

AZ walk twelve

The Knowledge Quarter

The history and architecture of health and education.

Nineteenth-century Liverpool was at the forefront of medical innovation. It had the first Medical Officer of Health appointed in a British city, the world's first tropical medicine school dedicated to research and teaching, a prominent bone setter and a pioneering radiologist. With so many specialist hospitals, Liverpool had the consultant physicians of a capital city, and still has.

The Universities, too, have their proud beginnings, in fine establishments that have expanded to envelop many buildings around the city which otherwise might have fallen derelict or been reimagined by property developers. Today, the city's higher education sector is booming, with around 60,000 students on campus at three universities (University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores and Liverpool Hope) alone.

This circular walk provides a glimpse into Liverpool's medical and educational history while exploring the area to the east of the city centre. The route takes in old hospitals, new hospitals, halls of residence, colleges and head offices. We'll see old institutes and red brick towers, and a delightful university square in which to read for hours.

To gain the most from this walk, it is best done during office hours (Monday to Friday), when certain University buildings and entrances are accessible to the public.

start / finish	Junction of Berry Street and Seel Street
nearest postcode	L1 4BL
distance	4 miles / 6.5 km
time	2 hours 30 minutes
terrain	Paved roads and walkways (some uneven). Steps (optional).

