

- Starting in the Arboretum, leave by the lower gate onto Waverley street, turn left and head down the hill until the road forks. Turn left along Shakespeare street.
- Cross the road and turn right up the hill on South Sherwood Street. Continue until you reach Parliament street then turn left and cross the road to go down King street.
- At the old Market Square, pass the council house and turn left up Cheapside, then right onto Bridlesmith gate.
- Continue until you reach Lower Pavement, turn right and go downhill, across Lister gate, and up Castle gate to Maid Marian Way.
- Cross the road and continue up Castle Gate, then Right on Castle Road until you're in front of the Castle.
- Turn left to go down Lenton Road through the Park estate, and continue as it becomes Park Road.
- Turn right onto Willoughby street, then left onto Church street.
- At the junction with Gregory street, turn left, then right onto Leen gate, then right again onto NCN Route 6 (northbound).
- Pass through the University's Jubilee campus, then use the crossings to get onto the shared pavement on Western Boulevard (the ring road) Northbound, with the road to your left.
- Turn right onto Northdown Road, then as the road curves, turn left between two hedges.
- Across the railway continue as straight as possible onto St Peters Street, turn left and across Radford Boulevard it will become Hartley Street.
- At the bend, cross the pavement on your right onto Beckenham Road. Cross Alfreton road onto Palin street, across Radford Road onto Claypole Road, right on Maple street then Left on Bentinck road, and cross the road into Forest Fields recreation ground.
- As you leave the Forest cross Forest Road and head down Balmoral Road, then Right on Arboretum street until you reach the entrance to the Arboretum.

This route was adapted by Richard Jackson, from the Self-Guided Suffrage Walk published by the Nottingham Women's History Group with their permission, and with help from Miriam Jackson.

Nottingham Bikeworks



Route of the Month



#8 March 2022:

women's history month



- 11km/7mi circular route between the Arboretum and university
- Mostly flat, a mixture of city-centre road cycling and quieter paths
- Many thanks to the Nottingham Women's History Group for allowing us to adapt their walking tour



The **Nottingham Women's History Group** (<https://nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk/>) is a local group dedicated to researching the contribution made by women to our city's history. They provide a diverse range of activities to highlight the role women have had in shaping Nottingham, which can be seen on their website.



The QR code above will take you directly to a PDF of the self-guided walking tour (found in the 'downloads' section of their website) that inspired this route of the month, as put together by Miriam Jackson of the NWHG who graciously allowed me to adapt it and provided valuable tips on how to expand the ride outside of the city. Please see the PDF for a more in-depth look at some of the important historical places passed on the route.



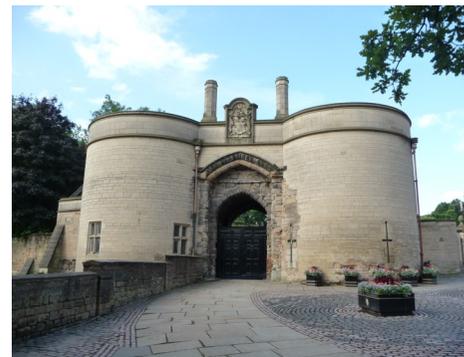
This route in particular is focused on women's struggle for suffrage (voting rights) in the early 20th century and takes in some

places linked to famous suffragettes. It passes several buildings and locations in the city centre that held importance to the local suffrage movement, as well as passing through the Park estate—home to several suffragettes—on its way to the former Lenton vicarage, which was the home of Helen Kirkpatrick Watts.

The route back to town passes through the university's Jubilee campus, which has no links to the suffragettes but is a nice area to cycle through, and finally passes through Forest fields recreation ground where several protests and demonstrations were held in favour of women's right to vote.



The route passes the entrance to Nottingham Castle, recently reopened to the



public and housing the 'Rebellion' gallery. This exhibition features the history of some notable acts of rebellion and revolt in Nottingham, including the struggle for parliamentary reform (and expanding the right to vote) in the 19th century, but does not mention the local history of the women's suffrage movement.