

# NOTTSNIGHT

## Castle Trail

2018 Edition



One of the most common questions asked by visitors when they first arrive at Nottingham Castle is “Where is the castle?”. Well, we’ve the Civil War to blame for that - and the present “Ducal Mansion” was build by Henry Cavendish, the Duke of Newcastle, in the 1640s.

Despite this historical hiccup, the area around Nottingham Castle remains rich in facts, myths and legend. And the pubs around here provide a great place to learn more about that history, offering fine outdoor areas which are great for people watching.

On any given day you might just see Robin Hood (there are actually two “official” Robins in the city), join in a ghost walk, or simply enjoy a nice pint or three. It’s worth noting that parts of Nottingham Castle are closed for a major restoration project.

### About us

NottsNight is an online blog celebrating the best places to drink in Nottingham and its suburbs. You can no nonsense, straight talking reviews at [nottsnight.com](http://nottsnight.com), where you’ll also find public transport details of how to reach the Castle district.

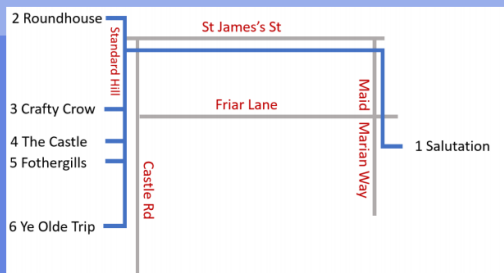
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Starting on Maid Marian Way The Salutation (1) is one of three Nottingham pubs claiming – for various reasons – to be the city’s oldest. Enjoy one of several hand pulled ales here and don’t be put off by the biker look of the place - the Sal has a friendly, welcoming staff.

Walk up Maid Marian Way, crossing over at St James’s Street – and up the hill past the Britannia Hotel. Ahead of you is the Roundhouse (2), a real treat for history lovers. The bar is the former maternity wing of Nottingham General Hospital. Along with a healthy selection of ales, a gastro pub menu will fill you up if you need food.

The next three bars are so close together you could easily make them into a mini trail. Turn right down the hill and on the corner is The Crafty Crow (3). Enjoy a pint of Magpie brewery’s large selection or one of the many guest ales. The staff here are extremely knowledgeable about the beer so don’t be afraid to ask their advice.



Look across the road on a sunny day and you’ll see the crowds outside The Castle (4) and Fothergills (5). Both are owned by the same people though each has a slightly different vibe. You’re more likely to find a larger real ale selection in The Castle, while Fothergills is the slightly older, straighter cousin where they’d rather you buy an expensive wine. The outdoor seats make this a perfect people watching area, looking directly across to the Robin Hood Statue.

It’s just a short walk down Castle Road to reach Ye Olde Trip To Jerusalem (6). You’re now back in a world of myth and legend. Find yourself a spot in the main bar, dug deep into the castle rock, or look up at the mystical galleon in a bottle on the upper floor. Someone may well retell an ancient story at some point, although if you’ve completed this trail in one session you probably won’t remember a word of it the next day.