

# NOTTSNIGHT

## Hockley Trail

2019 Edition

Hockley is the beating heart of Nottingham's weekend party scene, and as such you'll see dozens of bars vying for custom. Many have come and gone over the years - often trying to be "the next big thing". Some are hidden away through secret entrances, others boast constantly long queues and sky high drinks prices.

So it's nice to be able to step away from the gimmicks and enjoy some of the area's more traditional watering holes. You can still find great ale here, and a growing craft beer scene. Divert from the main trail, and you may find yourself in a sandstone cave. Head across Sneinton Market and discover old haunts where the locals drink.

If you fancy a bite, you'll also find a wide selection of restaurants here, ranging from Chinese, Japanese and Korean dishes to tasty Mediterranean tapas. There are also plenty of cheaper takeaways to line the stomach.

### About us

NottsNight is an online blog, founded in 2016, which celebrates the best places to drink in Nottingham and its suburbs. You can see all our no non-sense, straight talking reviews at [nottsnight.com](http://nottsnight.com), where you'll also find other exciting trails and public transport details of how to reach Hockley.

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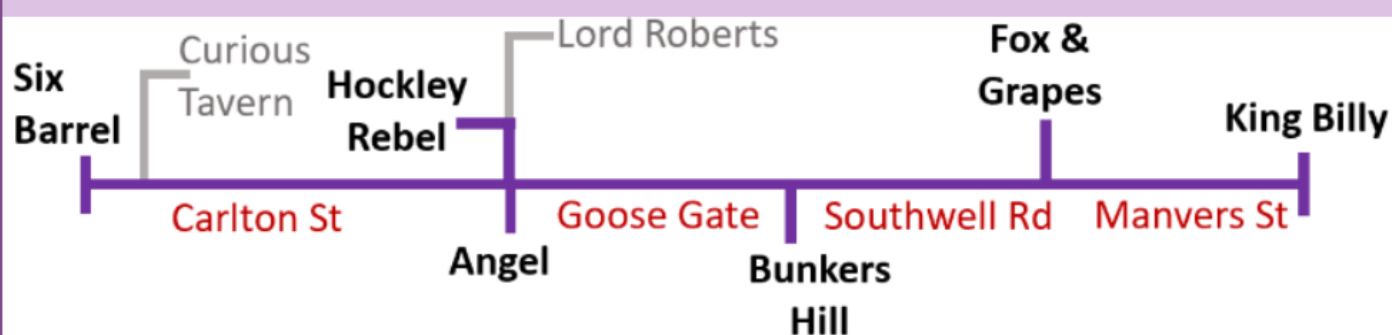
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**The Six Barrel Draffhouse** is a good place to begin, being very close to the Nottingham tram network and plenty of bus routes. It's a pretty even mix of cask and craft beer here - if you're a fan of the latter head to the back of the bar and look inside the mahoosive fridge.

Take time to stop off at the **Hockley Rebel** where real ale is the star of the bar - recently refurbished and with the air of a proper no nonsense. Craft features heavily at the **Angel Microbrewery**, which has been transformed from a dark dungeon of sticky carpets to a well run bar with - as the name suggests - its own beers.

Head down the hill to the bottom of Hockley and on the corner you'll see the **Bunkers Hill**. Owned by the same folk as Six Barrel, this bar is often full of hockey fans during the season, with the Nottingham Panthers playing next door at the Arena.



Next, you can follow the road around the corner or cut through the recently revived Sneinton Market to find **The Fox and Grapes**. Back in the day it used to open at first light to serve market traders. Fully refurbished, you'll find a fine selection of Castle Rock beers and guest ales.

Cross the busy Southwell Road and up Manvers Street to discover a real slice of Nottingham tradition. In the **King Billy**, you're likely to meet some real characters and sample yet more fine cask ale. On a warm day, head up to the roof garden - an unexpected treat.

**Note :** You can divert from this trail to visit the Curious Tavern (George St) - with the Lost Caves bar in the basement or the Lord Roberts (Broad Street) for more real ale.