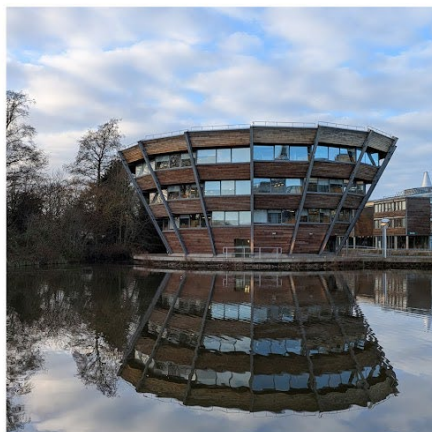


Jubilee Campus & Wollaton Park Walk



A circular walk along the former Nottingham Canal route through Jubilee Campus returning through Wollaton Park. Discover what canal remains are still visible today and how the area has changed.

Walk No 21

DESCRIPTION

This circular walk starts at Derby Road at the Lenton Lodge gatehouse and follows the route of the former Nottingham Canal as closely as possible through Nottingham University Jubilee Campus and part of Wollaton, discovering what canal remains are still visible today. The route also explores Seaford Avenue Park, Wollaton Park and Sutton Passeys Playground, located in Wollaton Park.

If walking Monday to Friday between 6am-6pm use the pedestrian gate to exit Jubilee Campus. Check opening/closing times for access to Wollaton Park.

THE FACTS

Area	Nottingham University Jubilee Campus & Wollaton
Distance	3 miles (4.8 km)
Duration	2 hours
Maps	This leaflet, street map, OS Explorer 1:25000 Map 260.
Travel Information	Nearest bus stop Hillside (LE01) Orange line buses, i4, indigo, L2 nctx.co.uk ; ct4n.co.uk ; trentbarton.co.uk
Terrain	Pavements or surfaced paths and one dirt path. Mostly flat or gentle slopes.
Start/ Finish	Derby Road at the Lenton Lodge gatehouse, NG8 1AF ///agree.shared.tribe.co.uk
Refreshments	Spokes Café University of Nottingham Jubilee Site, The Crown Pub, Subway & Rose & Crown Pub on Derby Road.
	Find this walk and more on the GoJauntly app. Simple photo guides help you navigate while tips point out things of interest & places to eat. Scan the QR code to get started.



Cover images: clockwise from top left. Lenton Lodge Gatehouse, Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly Library, Anchor found at site of the former Derby Road Lock 4 during building works, Remains of Lock Number 6 at Crown Island.

Recommended Additional Online Resources:-

[Nottingham Canal Wiki](http://nottinghamcanal.wiki); [Canal and River Trust – History of Nottingham & Beeston Canal](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk) [The Nottingham Canal - A Photographic Exploration](http://the-nottingham-canal-photographic-exploration.com); [Buried by Progress: What Remains of Nottingham's Canal Today?](http://buried-by-progress.com); [Forgotten Locks of the Nottingham Canal](http://forgottenlocks.com)

THE ROUTE

- A.** From the *Lenton Lodge Gatehouse* on *Derby Road* take the shared path to the right of the Lodge. Continue straight ahead with the *Nottingham University campus* on your right. The former route of the canal is on your right and some of the original canal flag stones can be seen in the university grounds. As the path emerges onto Charnock Avenue continue past the bollards and follow the shared path signposted to *University (Jubilee Campus)* passing through the gap to the left of the black gates. As you reach the playing field take the footpath to the left and continue on this path as it goes around the field. Continue straight ahead, passing the sign for *Spokes Café*. The footpath eventually bends to the right and emerges in between the lakes which are in the channel of the former canal. As you reach the path junction take the path to your left.
- B.** Continue straight ahead with the lake on your left and University buildings on your right. Continue straight ahead passing the circular *Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly Library* to your left*. After passing the Business School take the footpath to your right. At the end of the path take the footpath to the left and use the crossing before the mini roundabout to take the path exiting the Jubilee Campus. Turn left and cross the Campus entrance to continue ahead along the footpath alongside Wollaton Road. After passing the Jubilee Campus bus stop take the footpath on the left heading towards the underpass.
**If walking Monday to Friday between 6am-6pm continue straight ahead on the footpath to reach some bollards marking the end of the path. Pass through the bollards and continue ahead through the metal gates, note these gates are only open during this time. After passing through the metal gates take the footpath to your right heading to the underpass.*
- C.** Continue ahead past the bollards and walk through the underpass. At the end of the underpass are the remains of **Lock 6** with some of the original flagstones and bricks clearly visible along with the white sign stating the number of the lock. Ignore the steps up to the left and continue straight ahead on the footpath as it rises to the right to reach *Radford Bridge Road* with the *Crown Pub* opposite. Turn left to walk down *Radford Bridge Road* carefully crossing the service road and Westhay Court. Just after passing the *Muslim Cultural Centre* take the footpath to your left leading to *Seaford Avenue Park*. Go through the

black gates to enter the park and continue straight ahead on the path through the park passing the play area on your left. Pass through the black gates to leave the park and emerge onto Seaford Avenue.

- D.** Continue straight ahead on the pavement along Seaford Avenue. At the junction turn left onto Hollinwell Avenue and continue along the pavement. At the end of Hollinwell Avenue turn left onto Woodhall Road. Continue straight ahead along Woodhall Road until you reach the busy Wollaton Road. Carefully cross Wollaton Road using the pedestrian crossing and continue straight ahead along the pavement into Eton Grove. At the end of Eton Grove turn right onto Harrow Road. After the school warning signs carefully cross Harrow Road and continue along the pavement with the black fence on your left.
- E.** At the Harrow Road Gate in the fence enter *Wollaton Park* (note this gate is only accessible when the park is open and opening/closure times are displayed on the gate sign). Continue straight ahead along the tree lined dirt track, with the school and then golf course to your left, ignoring any paths to the right. Whilst walking along this path keep a look out for a wooden snake sculpture and wildlife such as deer, squirrels and birds. At the end of the dirt track follow the surfaced path to the left with the golf course still on your left.
At this point you could turn right and take the path to the left to head up the hill to visit Wollaton Hall. The Hall and gardens are a great place to visit. The stable courtyard has a café and toilet facilities subject to opening hours.
- F.** At the path junction turn left to continue along the tree lined surfaced path. This path called Lime Tree Avenue, passes Sutton Passeys Playground on your left, which is a great place to stop with benches and picnic tables, but there are no toilets here. Continue along the path and go through the metal gate (only accessible when the park is open) passing the entrance to the golf club. Continue straight ahead along the path, watching out for cars accessing the golf club. At the end of the path pass through the pillared entrance and take the path to the left heading towards a red post box.
- G.** At the post box turn left to walk along the pavement to the staggered pedestrian crossing. Carefully use the crossings to cross Middleton Boulevard (Ring Road) and turn right to take the shared path signposted *University (Jubilee Campus)*. Turn left into Charnock Avenue and continue straight ahead along the pavement. At the end of Charnock Avenue turn right to take the

shared path signposted *Q.M.C.* passing through the bollards. Continue ahead with the *Nottingham University* campus on your left to reach the *Lenton Lodge Gatehouse* on Derby Road and the end of the walk.

- H.** Here at the Derby Road entrance to the *Nottingham University* campus there are several remains of **Lock 4**. Head towards the University with the black fence railings to your left. Just past the green University Map information board is a small black and white Nottingham Canal sign with a picture of the Gatehouse. Behind this sign is the boundary wall and a water pump which may have provided water for the horses pulling canal barges. Continue past the two silver bollards to a seating area. On the canal wall behind the seating area is an anchor which was found in 2017 during the construction of the nearby Advanced Manufacturing Building. On the opposite side of Derby Road near the entrance to Hillside is an information board “The Nottingham Canal and River Leen” which gives further information about the canal and how the River Leen’s course was altered to flow along the old canal bed.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The **Nottingham Canal** is a historic 15-mile waterway with 20 locks, most of which were grouped into a flight at Wollaton. It opened in 1796 to transport coal and goods, running from Langley Mill, where it would connect with the already busy Cromford Canal to the River Trent. By the early 20th century most of its traffic had been lost to the railways and the canal was finally abandoned in 1937. Unfortunately, this came too early for the revival of narrow canals for pleasure boating, and infilling began in 1955; within the City of Nottingham boundary the canal has virtually disappeared completely, although the remains of 2 locks can be found on this walk.

Lock 4 remains can be found at the Nottingham University Derby Road entrance. These include a water pump and the lock wall, which now displays an anchor found during construction of the University’s nearby Advanced Manufacturing building.



Lock 6 remains can be found under the Crown Island underpass. Look out for the stone work and visible number sign. An undated image shows the gates and lock.



Wollaton Park is 500 acres of parkland, featuring all kinds of habitats, including grassland, wetland and woodland. It has a wide variety of attractions, which includes the lake, Wollaton Hall, with a Formal Garden and several walking trails. The lake is surrounded by trees and greenery and serves as a habitat for various types of wildlife, including ducks, geese, and other waterfowl. The park is best known for its wild deer. It is centred on Wollaton Hall, a classic Elizabethan prodigy house which contains the Nottingham Natural History Museum, with the Nottingham Industrial Museum in the stable block. Wollaton Hall was built between 1580 and 1588 for Sir Francis Willoughby, and designed by renowned Elizabethan architect Robert Smythson. There are many sculptures in the park like this snake which can be found on this walk.



Lenton Lodge is one of the gatehouses built around the boundary of Wollaton Park. Commissioned by Henry Willoughby, 6th Baron Middleton, it was designed by the architect Jeffry Wyatville and completed in 1825. It is built in the Elizabethan Revival style. With the sale of part of the park for residential building, Lenton Lodge was separated from the rest of the park and now stands isolated but prominent on Derby Road in Lenton. It was sold by Nottingham City Council in the early 1980s with the University of Nottingham now owning the building since 2016.

The **Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly Library** houses books and resources relating to courses and research in the university's Faculty of Education and School of Computing Science and houses the Commonwealth Education Documentation Centre. The library is an unusual circular building situated on an island platform in the middle of the campus lake. It was designed by the architect Sir Michael Hopkins, with the striking feature of having only a single floor, which spirals its way up and around the circumference of the building.

The library was named after the philanthropists Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly who gave a significant contribution towards the cost of its construction. Sir Harry Djanogly is the father of Jonathan Djanogly, who became MP for Huntingdon in 2001.

Over the years the **River Leen**'s course has been altered considerably to accommodate development. During the 1850s it had an unofficial role as a carrier for sewage and effluent from parishes and enterprises further up the river.

It now travels through Lenton crossing under the Derby Road and along Hillside to the back of the University Hospital where it is eventually sent beneath the Beeston canal once past Abbey Street. It makes a relatively quiet entry into the River Trent opposite Wilford Church. The River Leen's present course is much the same route as it made before man began to interfere some 900 years ago. This picture shows the Lenton Lodge and the Nottingham canal in operation before being infilled.



MAP



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