

Real Ale & Cider Tram Trail - Route 2

Market Square to Clifton

Nottingham's tram network offers the possibility of three pub crawls along the routes Market Square to Toton Lane, Market Square to Clifton South, and Market Square to Hucknall. A day ticket can be bought from the platform ticket machines. Only travel passes issued for Nottinghamshire are accepted and you must 'touch in' at the reader before boarding. Check opening hours on What Pub before venturing out to avoid disappointment. Pubs are briefly described near their respective tram stop.

Market Square

There are a number of pubs within walking distance of the square. Four are described below to get you started.

BELL INN 18 Angel Row NG1 6HL

One of the oldest pubs in the country, now owned by Greene King. Past landlords names are listed just below ceiling level in the main back bar, where the main range of beers is sold. Two much smaller side rooms also boast their own bar, where a different beer may be available than in the main room. The old well, in the main bar, has been glassed over, and is now part of the serving area. GK beers plus many guests and real cider.

BANK 8-9 Beastmarket Hill NG1 6FB

Popular pub offering value food near Market Square. A single open plan bar offers some sense of intimacy at quieter times, but during meal times and sports can get busy leading to standing room only. Cask range can include some interesting guests, but largely follows national brands.

NED LUDD 27 Friar Lane NG1 6DA

Named after the original Luddite, this former tapas bar is now a 'Craft' beer pub, with four hand pumps, and several beer fonts.

THE JOSEPH ELSE South Parade, Market Square NG1 2JS.

Wetherspoon pub offering up to 14 beers and real cider, next to the tram stop.

Lace Market

CROSS KEYS 15 Byard Lane NG1 2GJ.

This split-level pub has a very relaxed atmosphere with lots of natural light, high ceilings and wooden floorboards. 4 beers from Navigation Brewery are regulars along with 3 guests.

SIX BARREL DRAFTHOUSE 14-16 Carlton Street NG1 1NN

Modern conversion of an older pub, now selling a choice of six cask beers, with a similar number of craft keg beers and a large selection of foreign cans and bottles. Floor is bare wood, with large windows overlooking the main thoroughfare in Hockley.

Railway Station

VAT & FIDDLE Queens Bridge Road NG2 1NB.

200 yards from the railway station. Castle Rock Brewery tap and has 12 hand pulls. Full range of Castle Rock plus occasional guests and real cider.

BEERHEADZ Cabmans Shelter 1a Queens Road NG2 3AS

Very small unit adjacent to the main railway station entrance. Run by the BeerHeadZ group, who run similar outlets elsewhere in Nottinghamshire & Lincolnshire. Single room with central bar. Wooden stools or beer barrels with wooden tops act as seats.

BARLEY TWIST 91 Carrington Street NG1 7FE

Formerly the Barley Twist sweet shop, this small city centre craft ale venue has 1 cask ale, 10 craft beers, plus over 100 bottled beers available for consumption in the pub or as off sales. Most of the craft beers are 'Key Keg'. The downstairs area can be used as a function/events room. Castle Rock merchandise is sold.

Wilford Village

FERRY INN Main Road Wilford NG11 7AA

A 'Chef and Brewer' branded pub-restaurant, near the River Trent, with parts of the building dating from the 14th century. The first reference to a pub is in 1787. Five cask ales on offer.

Wilford Lane

TAILORS ARMS Wilford Lane Wilford NG11 7AX

Described as a British gastropub with modern ideals. Refurbished and re-opened in May 2018. Large open plan, airy interior with modern furnishings and separate restaurant. Tables and benches outside for al fresco dining. This pub serves 1 regular beer Castle Rock Harvest Pale, House beer brewed by Theakston's and 1 changing beer.

Compton Acres

A short walk away is the

EGO @ The Dorset Arms Compton Acres West Bridgford NG2 7RS

This former pub is now a restaurant but there is a small comfortable lounge for drinkers. Two ales on offer.

Ruddington Lane

Again a short walk uphill brings you to the

APPLE TREE Compton Acres West Bridgford NG2 7PA

An Ember Inns dining pub with up to ten ales available from all over the country. Modern open plan with carpeted floors and comfortable furniture.

Clifton Centre

PEACOCK Southchurch Drive Clifton NG11 9FB

This is part of the 'Eat and Meet' branded Greene King pubs. The large brick building in the shopping precinct has prominent maroon painted sign and trim. Inside the U shaped open plan interior has a drinking area with pool table and TV to the left and a light airy comfortable lounge area for diners to the right. GK beers on offer.