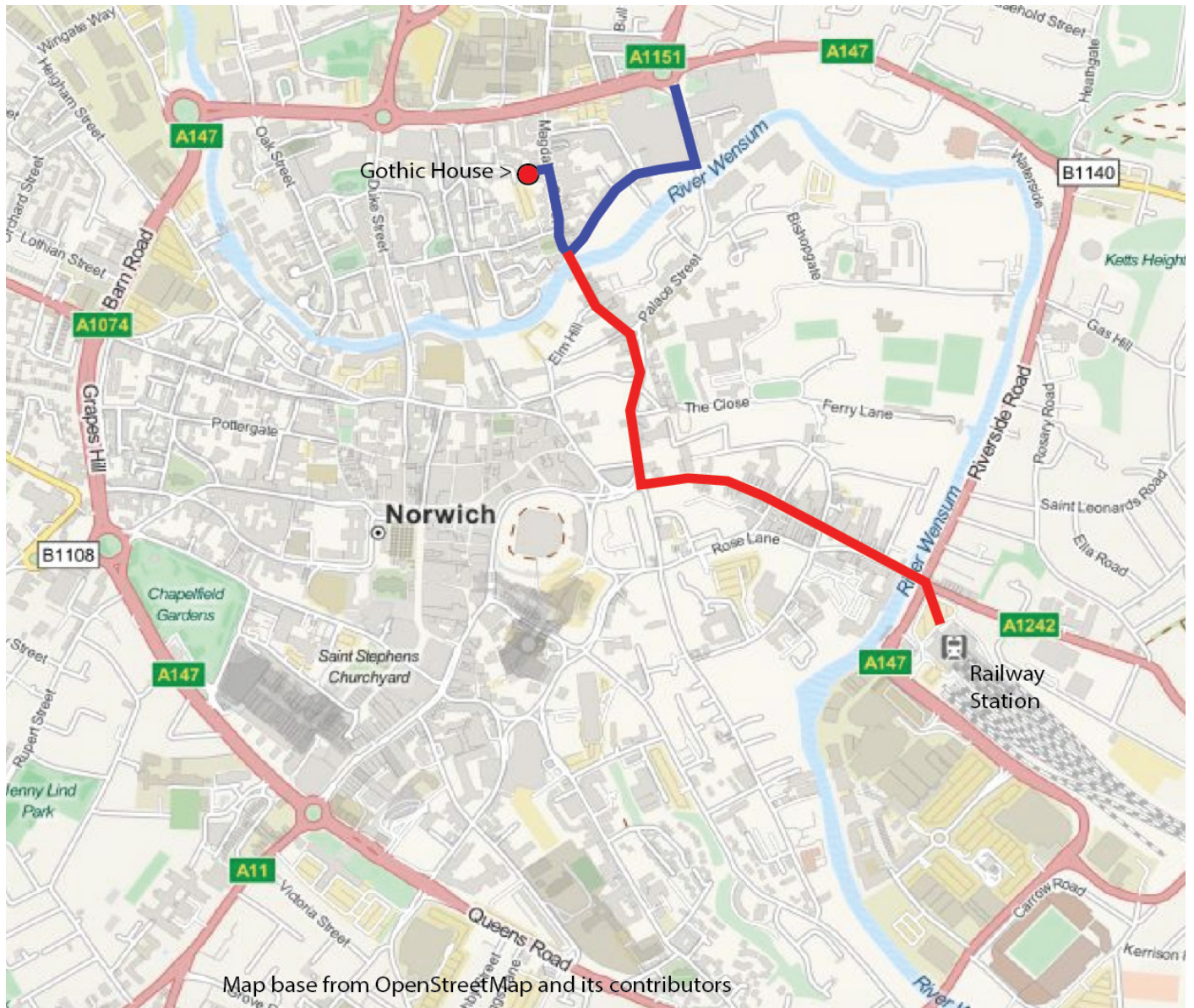


Getting to Gothic House



By car (blue route from the ring road)

Norwich is encircled by an inner ring road (numbered A147). Imagine it as a clock face and the roundabout you need to aim for is on the north side that is the junction with the A1151, so imagine getting yourself to twelve o'clock. (That is point 7 in the directions below). The majority come from the London / Cambridge direction so the first parts of the directions below get you from the A11. (beware: some satellite navigation systems may attempt to direct you through the city centre - do not go there!)

1. Approaching Norwich on the A11, the Newmarket Road, you will have crossed the A47 and passed through the suburb of Eaton. You will come to a roundabout at the city's outer ring road, the A140, continue straight ahead - you are approaching from the south west.

* For drivers approaching the city from other directions please see the bullet pointed notes after paragraph number 10.

2. Approximately half a mile ahead the road changes identity and becomes St Stephen's Road and on your left is what remains of the former Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (which is now a residential development). At the roundabout ahead of you is the city's inner ring road (A147) and you are at eight o'clock on the clock face - you need to turn left onto this. At this point it is known as Chapel Field Road.

3. You will pass the remains of the old city walls and the new Chapel Field Shopping centre on your right.
4. Continue ahead at the next roundabout, you are remaining on the inner ring road. The road is now known as Grapes Hill and the Roman Catholic cathedral is on the left.
5. Continue ahead, the road suddenly becomes Barn Road.

You have to go almost around the next roundabout (virtually a right turn) – the road is now St Crispin's Road.

6. Continue ahead at the next roundabout and here the road rises to become a flyover . You will now be descending to ground level for your final roundabout (at twelve o'clock - the junction with the A1151).
7. At this roundabout you will need to turn off to the right (and pick up the final approach (coloured blue on the map above) . You will see a former church, which is now the Puppet Theatre in the SE segment of the junction and take the turning into a road called Whitefriars. Local directional signs also say 'Cathedral', 'Law Courts' and 'Magdalen Street Parking 'P''. You will see the spire of the Cathedral ahead of you.
8. Go down Whitefriars a short distance and as it rises to a river bridge take the centre, right turn, lane you will see a turning on your right. (The rise of the bridge reduces the view of any oncoming traffic – so take care.)
9. Turn right and you will now be in Fishergate. Continue along this road until you come to the T-junction with the public house called "The Mischief" immediately ahead of you. Turn right. This is Fye Bridge Street but it almost immediately becomes Magdalen Street.

10. . Go only a short distance; you will see traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing ahead of you. By that crossing you will see on your left a shop named 'Anglian Furnishing Fabrics' and immediately next to it the King's Head Public House – this is a white building with three red-edged gables (see picture, below)

Under the first of these gables is an archway that leads into King's Head Yard. (Do take care - this is a very tight turn and sometimes pub patrons leave bikes in the entrance). You have arrived!

•Approaching Norwich from the north west on the Fakenham Road (the A1067) this becomes the Drayton High Road and the Drayton Road once you cross the outer ring road. Continue ahead on this road when you reach the Mile Cross roundabout. Approximately half a mile further on you will come to a junction where the Aylsham Road comes in from the left. You will be bearing right joining the Aylsham Road but this will, almost immediately become St Augustine's Street and then Pitt Street. Ahead of you is the St Crispin's Road roundabout on the inner ring road at about eleven o'clock on the clock face. Turn left out of Pitt Street onto the inner ring road and now read onwards from point number 6 above

•Approaching the city from the south and south east and east you will encounter the wide swing of the A47 that skirts the city on the south and west sides. at Trowse head for the city centre and the railway station is well signposted and it is on the inner ring road. This is about four o'clock on the clock face and by the river. Work your way round the ring road anticlockwise until you get to the Puppet Theatre mentioned in 7 above and continue from there.

Walking / Cycling from the railway station (red route on the map)

On foot. (the red route on the map, above) Cross the forecourt in front of the station and cross the road that runs alongside the river. Cross the bridge, you will now be in Prince of Wales Road. Walk up this road, by the Budgens supermarket there is a crossing (as you need to be on the right hand side of the road. Continue reading these instructions at *

Cyclists: at this point you will need to take the left hand fork in the road following the one-way traffic system. This is Rose Lane. As you near the top of the hill and just after the traffic lights at the King Street junction you will need to be in the right-hand filter of traffic into Market Avenue. At the next lights you will turn right again into Agricultural Hall Plain. Ahead of you and on your left is a large red brick building with the name Royal Hotel. Turn left past this into Upper King Street and pick up these instructions at **

* (Look for Mercy's nightclub, you will need to walk past this otherwise you could find yourself walking up Rose Lane instead.)

Walk up Prince of Wales Road almost to the top; you will see on the left but a little ahead of you the Anglia Television building. You need to turn right opposite this building into Upper King Street ** (I don't think that there is a sign that identifies the street as such (?). However, the street is lined with estate agents, so you'll know if you're in the right one.

Keep walking ahead and you will be in an area known as Tombland. There are lots of restaurants here and to your right is the cathedral. Ahead is The Maid's Head Hotel.

You now need to be on the left hand side of the road so that you pass the hotel on your right. You will be in Wensum Street.

Cross the river – yes, again!

Briefly, you will be in Fye Bridge Street and continuing to walk ahead this will become Magdalen Street and you join the car route shown in blue.

A short distance ahead you will see traffic lights at a pedestrian crossing and just by that crossing, on the left is a shop, Anglian Furnishing Fabrics. Next to it is a pub, a white building with three red-edged gables.

Under the first of those gables is an arch, turn into this and there, Gothic House will be ahead of you.

On a pillar to your right is a buzzer marked Gothic House ... Welcome!