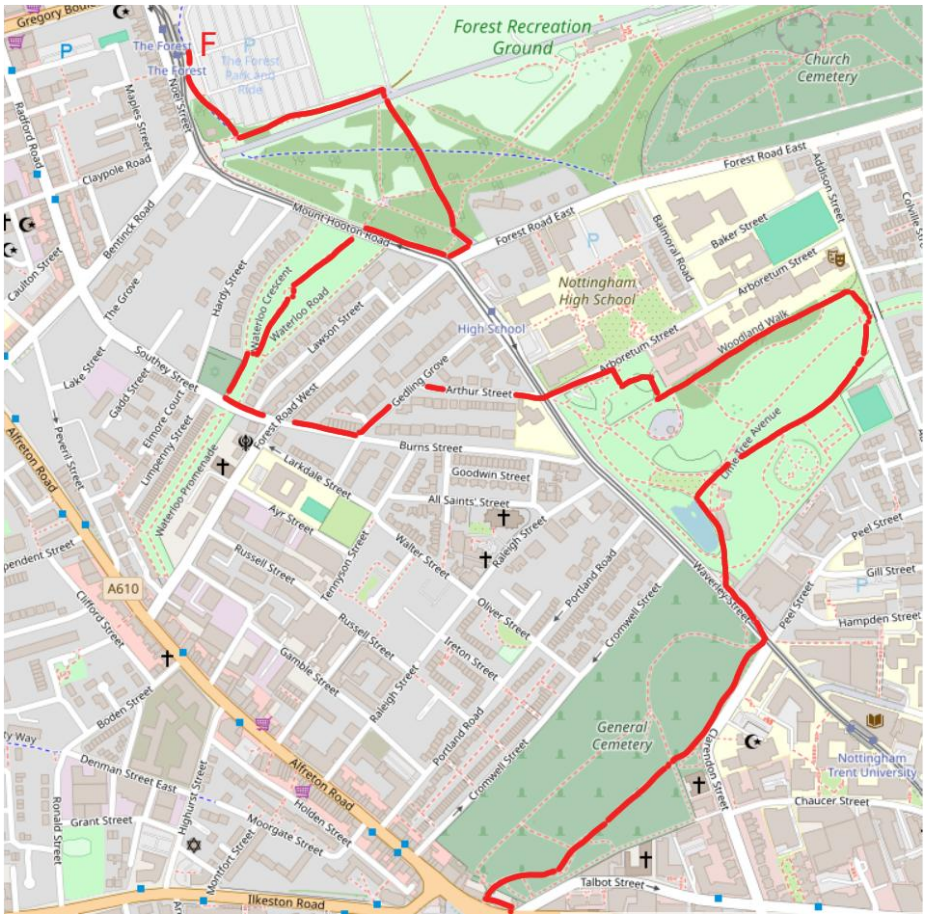
WALK 15: Standard Hill, General Cemetery, Arboretum & The Forest

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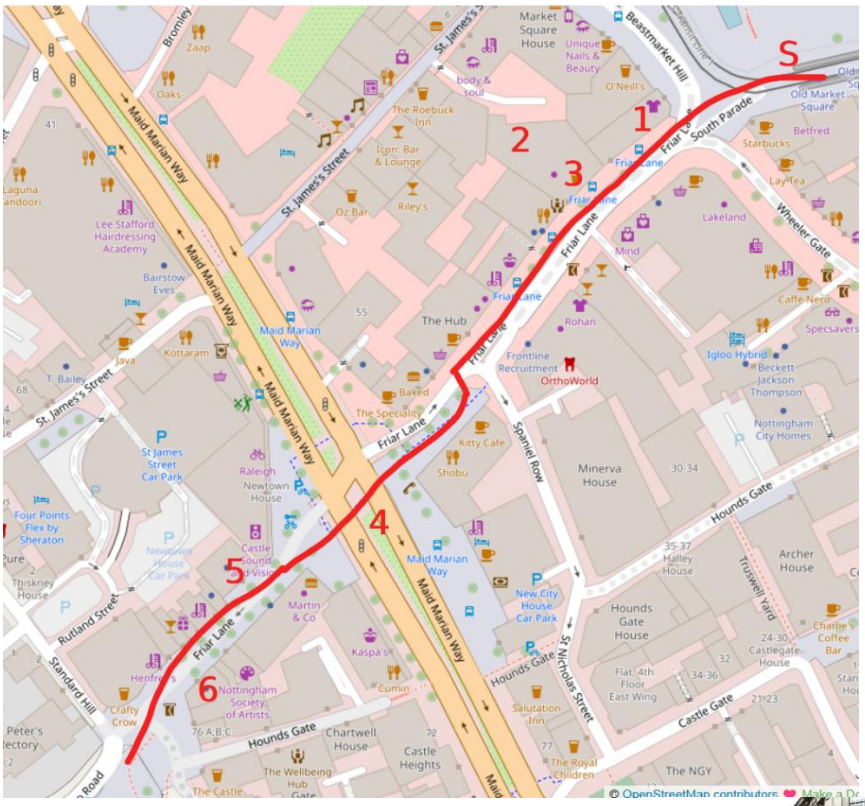
Take the NET service to Old Market Square tramstop, the Start of this walk.

The walk Finishes at The Forest tramstop.

The walk, is about 4.4 km (2.7 miles) and 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 and history in the **15A. Standard Hill, General Cemetery, Arboretum & The Forest Appendix**.



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From the tramstop, cross over Beastmarket Hill onto Friar Lane, with White Rose Outlet on the corner. This building was originally a Burtons (**1**) menswear outlet, with offices above – Burton Chambers.





Continue up Friar Lane, which is named after a Carmelite Friary (**2**), which was situated behind the existing buildings on the right.

The next building on Friar Lane is Vernon House (**3**). The name originates from an earlier house built on the site of the Friary after it was dissolved as part of Henry VIII's Dissolution of the Monasteries.



Other properties which have names based on the Friary are, on the right, Friary Chambers..



..and on the left, Whitefriars House.





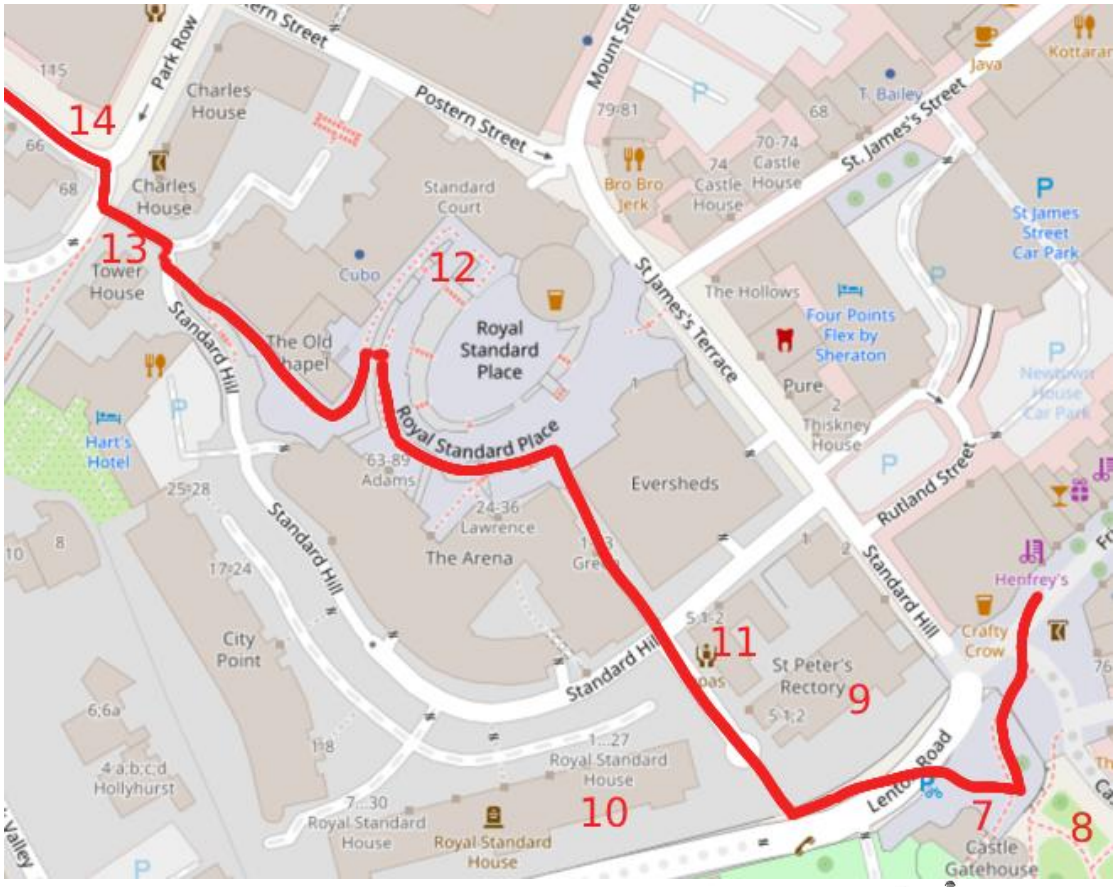
Continue up Friar Lane and cross over Maid Marion Way (**4**).

Continue along Friar Lane and the first house on the left – No.84 Friar Lane (**5**) – used to be the head office of Fraser Brown, Solicitors but now has planning permission for conversion to a holiday let.





The last building on the left is Castle House (**6**).



At the top of Friar Lane, cross Castle Road and walk to the wall to the left of the Castle Gatehouse (**7**).



Looking down onto Castle Road, to the left is Mortimer House the Old Castle Inn, a Grade II Listed Building designed in 1883 by Watson Fothergill. Now the Castle Pub and the Watson Fothergills pub & bistro.



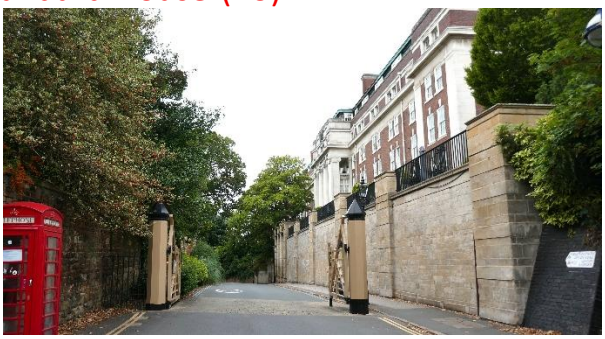
On the castle side of Castle Road is the statue of Robin Hood (**8**).



Turn back to Lenton Road – ahead on the right is St Mary's Vicarage and St Peter's Rectory (**9**) and…



… on the left, above Lenton Road just beyond the gates into The Park, is Royal Standard House (**10**).



Go up the steps (between the two buildings) into King Charles Street.

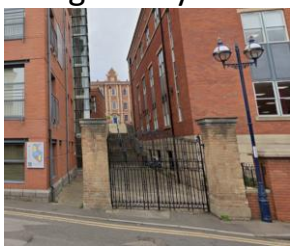


On the right, at the junction with Standard Hill, is King Charles House. On the wall is a plaque commemorating where Charles I raised his Standard (**11**).





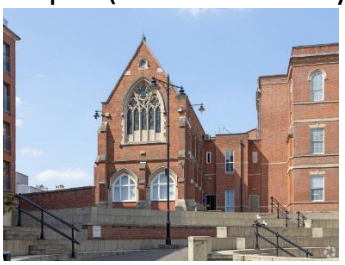
Go ahead through the gateway and along to Royal Standard Place.



This used to be the site of The General Hospital (**12**).



Circle round to the left and up to the Old Chapel (now two storey offices).

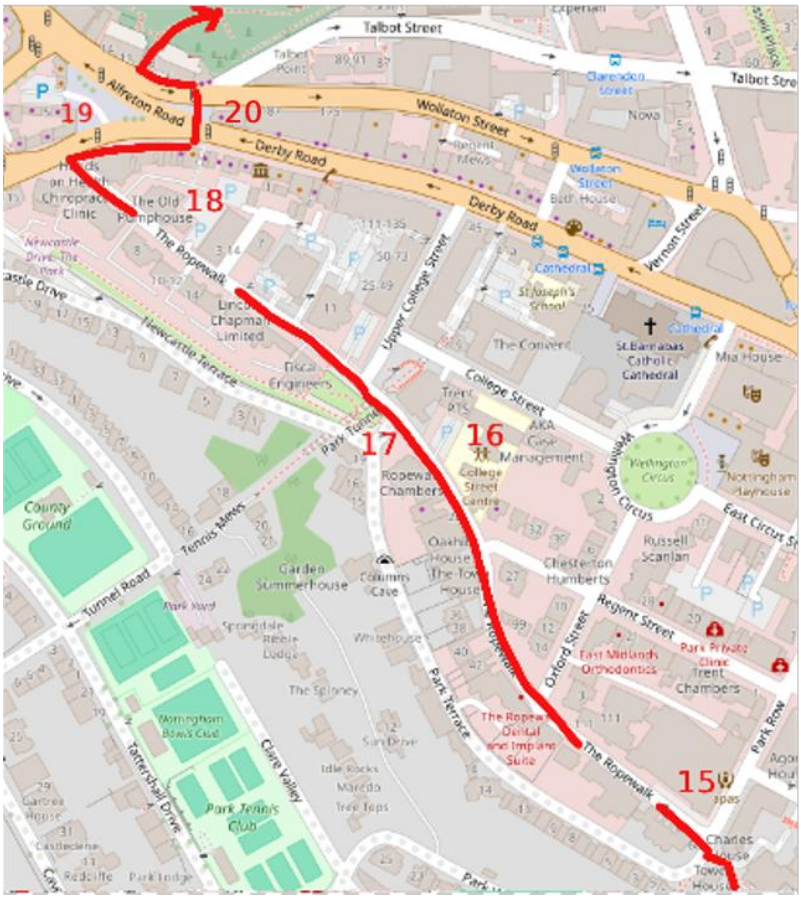


Go along the left side of the chapel and out onto the road, passing Harts Hotel on your left.

At the junction with Park Row, on the left corner is Tower House (**13**).



Cross over Park Row into The Ropewalk (**14**).





On the right side of The Ropewalk/Park Row junction is Ropewalk House, an NHS clinic. This used to the site of Park Row Reservoir (**15**), as shown on this 1881map.



Continue along The Ropewalk, past fine houses, some Grade II listed, now mostly offices, most built around 1827 to 1837 and subsequently altered in the mid-19th century and late 20th century….. such as numbers 40 38, 36 and 34









On the right, just beyond Regent Street, are a group of buildings which front onto College Street. The building on The Ropewalk is marked as Peoples College, 1881 and is now the College Street Centre (**16**).



A little further, on the left, is a gateway into The Park with a house designed by Thomas Chambers Hine. The house is on the edge of the Park Tunnel which crosses under The Ropewalk and can be looked down at from the corner of The Ropewalk and Upper College Street – see The Park Tunnel (**17**).





Continuing along The Ropewalk, on the right, just past Upper College Street, is No 11 The Ropewalk, a mid c19 building also by architect T.C.Hine.



Photo taken from Upper College Street

Further along the road, on the right, is a very different building – the Ropewalk Pumping Station (**18**).



At the junction with Derby Road, on the lefthand corner is Regency House, another Grade II listed building, dated 1820, restored c1990, now offices.



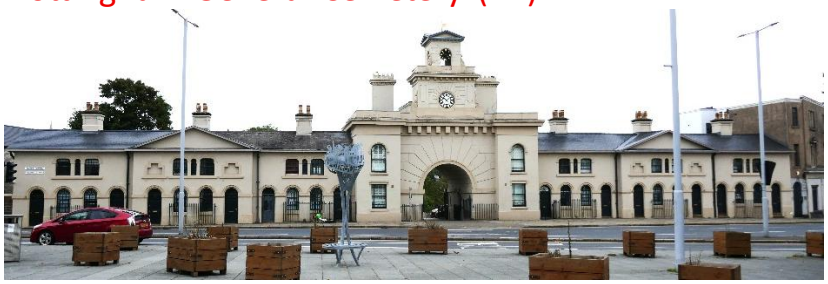
Turn left. On the opposite side of the road is the Sir John Borlase Warren pub (**19**).



Continue along Derby Road to the pedestrian crossing lights and cross over, passing the building between Derby and Wollaton Roads – 126-128 Derby Road (**20**).



On the other side of Wollaton Street turn left to the entrance to Nottingham General Cemetery (**21**).





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There are many graves of notable people but I have only included those in the Historic England listing.

Go through the gateway (**21a**) and follow the path to the right. About 100 yds along, on the right, is an obelisk (**21d**). A little further, on the right, is a widened area of tarmac – used to be an Anglican mortuary chapel (**21b**), now demolished. A few yards off the path, on the left is a family memorial (**21e**). Where the path divides, close to the cemetery wall (on the right), turn left down the slope.

Continue around the curve, past another open area on the left (with a pile of tree trunks) – the site of a Dissenters mortuary (**21c**), also demolished. Continue, past a wall memorial (**21f**) to the gate and out onto Clarendon Street at the junction with Waverley Street.

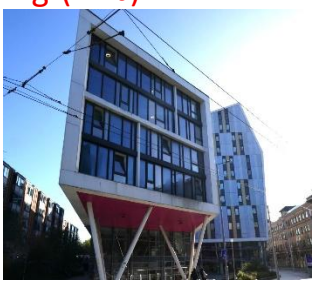
The junction of Clarendon Street, Waverley Street/ Peel Street/Goldsmith Street is surrounded by very contrasting Trent University Buildings (**22**), all part of.



On Clarendon St/Goldsmith St corner is Terrace Royal (**22a**).

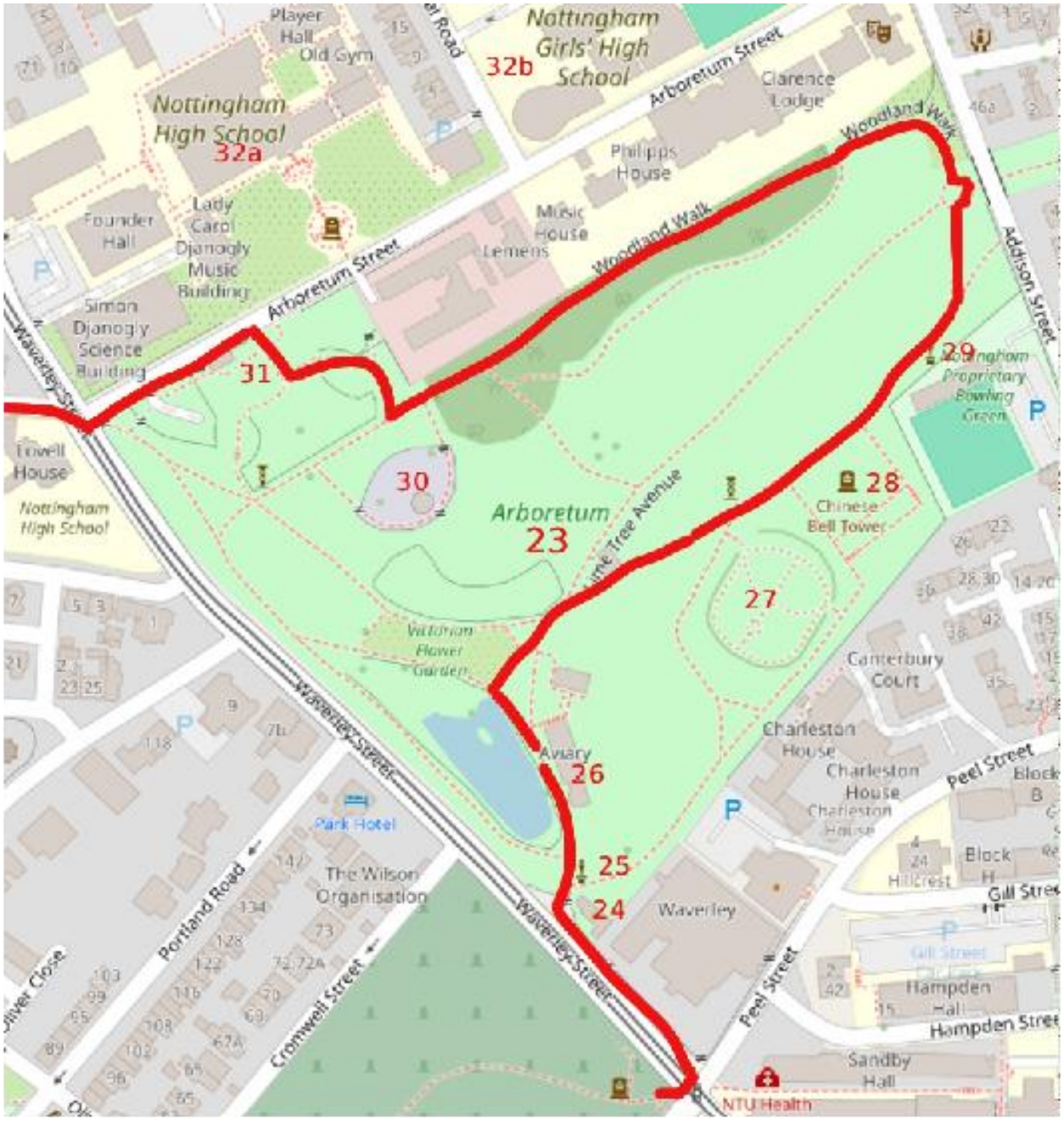


On Goldsmith St/Peel St corner is the Student Union Building (**22b**).



On Peel St/Waverley corner is Waverley Building (**22c**).

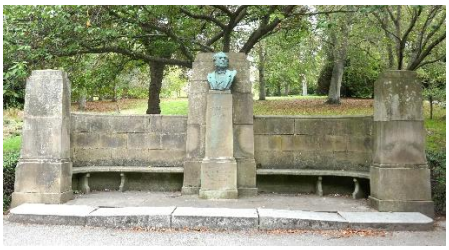




From the cemetery, turn left, past the Waverley Building and then go right, through the gateway (Grade II listed) into the Arboretum (**23**). The building to the right of the entrance is the West Lodge (**24**) of the Arboretum and has been a café
(it had an 'under offer' sign attached when I passed).



Bear left, past a monument to Samuel Morley (**25**).



Take the path to the right of the lake and continue along, with the lake on your left and…



…the Aviary (**26**) on your right.



Continue on the path alongside the lake and then, with the Victorian Flower Garden ahead, turn right and after about 50m bear right.





Up on the right is The Nuttery (**27**) and the Chinese Bell Tower(**28**).



Continuing past the Bell Tower, on the right is a statue of Feargus O'Connor (**29**).



Where the path divides, bear left…



… past a pedestrian subway which is <u>not part of this walk</u> but goes under Addison Street to a continuation of the Arboretum, along East Walk to a gateway out onto North Sherwood Street and the East Lodge (No 207 on map). The subway and lodge are by Henry Moses Wood and dating from 1851–52.







Continue along the Woodland Walk and out into open area – look left, down to the Arboretum Bandstand (**30**).



Turn right, towards the gateway out to Arboretum Street. This area was the site of Refreshment Rooms (**31**).



Go out onto Arboretum Street. Opposite is Nottingham High School(**32a**).



Further along Arboretum is Nottingham Girls High School (**32b**).



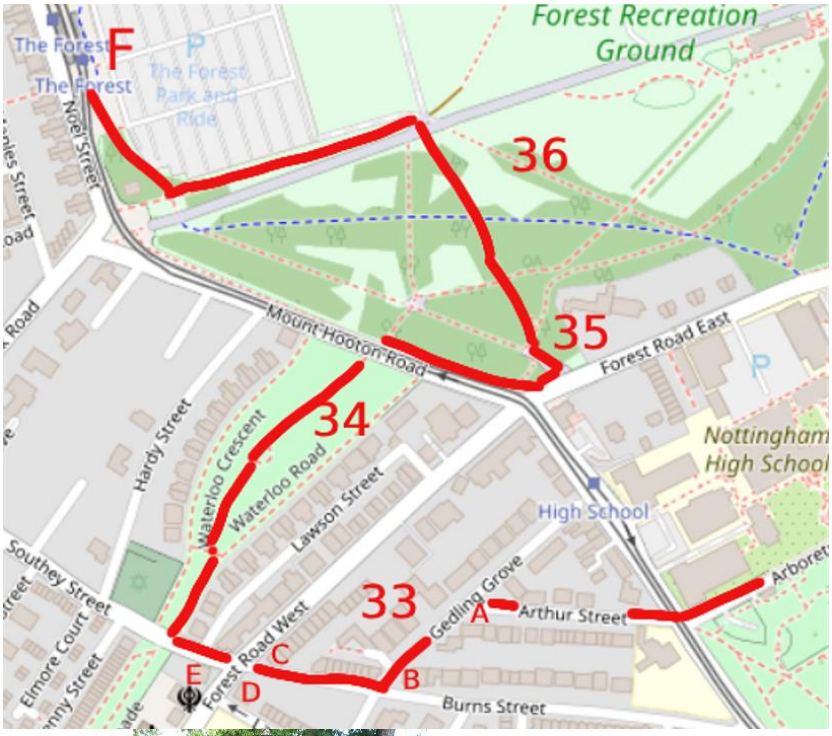
Turn left and go along Arboretum Street to Waverley Street.

If you want to finish your walk here, the NET 'High School' tramstop is 120metres up Waverley Street ….. otherwise, to continue:……

As you continue the walk, you will be passing through an area with many large Victorian houses (**33**) – look out for those marked (A-E).

From Arboretum Street cross Waverley Street and go ahead along Arthur Street, left along Gedling Grove and right on Burns Street.

Cross Forest Road West onto Southey Street.



At the piers on the right side of Southey Street turn right into Waterloo Promenade (**34**), a green area with mature trees and with housing either side.









At the end of Waterloo Promenade, go between the pillars and cross over Mount Hooton Road and through more pillars at the edge of The Forest.
Turn right and take the path up towards Forest Road East and, just before the park entrance, turn left to the Boer War Memorial (**35**).



Continue down the path through The Forest (**36**), cross the service road and turn left and go round to 'The Forest' NET tramstop – the **F**inish of this walk.

