

## SHOPPING TRAILS – DESIGNER WEAR

Say the word 'York' and the words 'Museums, Minster and Vikings' spring to mind.

The fact that the City's ancient streets are teeming with fabulous designer shops is often overlooked.

From the Tourist Information Centre turn left, cross over the traffic lights into the pedestrian area to **Van Mildert** at **19-21 Blake Street** - a great starting point for ladies' and men's designer clothes. Gucci, Fendi, Jimmy Choo, Burberry, Prada, Dolce & Gabbana to name just a few...

At the end of Blake Street by Betty's Tearooms turn left into bustling **Stonegate**.

Almost immediately on the right is **Valpiani** with three floors of Italian ladies and menswear including shoes and accessories. A little further on towards the Minster is **Droopy & Browns**, one of York's best known 'frock shops'. Established in 1972, Droopy's occupies a beautiful, historic building and is a great destination for day, evening and occasion wear, bridal outfits and millinery.

Turning right at the top of Stonegate into **Low Petergate**, you'll find a great choice and eclectic mix of high quality fashion shops. There is **Bleu Marine**, well known in the city for over 20 years and stockists of Laurel, Basler, Joyce Ridings, Zapa and Saint James. Just opposite is **Giselle** who stock La Perla, Marccain, Paul Costelloe, Claudia Strater and Save The Queen. To team up with gorgeous shoes and bags, don't miss **Moda in Pelle**.

**Grape Lane** - first right off Petergate-is now a stylish shopping quarter of York.

**Temptations** sells, as its name implies, dreamy designer lingerie and just a few doors away **Chinelli** has fabulous Italian designer shoes and accessories.

**YoYo** on the corner of **Swinegate**, at the end of Grape Lane, is a spacious, light and airy shop, where you can choose from Marella, I.Blues, Oui, Jackpot, Animale

and Part Two. **Mulberry**, the designer outlet factory shop retails ladies, menswear and quality luggage at greatly reduced prices. For the fashion conscious man, **Ten Thousand Men** stocks Barbour, Crockatt & Jones and Olymp shirts.

Retracing your steps to **Low Petergate**, and turning right you will find **Paul Smith**, now one of the UK's top designers and the renowned **Sarah Coggles** where you can buy Nicole Farhi, Diesel, Paul Smith, Nolita and Duffer. The street soon ends at the trees in Kings Square - always a good place to rest your legs and enjoy the lively street entertainers and buskers.

From Kings Square take a twist and a turn right and left into the **Shambles** and take a minute to look into **Cox of York**, specialists in leather goods, accessories, sheepskins, fine handbags and shoe repairs. Cut through the snickelway (alley) at the side of the shop into **Newgate Market**. This is Yorkshire's only seven-day open market, and has many bargains, especially in fruit & veg, pottery, plants, leather goods and clothing.

Meander through the stalls onto **Parliament Street** and right into St Sampson's Square to the family run department store **Browns of York**. Here the extensive fashion department stocks Windsmoor, Alexon, Jacques Vert, Planet, Aquascutum, Gabicci, Benetton and many more.

**Marks & Spencer** have two stores in York –both to the left out of the market- Parliament Street for food and fashions and **Coppergate** for children's wear and homeware. Coppergate is also where you'll find JORVIK – the Viking City, a great place to leave partners and children while you pop next door to **Fenwicks**. This popular department store has a wide range of designer wear for men and women, plus home furnishings, perfumery, jewellery, luggage and accessories.

Five minutes walk away across the river by Ouse Bridge in the Georgian street of ***Micklegate, Amanda's of York*** – stocks over 48 brands, many exclusive to Amanda's and also including labels such as D & G, Ted Baker, Miss Sixty, Diesel and Guess Jeans.

If you are hungry for more, visit the **McArthurGlen Designer Outlet**, easily reached by the **Park and Ride** bus from three pick-up points in the city centre (see map). Here you will find over 115 top brand stores including Armani, Ted Baker, DKNY, ELLE, Olsen, Hilfiger and Burberry all with discounts of up to 50%!