

TRAIL MAP: THREE

FROM:

**CHANCERY LANE
STATION**

TO:

**The Postal Museum
Mail Rail**



Discover some of hidden London using this trail map.
Enjoy your journey!



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1 STAPLE INN:
This wonky Tudor building dates from 1585 where it was home to wool taxation and trainee barristers. It survived the Great Fire of London in 1666 but was damaged by a Nazi German Luftwaffe aerial bomb in 1944. Thankfully it was restored.



3 TWO MONARCH POSTBOX:
There are 115,300 post boxes of all shapes and sizes across the UK. This is the only one with the symbol of two monarchs. It was put up in 1901 under King Edward VII and later had a door replaced adding the Victoria Regina cipher of Queen Victoria. Can you figure out which one is which?



2 HOLBORN DRAGON:
The Holborn Dragons aren't just a pair of interesting statues. They are one of a few dragons that mark the boundary of the City of London - largely the same since medieval times. Each dragon holds the London coat of arms in its claws featuring the cross of St George and the sword emblem of the city's patron St. Paul. You can tell which side of the border you're on depending on which way the dragon is facing. If it's facing you, you're outside of the city border.



4 GRAY'S INN:
Gray's Inn is one of four Inns of Court which have supported barristers for several centuries. They reached heights of fame during the reign of Elizabeth I when Gray's Inn became known for its extravagant parties. William Shakespeare was even said to have first performed the Comedy of Errors play there. This Inn is home to gardens well worth a detour. The garden layout dates back to the 17th century and is open 12.00 to 14.30 most weekdays.



5 GHOST SIGN:
Before you head down Elm Street to the Museum keep an eye on the right-hand side of the Grays Inn Road. You'll spot a fading painted sign. Can you make out what the different signs say?

