newly opened bar.

St James

41. The Railway

Hidden away, traditional style pub specialising in sausage (thirteen types no less, served with flavoured mashies). The beer garden is one of Cheltenham's hidden gems in the summer.

42. The Bottle of Sauce

Bar/restaurant opened in 2016. Think exposed brick and of-the-moment. Ping pong/table football in the games room, anyone?

43. St George's Vaults

Traditional pub but with a 50's vibe, hidden in the popular St James area. Popular for its jukebox which gets pretty loud. Also boasts an attractive 'secret' courtyard garden to rear.

44. Boston Tea Party

Start the day with brunch in this bright, airy and trendy cafe. Also serves craft beers, cider, wine and a few spirits. Open 'til 9pm.

45. The Stable

Trendy indie-chain restaurant/bar specialising in cider, pies and pizza – what's not to like! Live music at weekends.

Arriving by Train?

For a pleasant fifteen minute walk into the town centre, stroll down the Honeybourne Line cycle/footpath. You can also make use of the D and E buses which run approximately every ten minutes.

Things to See and Do

Hedge your bets at **Cheltenham Racecourse**.

Visit **The Wilson Art Gallery**, **Holst Birthplace Museum** or take in one of our many festivals.

See a show at the **Everyman Theatre**.

Catch big name comedy gigs, music nights or markets/fairs at the **Town Hall**.

Indulge in a **spot of shopping** – from High Street favourites to Montpellier's famed independent boutiques.

Take in a **movie** or test your ten-pin bowling skills at the **Brewery Quarter**.

Appreciate the 25,000 bedding plants used in the **Imperial Garden's** floral displays.

Stroll around **Pittville Park and lakes**, see the handsome **Pump Rooms** and maybe hire a boat!

Go sculpture-spotting along the **Promenade** or through Cheltenham's fantastic parks.

Visit the Regent Arcade and catch some bubbles at the **world's tallest mechanical clock**.

Take a Walk

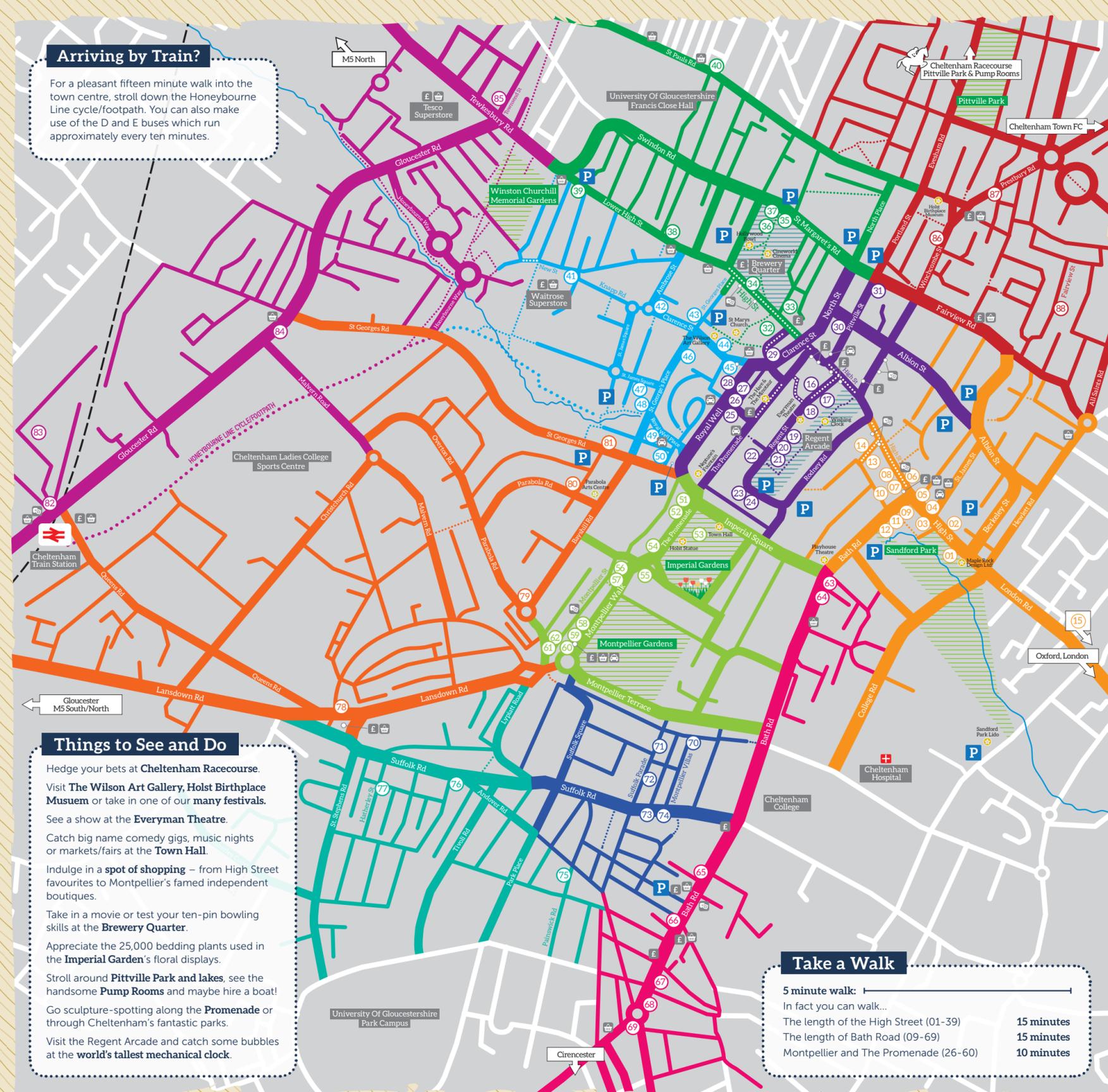
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In fact you can walk...

The length of the High Street (01-39) **15 minutes**

The length of Bath Road (09-69) **15 minutes**

Montpellier and The Promenade (26-60) **10 minutes**



46. Chelsea Bar and Brasserie

Primarily a restaurant though the bar is separate. Classy ambience perfect for enjoying a classic cocktail. Jazz Night on Monday.

47. Firestation

Housed in the old fire station built in 1906, this is a lofty new-meets-old venue serving flame grilled food in good-looking surroundings.

48. The Bayshill

Traditional, friendly wood-panelled pub just outside of the town centre. Plenty on offer with darts, pool, food and a beer garden.

49. The Tavern

Probably the first of the recent swathe of design-led bars to open locally. Scrummy food. Spins funky tunes 'til late on Fri-Sat.

50. Thirteen Degrees

Pretty decent club – it's not overly trendy but not cheesy either. Three floors, five bars.

The Promenade & Montpellier

51. Under The Prom

Basement club spread across three different rooms. Attracts a young crowd for music and dancing. Free entry.

52. Subtone

For a long time, Cheltenham's go-to late night club. At the time of writing Subtone is being scaled down from three/four floors into a smaller intimate basement venue.

53. Imperial Garden Bar

During the summer months, scores of locals can be found here soaking up the sun with a cold beer. When there's live music (usually Sundays) it doesn't get much better.

54. Crazy Eights/131 The Prom

Made up of hotel/restaurant 131 The Prom upstairs, and trendy bar Crazy Eights downstairs. Frequented mainly by well-heeled and good-looking Cheltonians.

55. Queens Hotel

The Queen's classic hotel bar is open to the public and specialises in gin. The restaurant also boasts a hidden champagne garden accessed through a small pathway left of the main entrance.

56. Circus Bar

Considering you're in Montpellier, the beer is surprisingly cheap. Relaxed environment with large windows perfect for people watching. Closed Mondays.

57. John Gordons

Independent saloon style bar and shop, serving up a huge selection of wines and spirits from across the globe. Watch the world go by from the courtyard or hide away in the dark and casual basement.

58. All Bar One

Contemporary, airy and fairly upmarket chain. Ample seating for large groups and pleasant people-watching outdoor space at the front. Food a step-up from the usual pub grub.

59. Harry Cooks

Large, lively venue, always busy especially at weekends. Food served all day. Regular live music. Great for a relaxing few beers with friends.

60. Rotunda Tavern

Long-standing wood-panelled local. As a proper pub in the heart of Montpellier, it's a world away from its trendy counterparts.

61. Montpellier Wine Bar

Iconic bar which features in many a Cheltenham painting. Has been a favourite among locals for decades. Restaurant downstairs and wine bar upstairs plus seating outside. Gets busy!

62. Soho Bar

Sleek, modern cocktail venue and eatery with a small dancefloor, occasional live music and friendly staff. Champagne bar upstairs.

Leckhampton & Bath Road

63. The Bath Tavern

Tiny local pub offering a friendly atmosphere and good live music. At the time of printing they also serve up free food on a regular basis! Next door to The Bell, this begins the Leckhampton/Bath Road run.

64. The Bell Inn

Long, narrow, traditional pub serving decent food and Sunday carvery alongside a real fire. Next door to The Bath Tavern, you can't visit one without the other.

65. Morans

Restaurant with a popular wine bar to the side. The restaurant is smart, the bar is rustic meets modern. A great place for a relaxed drink or two. Gets pretty busy. Outdoor seating area to front.

66. The Exmouth Arms

Hot contender for the best beer garden in town for those summer evenings. Family-friendly, spacious indoors and out with plenty of seating for larger groups. Friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

67. Five Alls

Locals pub with regular live music, sports, darts, open mic nights and Karaoke. Feel-good and cheery. Recently refurbished with a small outdoor seating area to the rear.

68. Sup and Chow

Recently refurbished and renamed in 2016. Tardis-like proportions inside, with a traditional bar at the front and large, simple and open areas behind. Family friendly with a selection of games and toys!

69. Norwood Arms

Huge, family-friendly pub with an equally large beer garden. The start (or is it end?) of the famous Leckhampton/Bath Road run.

The Suffolks

70. The Beehive

A hidden Cheltenham classic. Friendly and hugely popular with locals as well as race goers. Good variety of beers and decent outdoor seating to rear. Styles itself as a 'country pub in town'. A must-visit.

71. The Retreat

Stylish yet unpretentious bar that's famous for its fun atmosphere and varied crowd – a firm Cheltenham favourite. Outdoor courtyard to the rear. Food at lunchtime only and closed Sundays.

72. The Daffodil

Cheltenham's old cinema retains the styling of its 1920's heyday. Foremost a restaurant, it boasts a separate champagne bar overlooking the diners below.

73. Bar 50

An intimate bar offering premium brand spirits, extensive range of cocktails, quality wines and bottled beers. Found in the upmarket Suffolks area, which feels a world away from the town centre.

74. Suffolk Arms

Proper British pub located on Suffolk Road with a warm atmosphere. Authentic Thai food as well as a British menu, the food wins rave reviews. Regular live music. Oh, and there's a ghost in the cellar...

Tivoli

75. The Jolly Brewmaster

Its crown as local CAMRA pub of year was taken in 2013. Still fantastic for real ales and ciders – this traditional pub boasts a superb beer garden perfect for the summer months.

76. The Tivoli

Smart, stylish and food-focused. The Tivoli features a pleasant courtyard for sunnier days.

77. The Royal Union

A 'proper', traditional pub hidden within the side streets of Tivoli. A firm CAMRA favourite and home of Tivoli Beer Co, The Royal Union offers 7 real ales and 6+ craft beers; ALL brewed in Gloucestershire.

Lansdown

78. Lansdown

Large indoors and out – great for a drink on sunnier days. Busy for big sporting events due to its plentiful supply of large screen TVs.

79. Malbar

Malmaison's hotel bar is open to the public and has a lively, high-class ambience where the cocktails and champagne flow.

80. Hotel Du Vin

Hotel Bar Think dark wood, leather chairs and classic styling for Hotel Du Vin's Bistro bar.

81. Monty's Cocktail Bar

Cocktail bar separate from its sister hotel The George above, attracts a posh crowd. Usually only open Fri-Sat with live music and light bites.

Gloucester Road

82. The Midland

The Midland is across the road from the train station, so is popular during raceweek. Large, traditional 'pub with rooms', complete with cosy Victorian snug and new 'Cosmopolitan' bar.

83. Taproom

Located onsite at the newly launched Deya Brewing Company, the Taproom sells its intense, hop-forward ales every Friday 4-9. Check their website for weekend openings and live music.

84. The Kings Arms

Traditional locals pub which has recently been subject to a smart makeover. Live sports, pool and darts. Courtyard to rear.

85. Adam & Eve

Mid-terraced local off the beaten track. Recently refurbished. Pool, skittles, darts and live sports.

Pittville & Fairview

86. The Feathered Fish

Relaxed, contemporary bar serving food, wine and real ales. Stylish interior with outdoor seating to the rear. Seriously good value Sunday lunch. Great location for the racecourse.

87. Sudeley Arms

Simple local's pub a few minutes walks from Whaddon Road, home of Cheltenham Town FC. Serves no-nonsense British food with a cracking Sunday lunch. Darts and quiz machines.

88. The Kemble Brewery Inn

Hidden, intimate locals pub. Small and old-school, this proper pub is really lovely and the locals are welcoming.



POCKET GUIDE TO Cheltenham's PUBS & BARS

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We love Cheltenham!

It's a town with a lot to offer, including a fantastic collection of pubs and bars – whatever your taste may be.

With an explosion of new drinking establishments opening in recent years it's been a challenge to keep up. To help you out, we at Maple Rock Design have put together this handy guide. The guide includes the newcomers, the old timers, the lively, the traditional and the family friendly. Pubs, wine bars, beer gardens and cocktail bars all within a 10-15 minute walk from the Town Centre*. Take your pick!

We've separated these into geographical areas which we hope will serve as a guide to your perfect night out, whatever part of Cheltenham you're visiting. Well, no one could do them ALL, could they?!

*Working within a 3km radius of Royal Well, we've tried to include all of what we see as Cheltenham's drinking establishments. We have, however, found this to be a bit of a grey area, with many lovely restaurants, cafes and hotels that could potentially fit within this bracket. We've therefore narrowed it down to places that we feel are used to opening their doors to those just after a drink. We've also not included social clubs and those with membership requirements.

Our guide is split across eleven different areas, each offering something different...

The Strand & Upper High St

The area of the High Street known locally as The Strand is home to an eclectic mix. Expect mainstream bars, havens for beer lovers, a dedicated wine bar and modern pubs serving excellent food. Whatever you're after you'll find it here – and if you like them all it's great for bar hopping!

Town Centre

As you can imagine, the town centre houses some popular mainstream bars and gets very busy whatever time of day. Venture further down increasingly popular Regent Street for some quirky highlights plus a number of clubs catering to various tastes. New venues seem to open frequently, and at the time of writing there are plans to convert the rear of the Regent's Arcade into restaurant and retail space, so make sure to keep your eyes open for new venues.

The Brewery Quarter & Lower High St

Following a huge facelift, the Brewery Quarter now merges into the Lower High St. With more restaurants and bars scheduled to open in the coming months, it's a no-brainer for pre-cinema/bowling eats and drinks. It's not all about the Brewery though – there's some great music venues to be found in the Lower High Street, while the Coconut Tree (once the St Paul's Tavern) is a must-visit.

St James

This area has seen somewhat of an explosion in the last couple of years. Starting with the opening of The Tavern, followed by The Stable, The Firestation and The Bottle of Sauce, its pubs sit well alongside The Wilson Art Gallery to make a trendy, young neighbourhood. Make no mistake though, it's also got some cracking traditional pubs that shouldn't go unnoticed.

The Promenade & Montpellier

Think grand Regency buildings, courtyard drinks and independent shops, Montpellier is the Cheltenham you'll see on the telly. Not only that, it boasts two beautiful parks playing host to various festivals throughout the year, plus an open-air bar in the summer (no.53).

Bath Road & Leckhampton

Bath Road leads into Leckhampton (effectively a separate town in its own right) and features a wide selection of pubs: winebars, locals and large family friendly venues. If you're heading up from the High Street, start at the Bath Tavern and experience the classic seven-pub crawl that is the Bath Road run.

The Suffolks

Tucked away off the beaten track, The Suffolks offers a selection of upmarket, independent shops and the bars here are some of Cheltenham's hidden gems, not to be missed. Also home to The Champignon Sauvage (two Michelin-starred restaurant).

Tivoli

With a similar upmarket 'village' feel to the Suffolks, Tivoli is mainly a residential area, though the few bars and pubs it has are well worth a visit, particularly for real ale fans.

Lansdown

Mainly residential area, featuring sports favourite Lansdown at one end and a selection of classy hotel bars at the other.

Gloucester Road

Gloucester Road takes you from the train station to the Lower High Street, featuring a number of watering holes on the way.

Pittville & Fairview

Heading north from the Town Centre you'll still find a few bars dotted around, if you know where to look. A great base for starting your day at the races. Pittville Park & Pump Rooms is a must-visit.

Cheltenham's PUBS & BARS

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- Beer Garden / Outdoor Seating:** This varies. Notable outdoor areas are generally mentioned in the text.
- Serves Food:** Soak up some of the beer with a variety of food, mostly excellent.
- Open Late / Club:** Usually open after 12am Fri-Sat. Clubs shown in bold.
- Live Sports:** Sky Sports or BT Sports. Other venues may show terrestrial sports.

- Place of Interest
- Parking
- Cash Machine
- Taxi Rank/Office
- Convenience Store
- Bookmakers