



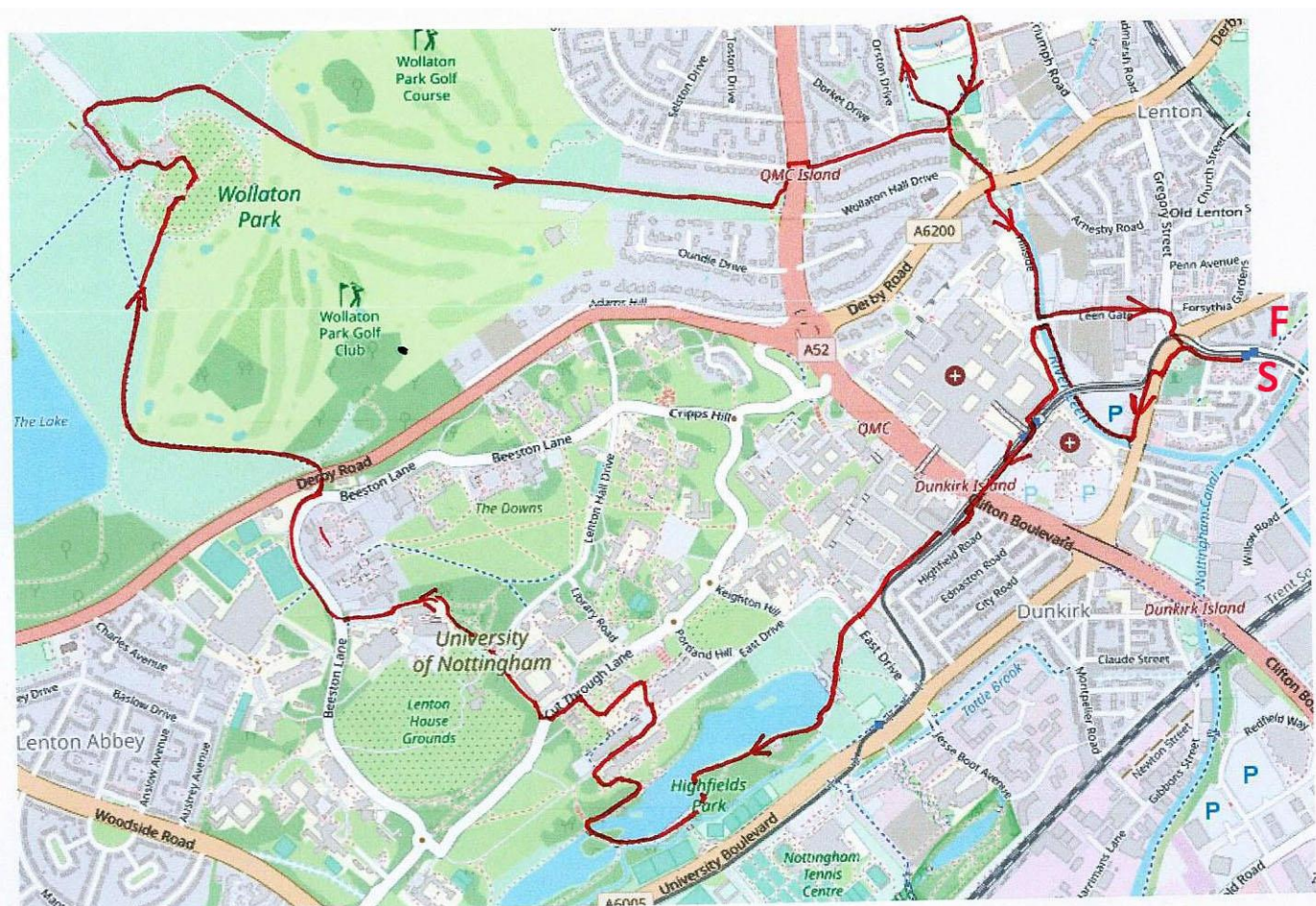
## WALK 4: Nottingham University & Wollaton Park

Photos and description: 2024

Take the Nottingham-Toton Lane NET service to the Gregory Street tramstop, the **S**tart and **F**inish of this walk.

This walk is about 10 km (just over 6 miles) and goes from Gregory Street, on the edge of what was Lenton Village (see [Gregory Street and Lenton Village \(1\)](#)), through the Queen's Medical Centre, Highfields Park, Nottingham University (University Park), Wollaton Park, Nottingham University Jubilee campus and back to Lenton.

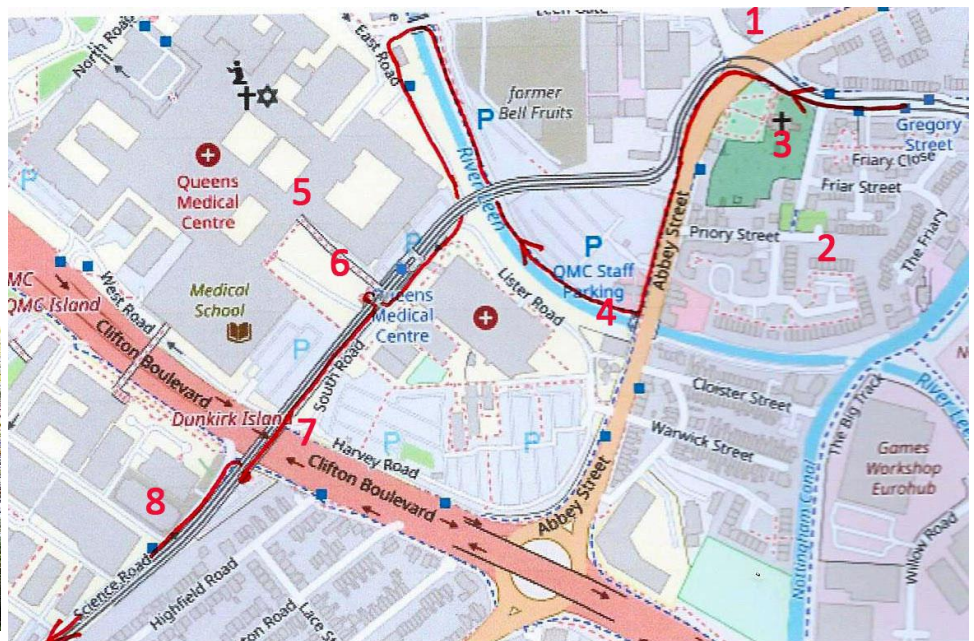
The description includes directions and a note of interesting sites along the way. For some of these sites, marked in red and with a red number on the maps, there is further information in **4A. Nottingham University & Wollaton Park Appendix**.





Go west along Gregory Street – the area to the left was once the site of **Lenton Priory (2)** although almost nothing remains.

On the corner is **The Priory Church of St. Anthony (3)**.



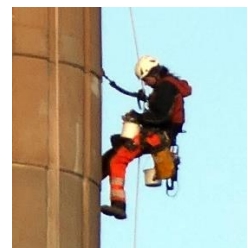
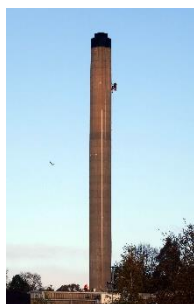
Cross over Abbey Street and ...the walk continues along Abbey Street, past Priory Street turn left; the tram route turns up to the Queen's Medical Centre....

on the left. (If you want to see the Lenton Priory site, go along Priory and into Nazareth Rd – details at (2)).

From Abbey Street take the path to the right, alongside the River Leen, under the tram viaduct and on to Leen Gate



When I last walked along this path beside the Leen, I noticed something on the tall chimney ahead ..... not just a bit of routine maintenance I guess?!



Turn left at Leen Gate, over the R Leen, and then left again, alongside the QMC main building. This area is very different from the Old Lenton of the 1880's – see **River Leen & Nottingham Canal (4)**.

Turn right, underneath the tram viaduct and then go up the stairs or lift to the tramstop. The NHS Nottingham University Hospitals website <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/travel-by-tram-qmc/> states that the **Queens Medical Centre (5)** is the only hospital in the country with a dedicated tram stop.





There is a bridge connecting the tram stop to the B Floor level of QMC. It is named the **Sir Peter Mansfield Bridge (6)**.



Continue along the tram viaduct and over the A52, Clifton Boulevard, across the **Ningbo Friendship Bridge (7)**.

Go down the stairs or lift and continue alongside the tram route along Science Road, past the science and engineering faculties of the **University of Nottingham (8)**.

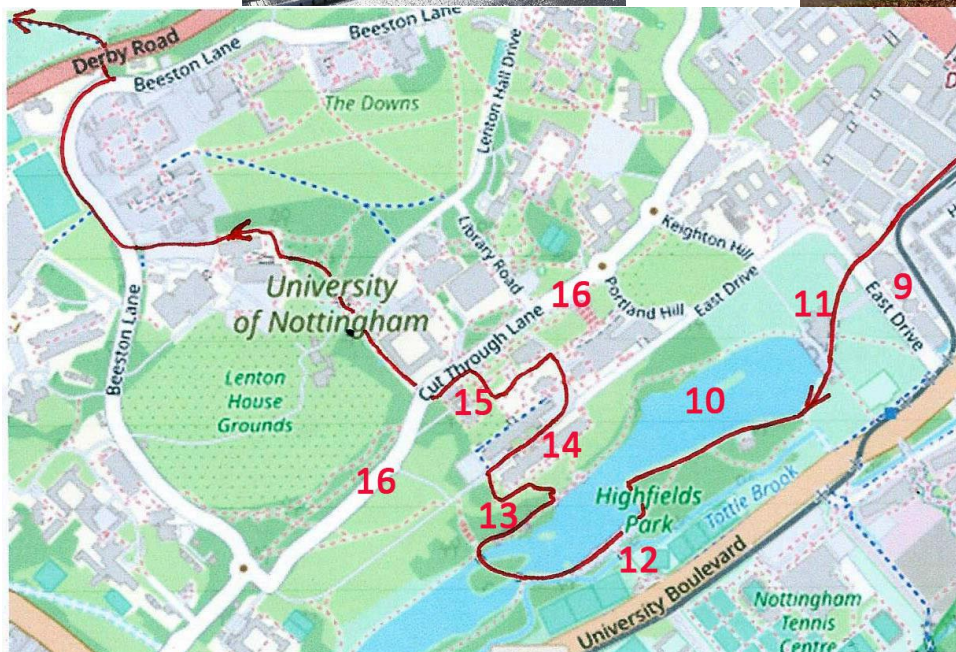


The tram route and the Biodiscovery Institute building

Go past where the tram tracks turn left (along the rear of the Lakeside Arts buildings) and continue to the end of Science Road and cross over East Drive....



....On the left, along East Drive, is the Djanogly Recital Hall and other buildings of **Lakeside Arts (9)**.



Go through the car park into **Highfields Park (10)**, and alongside the Lakeside Arts building (the **DH Lawrence Pavilion (11)**)







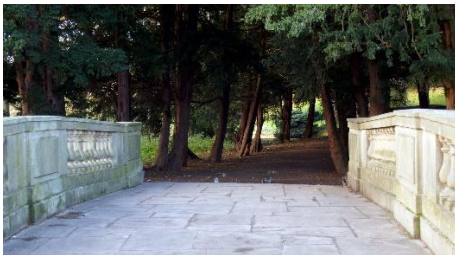
Go around the southern (left) side of the lake, past the Adventure Golf area on the left and the rowing boat Ticket office on the right.



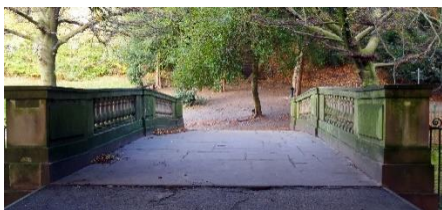
Continue around to the open area with, on the right, the lake with the Trent Building above and two **Chinese stone lions (12)** and, on the left, the path to the park's main entrance with its impressive gateway.



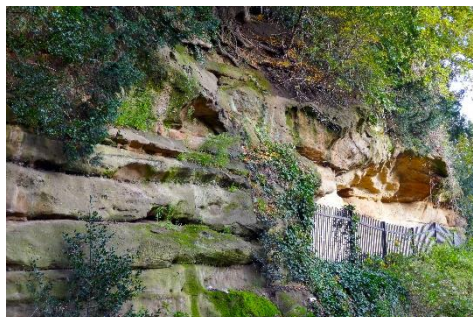
Continue along the lakeside, watching out for ducks and other wildlife, and then turn right, over the bridge to the island.



There are usually a few grey squirrels among the trees – I have seen up to a dozen at one time.



Continue over the second bridge and turn right alongside the steep rocky **Highfields escarpment (13)** with old flights of steps from the 19<sup>th</sup> century (not now in use).







At the viewing platform below the Trent Building turn left through the gateway and up the steps and follow the path round to the left of the **Trent Building (14)**.



Turn right and go through the building....



...and then across to the left and up the steps at the side of the Portland Building



Go ahead and then turn left along the path just before the New Theatre building



Continue along to the end of this path – immediately ahead, somewhat hidden by trees, is **Highfields House (15)**. Turn right, past the walled garden on the left, and along to **Cut Through Lane (16)**.



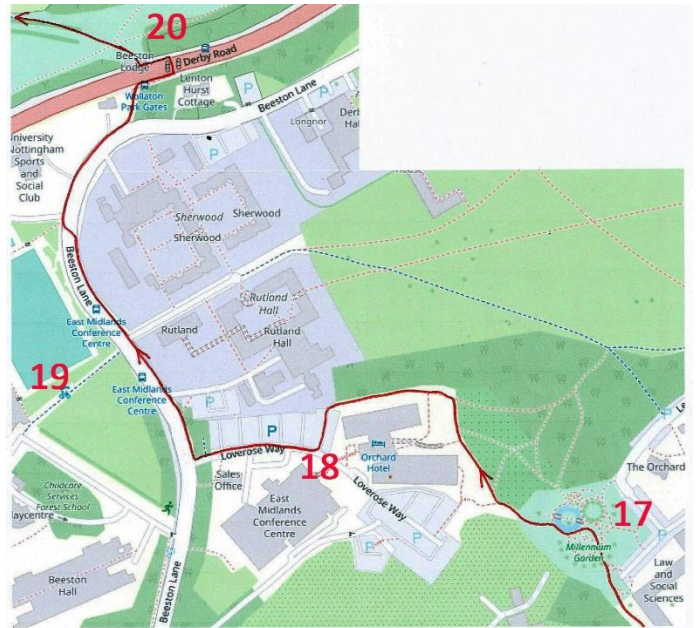


Turn left along Cut Through Lane and then turn right along the path to the left side of the Law and Social Sciences building, leading to the **Millenium Garden (17)**.

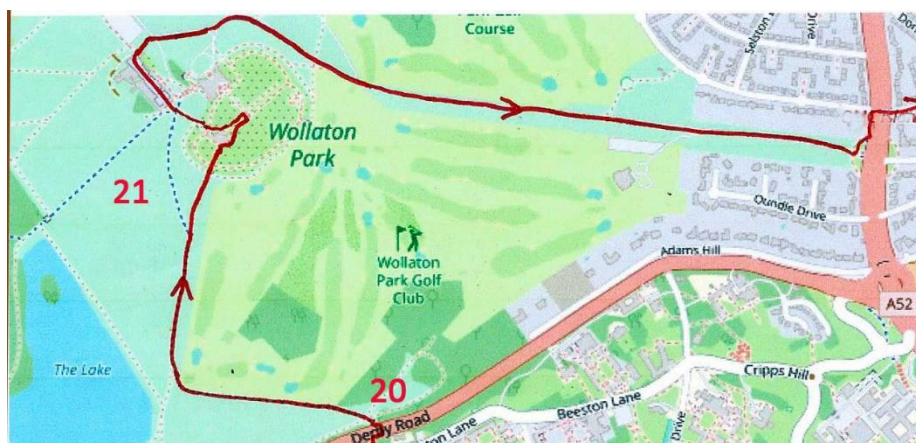


Go round the small lake and bear left along the path past, on the left, the Orchard Hotel. Go around the hotel and through the car park and then along Loverose Way, past the **East Midlands Conference Centre (18)** and out onto Beeston Lane – turn right.

Continue past Rutland and Sherwood Halls of Residence on the right and the **David Ross Sports Village (19)** on the left and then, around the bend, past the University Social and Sports Club (Lenton Eaves) and, just after Lenton Lodge, turn left through the path out of the University campus and onto Derby Road.



Cross Derby Road and go through the door of **Beeston Lodge (20)** into Wollaton Park and Hall (21).





Go left along the path through trees, with the Golf Course on the right and the lake ahead and then, approaching the lake,



keep right, up the path towards Wollaton Hall.

Continue up the hill....

...looking out for the deer.



At the top of the slope go into the Formal Garden and to the **Camellia House (22)**.



Go to the right of the Camellia House and then left up the steps to view the front of the Hall



At the top of the steps, turn left then bear right and round toward the Camellia House but then turn right down the narrow, walled path, through the door at the end and out into the park, with the Stable Buildings ahead and the Hall to the right.





Go ahead to the Stables and through its three yards, with cafes, shops and the Industrial Museum and then go right.



Follow the roadway towards the telephone box and before that, on the left, is a memorial to the **US Parachute Regiment (23)** stationed here in WW2.

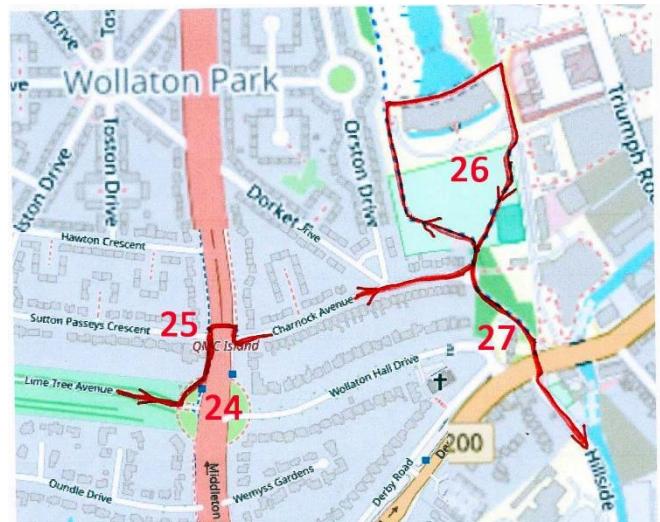
Continue along the road, passing the Hall, and then along Lime Tree Avenue, past one set of gates at the golf club access road and on through the park gates out onto **Middleton Boulevard (24)**.



Turn left along Middleton Boulevard to its junction with **Sutton Passeys Crescent (25)**.

Cross over the boulevard at the pelican crossing and turn down Charnock Avenue. At the end, take the path to the left into The Nottingham University **Jubilee Campus (26)**.

Bear left around the green area and along the path and then take the path to the right....



....along the front of the building (Jubilee Hotel & Conferences), which looks out onto a lake...



...with more of the campus beyond it.



Turn right at the road at the end of the building and go past more of the modern buildings of this campus and then take the path back across the green area to the path through to the end of Charnock Avenue but continue along the path through to Derby Road.



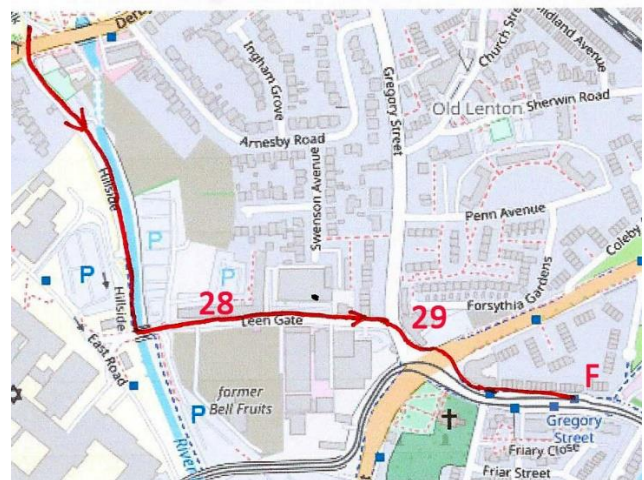
At the end of the path, on your left is another university building...



...and on your right is **Lenton Lodge (27)**.



Cross Derby Road and go straight on, along Hillside into the QMC and then turn left, over the River Leen, along Leenside and past the apartment buildings at **Leen Court (28)**.



At Gregory Street turn right, past **The White Hart (29)**, cross over Abbey Street and continue to the Gregory Street tramstop and the **Finish** if this walk.

