

THE 2014 NOTTINGHAM ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL



Travelling to the 2014 NOTTINGHAM ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL at Nottingham Castle, Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th October 2014

Nottingham's annual Robin Hood Beer Festival has a long established reputation for offering customers the biggest possible selection of quality cask ales. Last year's festival offered a staggering choice of 925 different casks of real ale, which we confidently believe was the widest wide range of real ales ever seen in the UK and almost certainly the entire world!

This year there will be 1,100 different beers and 220 ciders available to try over the four days.

Opening times:

- Wednesday 8 October 6pm - 11pm
- Thursday 9 October 11am - 11pm
- Friday 10 October 11am - 11pm
- Saturday 11 October 11am - 11pm

Arriving on foot

If you live locally then walking to the event is the healthiest and cheapest way to get there. If you're not sure of the best route try www.walkit.com. Select 'Nottingham' from the drop down menu and type 'Nottingham Castle Gatehouse' into the destination box.

Cycling to the event

Cycling is a great way to get around and Nottingham Castle is easily accessed by a number of cycle routes. Cycle parking is also available near the Robin Hood statue just outside the Castle Gatehouse.

If you're not sure of the best route then visit www.maps.google.co.uk and select the 'get directions' option at the top left of the screen. Choose the bicycle icon and from here you can add your starting point then your destination 'Nottingham Castle, Nottingham' to get suggested routes.

Why not take the opportunity to hire a bike whilst you are in Nottingham and cycle around the city using our Citycard Cycles hire scheme? Cycle Hubs are also available throughout the city centre where bikes can be collected and stored securely including storing your own bike. Alternatively, collect from one of our hire stands via mobile phone. Prices start from £1 for one day or are free to Kangaroo travel pass holders. Visit www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/citycard to find out more.

Arriving by bus or tram

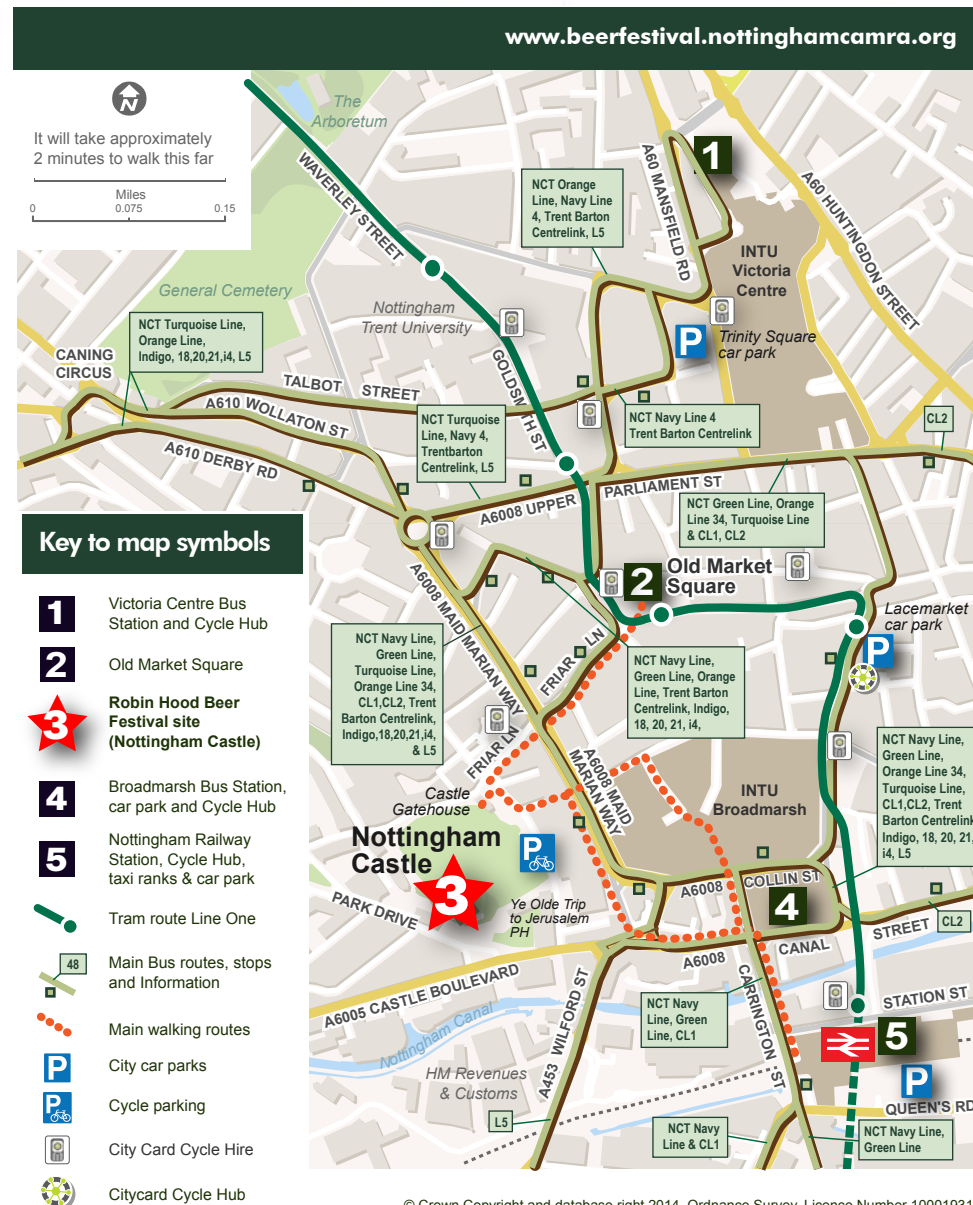
The Castle is a short walk from Old Market Square in the centre of Nottingham. All buses and trams run into the centre with the closest tram stop being Old Market Square. A short walk up Friar Lane leads directly to the Castle. Please see the map opposite.

The nearest buses run along Maid Marian Way and include **NCT C1, Navy, Green, Orange and Turquoise Lines** and **Trent Barton Indigo, Route 18, 20, 21 or i4**. The **Local link 5** to and from Wollaton Park also passes this way as does the free of charge **Trent Barton centrelink** bus that travels between INTU Victoria and INTU Broadmarsh from 7am to 7pm. Visit: www.nctx.co.uk and www.trentbarton.co.uk for bus service details.

If you are travelling on a number of different buses or by different types of transport (such as bus and tram or train) then you may find the £4.50 Kangaroo day ticket is the best option.

If you do use the tram please be sure to either purchase your ticket before you board the tram or tap your travel card on the ticket machine on the tram platforms, as tickets are no longer able to be purchased on board and fines will be given if you are found without a valid pass.

For journey planning information please visit www.traveline.info or call 0871 200 22 33.





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Catching the train

Rail services to Nottingham are frequent and convenient for the Castle. Train timetable and ticketing information can be found at www.nationalrail.co.uk. The station is a 10 minute walk from the Castle or you could catch a tram to Old Market Square or the free Trent Barton centrelink bus from Broadmarsh Bus Station until 7pm, getting off on Maid Marian Way and walking for a couple of minutes left up Friar Lane. You can get walking directions from www.walkit.com. If you prefer to catch a taxi they are available on Station Street.

Using park and ride

If you're coming from further afield then using one of the many tram, train or bus based park and ride (P&R) sites might be an option. The map opposite shows the sites with easy direct connections to Market Square from which the Castle is a 10 minute walk up Friar Lane.

The two bus based P&R sites (Queens Drive CL1 and Colwick Racecourse CL2) do not accommodate vehicles overnight. If you have a designated driver these sites are available until 9:20pm on weekdays and 8pm on Saturday for CL1 and until 7:12pm for CL2. Both buses stop and pick up on Maid Marian Way.

There are five tram based P&R sites to the north of the city centre. Services operate every 15 to 30 minutes (depending on which stop you use), for more information visit www.thetram.net.

There are also Citycard cycle hubs located at some of the sites, where you can easily securely park your bike for free using your citycard and then hop onto a tram or bus, making interchange simple!

If you're travelling from further afield you may find that the East Midlands Parkway rail station is the most convenient option. For timetable information and ticket prices visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Car parking and disabled parking

It is not recommended that you drive to this event as we are not able to provide car parking. There is no disabled parking onsite during the beer festival but there is opportunity to park just outside of the site on double yellow lines under the usual rules governing disabled parking.

There are car parks located in the city centre from which you can catch public transport or walk to the event. Postcodes for some of these are provided below.

Postcodes

If you are using a sat-nav device to travel to any of the locations described above then you may want to use one of the following postcodes.

Park and Ride sites	Postcode	Car Park	Postcode
Hucknall (tram)	NG15 7TD	Trinity Square	NG1 4BT
Moor Bridge (tram)	NG6 8AE	Lacemarket	NG1 1QE
Phoenix Park (tram)	NG8 6AS	Broadmarsh	NG1 7EQ
Wilkinson Street (bus & tram)	NG7 7NU	Nottingham Station	NG3 3AQ
The Forest (tram)	NG7 6AQ		
Queens Drive (bus)	NG2 1AP		
Racecourse (bus)	NG2 4BE		
East Midlands Parkway (train)	NG11 0EE		

Greater Nottingham Park and Ride Locations

