

Five of the best... *Alfresco Ales*



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When the sun shines, there's nowhere nicer to be than in a great beer garden. Here, we've handpicked five boozers that will quench your thirst in some beautiful - or at least unique - surroundings.

The Sir John Borlase Warren

Ilkeston Road, Nottingham, NG7 3GD

The grand daddy of Canning Circus pubs, the Sir John arguably has the best beer garden in the city centre area. Having undergone an extensive refurbishment a couple of years ago, the Lincoln Green company has also added a micro pub within the pub called the Dog and Thief, which serves up some great craft beers. The garden itself is split over two



levels, with a grave layer on the ground floor and a wooden decking upstairs. It also smells great when the pub hosts beer festivals and music events, often featuring an outside barbecue.

Getting here : NCT Turquoise and Pink lines, Trent Barton One and Twos, all from the City Centre to Canning Circus.

The King Billy

Eyre Street, Sneinton, NG2 4RG

If meeting the locals isn't "your thing", then (a) you're a massive snob and (b) don't bother coming here. From the heart of the pub, two staircases guide you to the wonderful, full-of-character rooftop garden of this Sneinton local. Sure, it's mainly used as a smoking terrace year round, but planters and screening make this a great place to watch the sun go down over the nearby tower blocks.



Getting here : NCT Red Line 44 to Southwell Road (outbound) or Manvers St (inbound)

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The Lincolnshire Poacher

161 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FR

The Lincolnshire Poacher is a Mansfield Road institution. However, in the past, its beer “yard” was renowned for a great place to pick up some cigarette butts and broken glass. But no longer, because a makeover has transformed the drab area into a thriving place for conversation and quirkiness - with several beach hut structures designed for private moments, or at least controlling the plume from fags and vapes.

Getting here : NCT Green , Yellow and Brown Lines, Trent Barton Calverton and Hucknall buses - all from the city centre.



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The Canal House

48 Canal Street, Nottingham, NG1 7EH

If someone offered to “park your boat” in most other pubs, you might rightly give them a funny look. But in the Canal House, you can do just that. A former warehouse and museum, the waterside decking can get rammed with the after work crowd. But be



patient and you’ll find a table, with around half the garden sheltered from the elements should it rain.

Getting here : All NCT City Loop services, Trent Barton Mainline, Keyworth and Cotgrave lines, and National Rail all to Nottingham Station.

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The Victoria Hotel

Dovecote Lane, Beeston, NG9 1JG

Bigger than most in every sense, the Vic features three sprawling bars, a massive selection of ales and a sizeable outdoor drinking area. More of a marquee than a beer garden (though with the roof removed on the sunniest days), this is a great place to while away a few hours, or plan a longer pub crawl in Beeston town centre. The only downside is children being welcome until 8pm. You're unlikely to miss your train back to Nottingham, as the garden leads directly onto the station platform.



Getting here : National Rail from Nottingham and Derby to Beeston. The town centre is a 15 minute walk, with bus and tram connections to Nottingham and beyond

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