



# Caves

Beneath the Castle a series of manmade caves and tunnels continue to tell the turbulent story of this historic site. Discover the secret passageways, King David's legendary dungeon, the Duke of Newcastle's Wine Cellar and Mortimer's Hole.

Take a tour to experience the caves for yourself, learning on the way the gruesome tales of Roger Mortimer and King David of Scotland...

With some of the caves dating back to medieval times, the tour is strenuous with over 300 steep steps. However, for those who wish to descend through hundreds of years the tour is a must. For the latest tour times and prices please call: 0115 915 3700.

For those unable to take this journey a short film revealing the magic and history of the caves can be viewed. Please call if you wish to arrange a special accompanied viewing with one of our friendly and informative guides.

Please note: Tours are subject to availability and weather conditions.

## Nottingham Castle for Hire

The galleries, café and grounds at Nottingham Castle can be hired for private and corporate functions ranging from small meetings to grand dinners or receptions. For details of private hire please call 0115 915 3940 or email privatehire@ncmg.org.uk.

## Education

The museums Learning & Access team organize a wide range of National Curriculum linked sessions for schools as well as Outreach projects with local community groups.

For further information call: 0115 915 3692.



# Café at the Castle

With its panoramic views of the city, the Café at the Castle offers the perfect way to relax and revive.

Open daily, it serves a wide range of meals, snacks and refreshments.

## Shop

During your visit to Nottingham's most famous landmark why not pay a visit to the museum shop? An array of contemporary crafts, fine art books, postcards, posters, cards, small gifts and souvenirs are available.

## Opening Times & Admission Prices

**Opening times:**  
**March - September** Open daily 10am - 5pm (last admission 4.30pm)  
**October - February** Open daily 10am - 4pm (last admission 3.30pm)  
Closed 24 - 26 December & 1 January

**Admission prices:**  
Tickets give joint admission to Nottingham Castle and The Museum of Nottingham Life at Brewhouse Yard (situated approximately 5 minutes walk away on Castle Boulevard)

**Adults - £3.50 Concessions - £2**  
**Family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) - £8**  
**Groups - 1 free ticket for every 10 purchased**

Tickets may be used for entry to The Museum of Nottingham Life at Brewhouse Yard within 7 days of purchase.

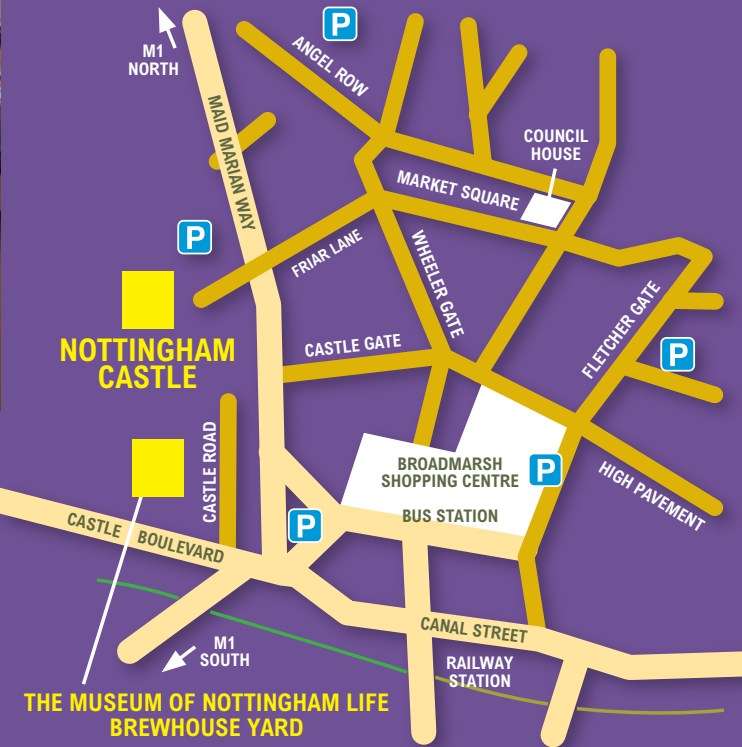
Joint ticket does not apply for special events. Prices may be subject to change.

**Facilities on site:**  
Baby Changing facilities. Lift access to all floors.

**Live or work in the city?**  
FREE entry Monday to Friday for Nottingham city residents and people working within the city. Please bring proof of residency / employment for entry. Excludes Bank Holidays and special events.

# Nottingham Castle

Friar Lane, Off Maid Marian Way, Nottingham NG1 6EL  
e: castle@ncmg.org.uk  
w: www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk



## How to get here

**By car:**  
Follow signs from M1 for Nottingham City centre, then follow brown tourist signs.

**Parking:**  
Parking on site for visitors with disabilities only. Public car parks nearby.

**On foot:**  
10 -15 minute walk from Nottingham city centre or train station.

**Public transport:**  
Call the Travel Centre on 0115 950 6070 or visit www.triptimes.co.uk

**Tourist information:**  
08444 775 678

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# Nottingham Castle

## Museum & Art Gallery



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# Welcome to Nottingham Castle



## Nottingham Castle has a turbulent history just waiting to be explored...

Many people think of Nottingham Castle and see local legend Robin Hood and his arch enemy the Sheriff of Nottingham. However, the site's history features much more.

In 1067 William the Conqueror built the first Castle, a wooden structure that was rebuilt over 100 years later in stone by Henry II, creating the principal royal fortress in the Midlands. In the most famous chapter of its history the Castle was reclaimed by returning crusader Richard the Lionheart from his brother Prince John in 1194 - the time of Robin Hood.

The Castle has also played an important part in several battles. In 1485 Richard III left the site to ride to Bosworth where he died in battle at the hands of Henry VII. Later in 1642 Charles I raised his standard outside the Castle walls to begin the English Civil War.

Most of the original medieval castle no longer exists, being demolished after the Civil War of 1651, but in its place stands a magnificent 17th century mansion, once home to the Dukes of Newcastle. Sited proudly above the city, the Castle South Terrace provides stunning views of Nottingham and beyond.

# Museum Collections

In 1878 the Castle became the first municipal art museum in the country outside of London. Today the Decorative Arts include ceramics, glass, silver and jewellery. The Joseph Collection of mainly 18th century Wedgwood Jasperware is one of the largest and finest in the world.



**Historical Displays**  
Over 15 centuries of Nottingham history are brought to life in the museum through interactive display and stories.

**Threads Gallery**  
An exquisite collection of outfits, shoes, hats, masks, fabrics and textiles from around the world.



## WFR Sherwood Foresters Regimental Museum

A small but informative museum charting the history of this local regiment, who are now part of the Mercian Regiment.

**Families at the Castle**  
With interactive displays, an under 8's activity led gallery that brings paintings to life and a medieval style playground – Nottingham Castle is a great place to bring the family!

# Art at the Castle

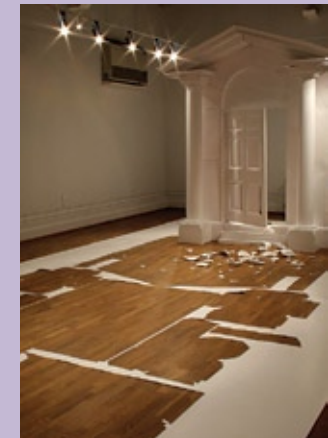
The Long Gallery houses the best of the museum's fine art from the last 650 years - Richard Parkes Bonington, Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Dame Laura Knight are among the artists on display.

Also see the best in regional, national and international art in the regularly changing exhibition galleries. The exciting programme featuring paintings, photography, textiles, installations or sculpture, varies from internationally-renowned exhibitions to home-grown talents.

Previous exhibitions have included Andy Warhol, British Art Show and Waking Dreams a collection of pre-Raphaelite masters.



Gypsy Salembour, Dame Laura Knight, © Nottingham City Museums and Galleries



Peter Callesen, Big Paper Castle, 2004.



# Grounds and Events



Nottingham Castle is situated in six acres of beautiful Victorian inspired gardens that boast magnificent views of the city and beyond. The Green, with its medieval style playground and covered picnic area, provides the perfect setting for a family day out. Alternatively, the serene seating area surrounding the Castle Bandstand is the ideal spot for quiet reflection and relaxation.

An important part of Nottingham's Britain in Bloom competition entry, in the summer the grounds feature spectacular planted sculptures, including Robin Hood and Lady Marian.



Throughout the year the grounds play host to a number of large scale events that attract thousands of visitors:

## Annual events:

Easter	Family Activities
April	St George's Day Celebration
June - August	Outdoor Theatre season
July & August	Summer fun
October	Robin Hood Pageant / Spooky Halloween events
December	Santa at the Castle Bandstand / Festive activities

For the full event programme, including historical re-enactments, workshops and seasonal events, please visit [www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk) or call 0115 915 3700.