



WALK 11: River Leen & Nottingham Canal

Photos and description: 2024/5

Take the Nottingham to Clifton NET service to the Meadows Embankment tramstop, the **S** start of this walk. The description includes directions and a note of interesting sites along the way. For some of these sites, marked with a red number on the maps, there is further information in the **11A: River Leen & Nottingham Canal Appendix**.

The walk is about 5½ km (3½ miles) and starts and finishes along Queen's Walk in the Meadows.





Going south from the tramstop the tram route crosses Wilford Toll Bridge (see Walk 1: Wilford Village) but for this walk turn right along Riverside Way which used to be the route of **Clifton Colliery Road (1)** and a railway line serving the colliery which was just south of this map, on the west of what is now Queen's Drive.



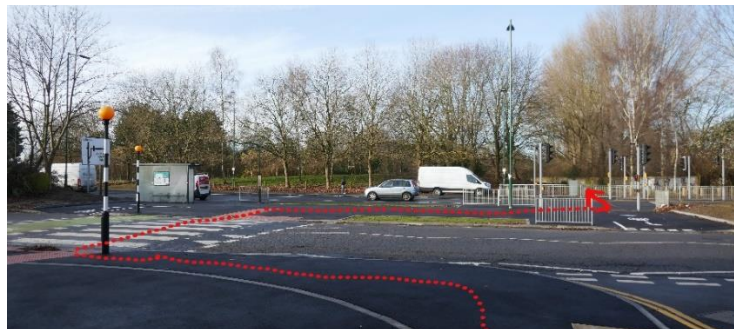
Turn right, across Robin Hood Way and...

...along Bosworth Walk, passing **Victoria Primary School (2)**,...

...and turn left along Ainsworth Drive.



At the end of Ainsworth Drive, cross Meadows Way and then Queen's Drive, using the new Zebra and signalled crossings opened in early 2025.



Continue ahead on the path, **Birdcage Walk (3)**, which follows the **River Leen (4)** on your left and the NG2 Business Park on your right.

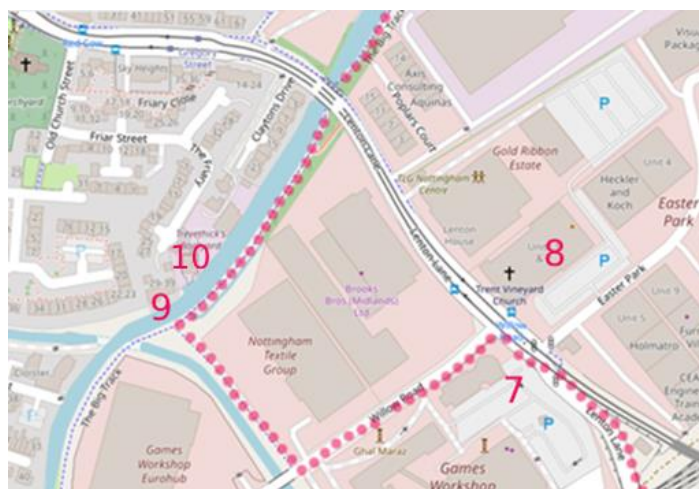




Where the River Leen bends to the left, continue ahead and then turn left and continue along Birdcage Walk, with the river on your left and **King's Meadow (5)** on your right.



At Lenton Lane turn right, go over the railway, with a **NET bridge (6)** crossing on your right.



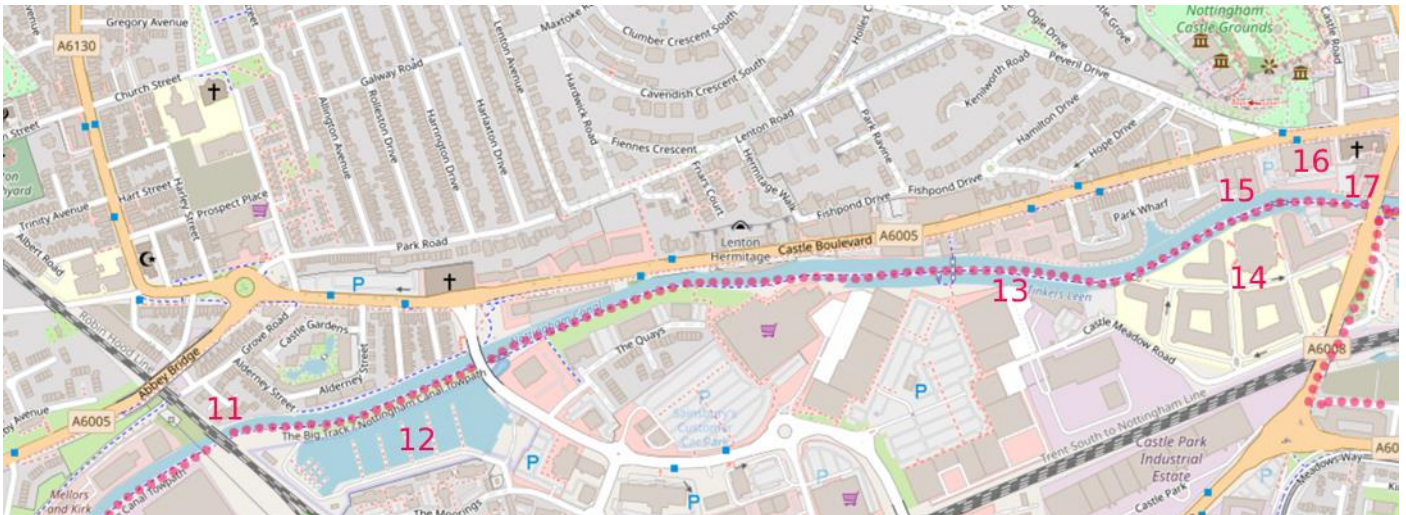
Continue along Lenton Lane and, with the **Games Workshop - Warhammer World (7)** on the left and **Trent Vineyard Church (8)** on the right, turn left into Willow Road.



Where Willow Road crosses the River Leen, turn right along a path beside the river. When the path reaches the **Nottingham & Beeston Canal (9)** the River Leen actually goes under the canal (see **4**).



Turn right along the canal towpath, past **Trevethick's Boat Yard (10)** on the opposite bank, and then under Lenton Lane.



Continue along the towpath, under a railway bridge carrying the **Robin Hood Line (11)**, past, on the right (south side of the canal), the **Castle Marina (12)**, the Castle Marina Retail Park. Along this section, to the right of the canal towpath is the **Tinkers Leen (13)**.

On the north side of the canal are a number of apartments and also a building with a tower – it is now selling hair and beauty products...



...but in the mid-1900s, despite its impressive central clock tower with copper covered cupola, it was simply a base for the delivery vehicles used by a local bakery.



Further along, on the south side, is the Castle Meadow site which was HM Revenue & Customs and now is The University of Nottingham **Castle Meadow Campus (14)**.



On the north side there are more modern apartments, with Nottingham Castle seen above....



...but also some older buildings from the time when the canal was a busy route for trade and industry – this is the location of the **Duke of Newcastle's Wharf (15)**, again with Nottingham Castle behind.



The next building is **New Castle House (16)**.....



....Then you pass **Castle Lock (17)** and the Navigation Inn and go under Wilford Street



Ahead is the **British Waterways Building (18)** – see map below.



Opposite this building is a metal sculpture of a **Heron (19)**...

at this point, loop back and up to Wilford Street.

Turn left, cross over the railway (with Nottingham Station to your left) and then turn left into Traffic Street, student accommodation buildings either side and then, on the left, the **Castle Rock Brewery (20)**.

At Sheriffs Way turn right, past **Karlsruhe House (21)**.

Cross over Waterway Street West and Meadows Way and go along **Queen's Walk (22)** – look out for the woodcarvings.

Continue past, on your right, **Welbeck Primary School and Queen's Walk Recreation Ground (23)** to the Queen's Walk Tramstop (**F1**) where you may choose to finish your walk.

Beside the tramstop is **Queen's Walk Community Centre and Pilgrim Church (24)**.

If you wish to see more of the woodcarvings, continue along Queen's Walk to finish at the Meadows tramstop (**F2**)

