



Roundhouse Birmingham

Roundhouse Birmingham is a heritage enterprise and independent charity. It was created by the Canal & River Trust and National Trust to find a new purpose for one of Birmingham's hidden gems, the Roundhouse. Roundhouse Birmingham believe in the social benefit of connecting people with the stories and special places that Birmingham has to offer #SeeTheCityDifferently.

Canal & River Trust







Canal & River Trust is a charity looking after 2,000 miles of waterways in England and Wales. They believe that life is better by water. Their research shows that spending time by your local canal whether it is during your lunch break, daily commute or just a weekend stroll, can make you feel happier and healthier.

The Canal & River Trust are one of Roundhouse Birmingham's founder organisations and a #CommunityRoutes project supporter.

Create your own sensory route?

Use the map on the left and make your own sensory routes to explore! Why not use the sensory key on the right to mark your perceptions?

Bring a pen, recorder and camera with you to make notes of your sensations along around the area and share it with the 'Sensing The Roundhouse (and Beyond)' map/route creator on twitter #jilingxiao.

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-  Smell
-  Sound
-  Touch
-  Vision
-  Taste

Sensing the Roundhouse and Beyond

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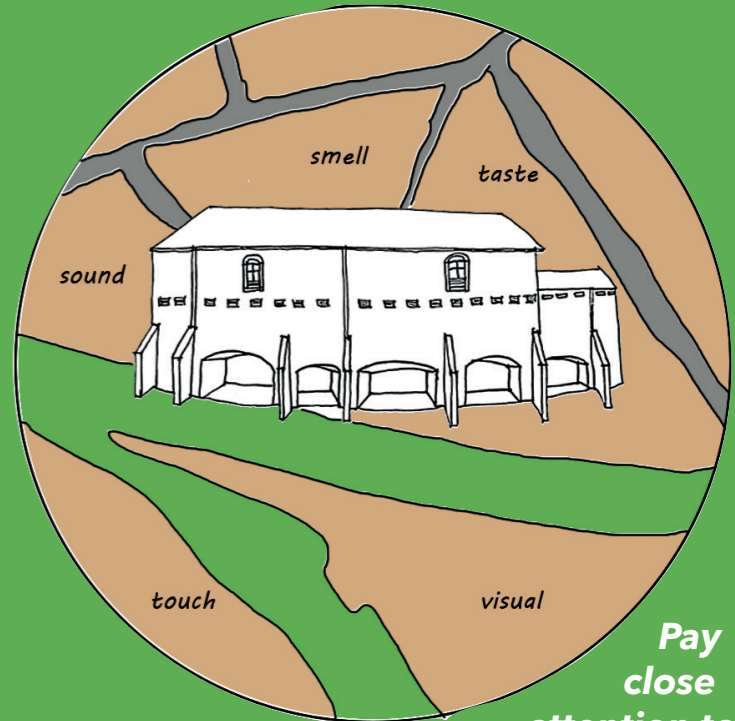
TIME

Mark the date and time you've created your sensory route on the left

ROUNDHOUSE
BIRMINGHAM

Community Route No.4

Sensing the Roundhouse (and Beyond)



Pay close attention to your senses on this canal side route...

#SeeTheCityDifferently
#LifesBetterByWater
#SensingTheCity



Sensing the Roundhouse (and Beyond)

This map was created as part of Roundhouse Birmingham's #CommunityRoutes project, for local residents and visitors to experience the city in a different way.

Linking to the history of Roundhouse and Birmingham Old Canal Line, the route is curated to discover traces of the city's past, whilst experiencing the diverse cultures, and feeling the vibrancy it offers. We hope it will open up a dialogue between you and the city through the sensorial experiences.

As part of the project, we have also created an audio tour, narrated by Roundhouse Birmingham volunteers, which you can find on the GeoTourist app by scanning the QR code below. The audio tour is designed to immerse you in the environment to fully engage with all the senses. Why not take a listen on your way around?



Scan me to get the GeoTourist app for the audio sensory tour!

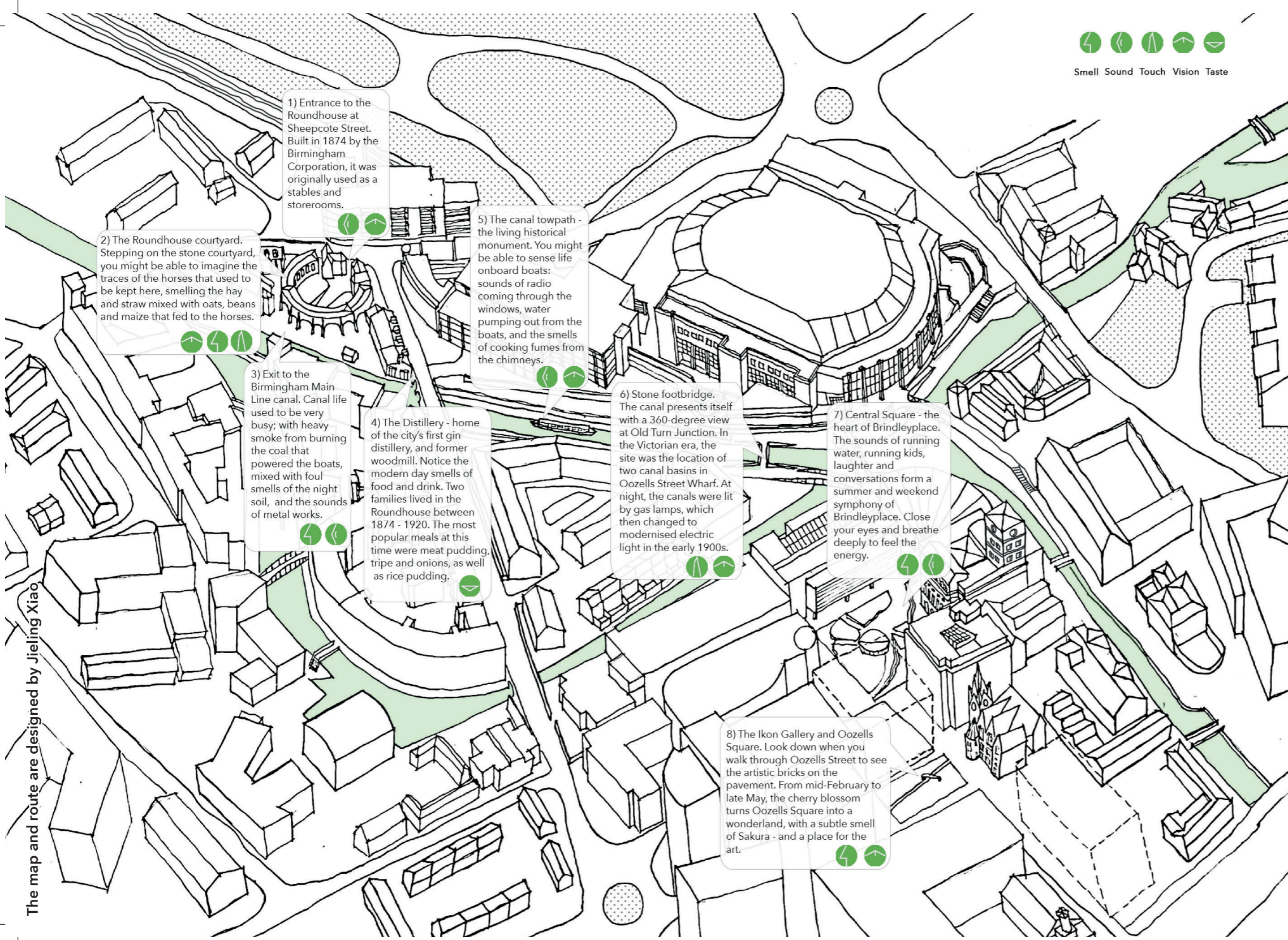
Enjoy the trail?

Tell us what you think on social media
 @bhamroundhouse
 #SeeTheCityDifferently#SensingTheCity



Pay as you feel

This trail is offered on a pay-as-you-feel basis. If you enjoyed it and would like to make a donation to Roundhouse Birmingham, you can do that by scanning the QR here:



1) Entrance to the Roundhouse at Sheepcote Street. Built in 1874 by the Birmingham Corporation, it was originally used as a stables and storerooms.

2) The Roundhouse courtyard. Stepping on the stone courtyard, you might be able to imagine the traces of the horses that used to be kept here, smelling the hay and straw mixed with oats, beans and maize that fed to the horses.

3) Exit to the Birmingham Main Line canal. Canal life used to be very busy; with heavy smoke from burning the coal that powered the boats, mixed with foul smells of the night soil, and the sounds of metal works.

4) The Distillery - home of the city's first gin distillery, and former woodmill. Notice the modern day smells of food and drink. Two families lived in the Roundhouse between 1874 - 1920. The most popular meals at this time were meat pudding, tripe and onions, as well as rice pudding.

5) The canal towpath - the living historical monument. You might be able to sense life onboard boats: sounds of radio coming through the windows, water pumping out from the boats, and the smells of cooking fumes from the chimneys.

6) Stone footbridge. The canal presents itself with a 360-degree view at Old Turn Junction. In the Victorian era, the site was the location of two canal basins in Oozells Street Wharf. At night, the canals were lit by gas lamps, which then changed to modernised electric light in the early 1900s.

7) Central Square - the heart of Brindleyplace. The sounds of running water, running kids, laughter and conversations form a summer and weekend symphony of Brindleyplace. Close your eyes and breathe deeply to feel the energy.

8) The Ikon Gallery and Oozells Square. Look down when you walk through Oozells Street to see the artistic bricks on the pavement. From mid-February to late May, the cherry blossom turns Oozells Square into a wonderland, with a subtle smell of Sakura - and a place for the art.

The map and route are designed by Jieling Xiao