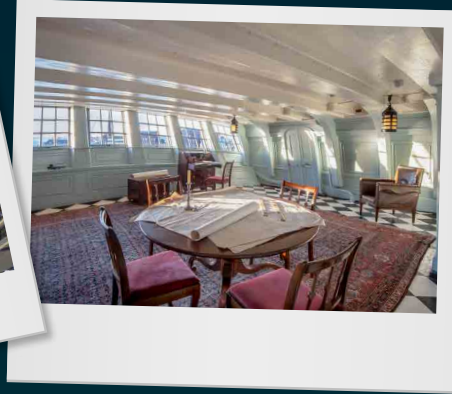


TAKE ON A TRAFALGAR TRAIL: HMS VICTORY



ARE YOU OVER 60 AND KEEN ON WALKING AND EXPLORING? TAKE ON A NEW ADVENTURE AND GET YOUR STEP COUNT UP AT PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD.

We got together a team of active adults aged 60+ and Olympian Roger Black to help us develop a series of new walking routes around Portsmouth Historic Dockyard's fantastic museums, and now you can try them out.

So grab your Ultimate Explorer ticket and discover new parts of our ships and museums whilst staying fit and healthy!

Trafalgar Trail - Explore HMS Victory, from Nelson's Day Cabin to the spot where he fell in battle, then finish off your walk in our museum. Discover more about Trafalgar and the exciting role that HMS Victory played.

TOTAL STEPS: 3435 WHICH IS JUST OVER A MILE. TAKE YOUR TIME AS YOU STROLL ON THE DECKS AND IMAGINE HOW LIFE AT SEA WOULD HAVE BEEN WITH VICE ADMIRAL NELSON AT THE HELM.

Direction	Total steps 1940	No. of steps
Walk from the gates at entrance, go to the Visitor Centre and walk down through the Dockyard.		734 steps
Starting at the tented entrance to HMS Victory, walk up the gangway to the entrance, minding your head as you go into the middle gun deck.		36 steps
Go to your right and head up the two ladders (they are just steep stairs, but they're called ladders on ships!) to the Quarterdeck, and to your left you should see the plaque marking where Nelson fell at the Battle of Trafalgar.		45 steps
From here, make your way to Hardy's Day cabin, and have a look around. Make sure you have a look at Hardy's bed.		44 steps
From Hardy's bed, walk along the quarterdeck to the Fo'c'sle, then head down the ladder to the sickbay on the Upper Gun Deck. Here you can see hammocks used by sick sailors, which would have kept them steady in rough seas.		73 steps 27 steps
Another 13 steps will take you to the punishment deck, where a lovely selection of cat o' nine tails and starters hangs. Passing these delightful items, make your way along the deck to the Great Cabin.		82 steps
The Great Cabin, used by Lord Nelson during his command of HMS Victory, contains real and replica furniture, and has been restored to resemble how it looked at the Battle of Trafalgar. Wander through the cabin until you get to Nelson's bed, which is actually a fold-out seat!		56 steps



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From Nelson's bed, head out and take the ladder down to the Middle Gun Deck, and walk along to the Galley. This is where the ship's cook prepared meals for the 821 crew at the Battle of Trafalgar – hardly seems big enough!	50 steps
From here, head towards the bow, take the ladder down to the lower gun deck and walk along until you see a large painted panel. This depicts the Royal Coat of Arms of George III, as well as information on HMS Victory's construction, size and armaments.	37 steps
From here, have a stroll down towards the stern, then cross the ship and head up the other side towards the bow, passing the guns on the Lower Gun Deck. Most of these are replicas, but some are real – can you spot the real ones?	76 steps
From the bow, walk back along the deck towards the ladder leading down to the Orlop Deck. This is the lowest part of the ship, with very low beams. Nothing to do with the height of the crew – when you have 30+ 32 pounder guns above your head, each weighing about 2,000 kg (1.9 imperial tons), you want all the strength you can get! Passing through the surgery, you will approach the next stop on our walk.	83 steps
At this spot you can see a wreath carving on one of the knees. It was on this spot where Lord Nelson, having recently learned that the fleet had been successful and that the battle was over, breathed his last. This is a great spot to take a seat for a few moments.	Take a seat
From here, move along the orlop deck towards the bow, passing a large bay filled with massive ropes and cables, until you reach the stores. Pass through the bosun's stores to the gunners stores, where all sorts of ordnance-related paraphernalia are stored, and from there to the Carpenter's stores. The carpenter, William Bunce, was reportedly over 2 metres tall (6' 7"), so imagine how he felt trying to move around down here!	64 steps
From here, head towards the stern, and go down the stairs to the Hold. The Hold was the main storage area, looking around you can see how much space was needed to keep the crew fed on long voyages!	122 steps
Passing through the giftshop, you can pop into the Grand Magazine, a copper-lined area of the ship where the ship's gunpowder was stored. The Dry Dock.	10 steps
Leaving the Grand Magazine, head out of the door, and turn right , following the metal walkway round and go down the stairs that run alongside the bow stem of HMS Victory's hull.	64 steps
This brings you down into the dock bottom, alongside the keel of HMS Victory. Walking from the bow to the rudder and back is 141 steps, but feel free to meander and enjoy the view.	141 steps
Head back up the stairs , back the way you came then then go through the stone archway to your right, up the stairs to ground level. 40 steps from the top of the stairs will take you to the tent, and then you can set off on the next part of your HMS Victory experience.	88 steps



TRAFALGAR TRAIL: VICTORY LIVE: THE BIG REPAIR

Direction	No. of steps
Go round the stern of HMS Victory, across the walkway that separates No.1 Basin from the drydock, and head to the entrance of Victory Live. Once you've shown your ticket, have a look round the information boards, then head over to the rack of hard hats. You do not need to wear one, but you can if you like!	211 steps
33 steps will take you round the corner to the large glass wall, then along to 'Nelson's Approach', where you get the same view of HMS Victory that Lord Nelson saw when he boarded his flagship for the last time 14th September 1805.	33 steps
Head towards the stern, then go up the stairs to the middle level, and head towards Nelson's entrance, the door used to this day (well, until the conservation work began) by visiting dignitaries.	56 steps
From here, it's 38 steps along the level, stopping off at the discovery station to find out more, past the bare timbers of HMS Victory to the stairs, which take you up to the top level, where you can see onto the Quarterdeck where you were earlier. Walk along until you reach the next stairwell, enjoying the view.	69 steps
Take the stairs down to the bottom level, turn right twice and you're outside.	73 steps

TRAFALGAR TRAIL: THE VICTORY GALLERY

Direction	No. of steps
56 steps separate you from the Victory Gallery, so head across the arena, and head inside and show your ticket at the desk.	56 steps
Turn to the left and go 15 steps along the corridor towards the immersive experience "HMS Victory: The Nation's Flagship". When the door opens, head inside, and wait for the experience to begin.	15 steps
When the door opens, go through and watch the film (enjoying a well-deserved sit-down), then head through to the Trafalgar Panorama by WL Wyllie.	38 steps
From here, go out into the main gallery, where you can discover the story of HMS Victory, from her construction in 1765, through her life in active service, to her entering the dry dock in 1924, and the conservation work that has taken place since. You can also see a replica of her original figure head, as well as a section of the main mast from the Battle of Trafalgar.	146 steps
Go up the stairs on the right of the gallery, and head towards the State Barge of Charles II, which was used as the funeral barge for Admiral Nelson in 1806.	30 steps
Have a look around the Figurehead gallery, taking in the various styles of figurehead used by the Royal Navy of the years. This should take 105 steps , more if you decide to go out onto the viewing platform where you can see some of the modern naval ships currently in HMNB Portsmouth.	105 steps
Head back down the stairs , out the door, and you're done!	37 steps
Walk back through the dockyard to gates at entrance. You don't have to go through! Use your Ultimate Explorer tickets to visit our other museums and ships at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.	734 steps

Useful information to help you on your walk

- **Access and navigation:** Steep steps and low ceilings throughout. Visitors should be cautious of trip hazards and low headroom.
- **Historical markers:** Notable points include the spot where Nelson fell and died, and the difference between original and replica cannons.
- **Guided tours:** Audio guides and knowledgeable guides enhance the experience. Visitors are encouraged to ask for additional information.
- **Photo opportunities:** Abundant, but flash photography is not allowed.