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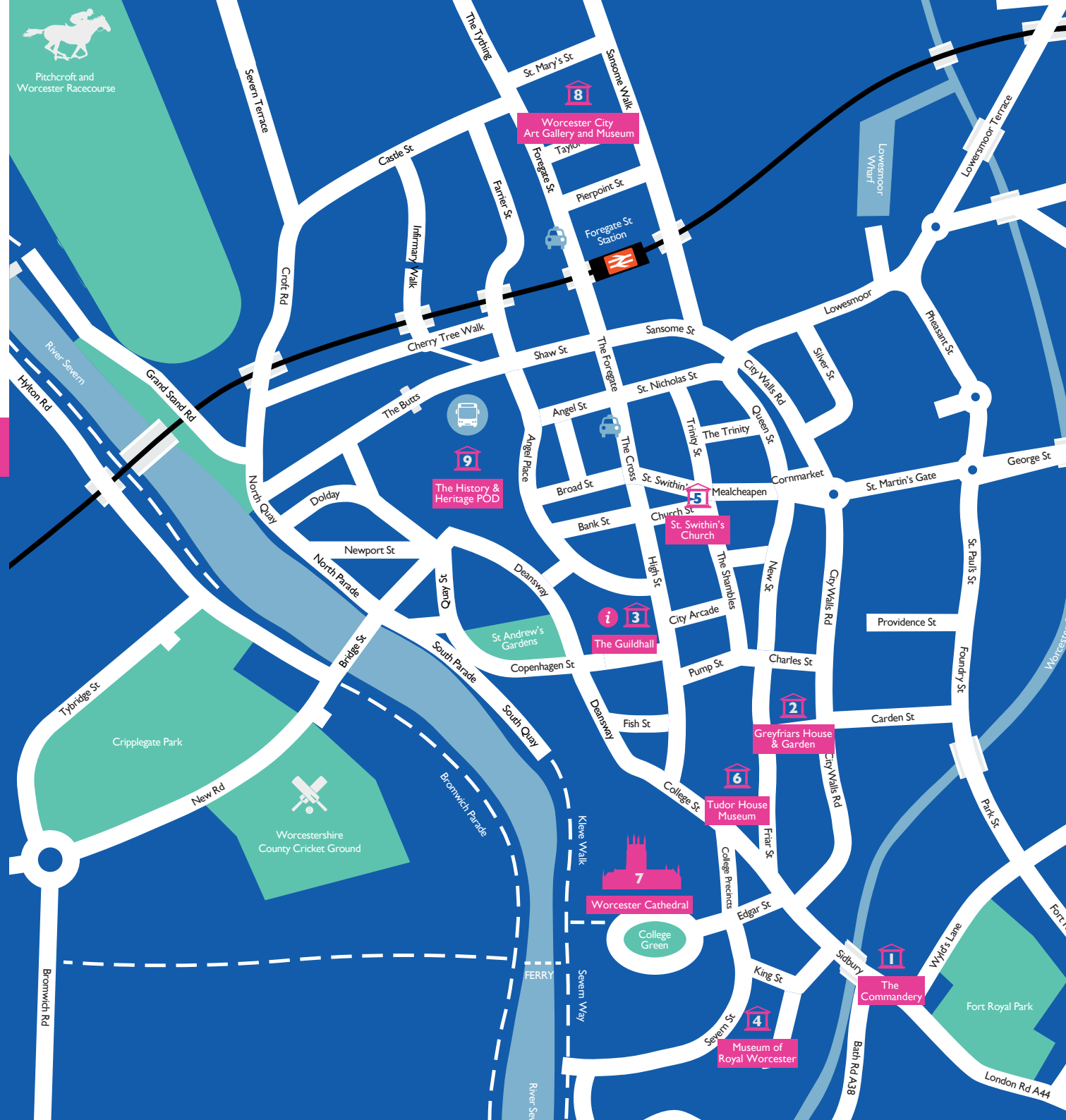
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Established in 1994, Heritage Open Days form part of England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,500 organisations, 5,000 events and 40,000 volunteers. Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and culture. Venues in Worcester are taking part, providing a great opportunity for you to discover hidden places and try out new experiences for free!



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1 The Commandery

Sidbury, WRI 2HU

Enjoy the museum and beautiful walled gardens for free, including the Civil War Story which tells of Worcester's vital role in the English Civil War. Explore the magnificent medieval Painted Chamber and the stunning Great Hall too.

FREE entry for Heritage Open Day on Sunday
15 September, 10am-3pm (last entry 2pm)

www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk/the-commandery



2 Greyfriars House and Garden

14 Friar Street, WRI 2LZ

Join one of our guides and step inside an area rarely seen by visitors – the north wing. A short guided tour will share a little more of the history of Greyfriars and the people who once called it home. Tours will last approximately 25 minutes and numbers are limited – advanced booking is recommended.

Friday 6 September, 10.15am and 1.45pm;
Saturday 7 September, Friday 13 September
and Saturday 14 September, 10:15am.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greyfriars



3 The Guildhall

High Street, WRI 2EY

Worcester Guildhall will be open for guided tours of the building and the holding cells. The Mayor will also be in attendance in the Parlour. Pop along to learn more about a heritage building in the heart of Worcester.

Saturday 7 September, 10am-3pm

www.worcesterguildhall.co.uk



4 Museum of Royal Worcester

Severn Street, WRI 2ND

Flower modelling or ceramic painting demonstration by former Royal Worcester workers in the Museum Shop.

Saturday 14 September,
10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm

www.museumofroyalworcester.org



5 St Swithun's Church

Church Street, off High Street, WRI 2RH

St Swithun's in Worcester has recently been renovated, thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The building is full of graffiti, memorials, and plaques, connecting us to the people from St Swithun's past. Come and make your own mark on the building by carving your own linocut stamp, which you can add to our Make Your Mark banner, before taking your stamp home with you. You can also join us for special Hidden Parts Tours, highlighting all sorts of hidden marks, features, and secrets around the building.

Open on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 September,
10am – 4pm, with Hidden Parts Tours at 10:30am
and 2pm. Email shollingdale@thecct.org.uk to
guarantee a place on your preferred tour.

www.worcesterstswithuns.org



6 Tudor House

Friar Street, WRI 2NA

Tudor House is featuring the Tudor Textiles - Bedfellows project. Come and see the Tudor-style embroidered curtains and counterpane in the bedchamber created by the Bedfellows group and completed in March this year, and meet the embroiderers!

Open for Heritage Open Days Saturday 14
September, 10am-4pm (last entry 3:30pm) and
Sunday, 11am-3pm (last entry 3:30pm).

www.tudorhouse.org.uk



7 Worcester Cathedral

College Yard, WR1 2LA

Open for Heritage Open Day on Saturday
14 September, 10am-5pm.

Tour of Worcester Cathedral

Saturday 14 September, 11am

Historic graffiti family workshop

An introduction to historic graffiti in Worcester Cathedral, exploring the marks left by those who built it and those who worshipped and visited there from the Middle Ages to the present day. Create your very own Mason's Mark to take home.

Saturday 14 September, 11am & 2pm - 45 minutes

Historic graffiti tour

A guided tour of the historic graffiti of Worcester Cathedral, exploring the marks left by those who built it and those who worshipped and visited here from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Saturday 14 September, 12pm & 3pm - 60-minute tour

Gardens tour

Enjoy the beauty of the Cathedral from a different angle: outside! From the medieval ruins of the old Guesten to the Victorian remodelling of the porch and nave, you'll see the Cathedral in a new light.

Saturday 14 September, 1pm - 60-minute tour (weather permitting)

Monumental women

Worcester Cathedral is filled with the times and lives of monumental women, from artists, writers, and musicians to maternal rights activists, powerful medieval queens, and influential figures in the history of Christianity. This tour offers a refreshing new perspective on the social, artistic, cultural and political history of the Cathedral, covering 1,400 years of history.

Saturday 14 September, 2pm - 60 minutes

www.worcestercathedral.org.uk



8 Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum

Foregate Street, WR1 1DT

New exhibition: Connections – The Worcester City Collection, in conversation with the community. Contribute to a collage inspired by the art in the exhibition! 10-minute Spotlight Talks will take place at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. There will be live music, part of Worcester Music Festival, to enjoy in the galleries.

Saturday 14 September, 10am-4pm.

www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk/
worcester-city-art-gallery-museum



9 'Worcester News' newspaper archives - Berrows Journals-photographs & negatives

The History & Heritage POD, Crowngate Shopping Centre, 54 Friary Walk, WR1 3LE

The Worcester News archives consists of 100 boxes of cuttings & photographs, 250 bound volumes of the Berrows Journals dated from 1805 to the 1990s, 1,500 glass plate negatives from 1947 to the mid-1960s, over a million black & white and colour negatives 1968 to 1993, and 500 discs of approximately 500 images per disc. Come along to find out more!

Friday 13 September: Conducted tours at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm – free admission, no need to book, just go to the POD.

A talk on the Butts Spur railway line 1860 to 1965

The story of the old railway line from Foregate Street to Pitchcroft (pictured above) and back towards Diglis, copiously illustrated with images of Worcester as it used to be, with humorous anecdotes.

Saturday 14 September, 11am -1pm (doors open at 10:30am).

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