

Give It A Go - Self-Walking Guide Music Venues of Sheffield

Welcome to the Give It A Go - Self-walking guide visiting the music venues of Sheffield! This is your chance to get familiar with the area and to learn some interesting facts about Sheffield and it's music! This guide will take you approximately 1.5 hours and you'll see the following:

- The Leadmill
- Plug
- O2 Academy
- The Crucible
- The Harley
- Bungalows and Bears

Start walk at the station:

The Leadmill - S1 4SE



Begin your journey at Sheffield Train Station and head left! You will find The Leadmill situated in a former flour mill to the south east of Sheffield city centre. The Leadmill has been a music venue since opening (originally as a community centre) in 1980. As well as comedy, film and club nights, it hosts a diverse range of live music – with the likes of Peace, Miles Kane, Wilko Johnson, Brian Jonestown Massacre and GoGo Penguin featuring during any given month.

O2 Academy - S1 2PN



Now head back towards the station and up towards Sheffield Hallam Owen Building. Once you have reached Owen, turn right towards Adsetts Library. Keep going until you see the O2 Academy. It is almost impossible to miss!

The O2 Academy is located in Sheffield City Centre on Arundel Gate and is a landmark building. It opened on Friday 11th April 2008, with a sell-out gig from local heroes Reverend and The Makers and an after-party courtesy of Jarvis Cocker. The £3.5m development includes a large auditorium with a capacity of 2,350 and a secondary smaller room, emulating the success of its multi-room format at other AMG venues across the country, to hold 500.

The Crucible - S1 1DA



You are now just a few steps away from The Crucible Theatre. Head north on Arundel Gate and take a left onto Norfolk Street. You will find the theatre on your left hand side. Since its opening in 1971, the Crucible Theatre has played host to a number of directors, dancers, actors and creatives. Offering a huge variety of home-grown and touring productions alongside participatory events and activities.

Voted Regional Theatre of the Year by The Stage in 2017, Sheffield Crucible has its own studio theatre and stands next door to the Lyceum Theatre. The three are known as Sheffield Theatres and stand to form the largest theatre complex in the country, outside of London. As well as presenting the best touring productions, the theatre also works with artists and creatives, locally and nationally, to nurture and support new talent.

Plug - S1 4QD



From here, head down towards Plug located on Matilda Street. It will take you under 10 minutes to reach the venue, walking through Tudor Square, continuing straight down Norfolk Street and finally on Matilda Street. You will find Plug on your right.

Since opening in 2005, Plug has established itself as one of the top live music and club venues in Sheffield located on Matilda Street. The venue has hosted some incredible acts over the years including Arctic Monkeys, The Prodigy, Patti Smith and Lily Allen. As a venue, Plug dances perfectly on the tightrope between grandiosity and intimacy, bringing audiences awe-inspiring live and DJ performances in a perfectly proportioned setting.

Bungalows and Bears: S1 4GF



Next up, it's time to take a trip down Division Street. Head north from Plug towards The Moor. You may or may not have been here before, but you will find lots of high-street shops and cafes. From The Moor, you will need to turn right onto Rockingham Gate, then right onto Charter Row, then turn left onto Rockham Street and finally right on Division Street. Walking from Plug to Bungalows and Bears should take you under 10 minutes!

Housed in an old fire station, Bungalows and Bears is a pub located on Division Street, in Sheffield City Centre, just past City Hall. The venue provides an intimate setting for all kinds of artists. Previous guests have included Swedish rappers, internationally renowned DJs, breakthrough jazz artists, and Mercury Music Prize winning bands.

The Harley - S10 2HW



The final stop on the music tour is The Harley, head down West Street to find the venue!

Based almost on the University of Sheffield campus, the Harley is a bar, restaurant, live venue, club, hotel and tea room all under one roof. As well as regular club nights aimed largely at its student patrons, the Harley's relatively small, 220-capacity music room has been hosting live bands since 2003 – including the likes of King Krule, Jungle, Django Django, Slaves and Mykki Blanco.