

Real Ale & Cider Tram Trail - Route 3

Route 3 Market Square to Hucknall

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.

Royal Centre

LANGTRY'S 4 South Sherwood Street NG1 4BY

Langtry's took on its current name in 1981 celebrating famed Victorian starlet Lillie Langtry. Photographs and playbills from her career adorn the walls and delight pre-theatre patrons for the Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall in the evenings. A huge selection of beers and ciders is always on offer.

THREE CROWNS 51 Upper Parliament Street NG1 6LD

Opened June 2014 as a modern pub, selling up to six real ales, mostly national brands. The ground floor is divided into several booths, with sport on TV prominent.

HOP MERCHANT 64 Upper Parliament Street NG1 2AG

Formerly a traditional street corner pub, then a late-night bar, this self-styled craft beer bar sits opposite the Theatre Royal. One wall is decorated with beer barrel bases. Four real ales

and one cider are served. An upstairs room overlooks Upper Parliament Street with outdoor seating available. Fresh snacks are sold.

STAGE 7a Wollaton Street NG1 5FW

Pub near the Theatre Royal, raised from street level on Parliament Street entrance. A side bar runs to the rear entrance on Wollaton Street while ample seating is provided away from the bar. The premises were once owned by Nottingham Forest legend Larry Lloyd. Three regular beers plus one changing guest.

Nottingham Trent University

A short walk downhill and right into Peel St brings you to the

GOOSEBERRY BUSH 5 Peel Street NG1 4GL

Weatherspoon's frequented by students from the nearby Trent University. This pub serves 2 regular Greene King beers plus 4 changing beers.

Shipstone Street.

LION INN 44 Mosley Street New Basford NG7 7FQ

This freehouse has a large range of cask ales from both local and national breweries. The central bar features real cider and 'craft' beer, as well as numerous hand pumps. The décor is bare brick walls, wooden floors, with plenty of seating featuring heavy iron chairs with traditional upholstery.

HORSE AND GROOM 462 Radford Road New Basford NG7 7EA

Popular corner pub situated a few yards away from the defunct Shipstones Brewery. The pub was once the social club for the brewery. The main entrance is via steps to the front door, but there is disabled access towards the rear on request. Although small, the pub has several distinct areas on two levels, including a function room, each with its own character. The bar accommodates eight handpumps, including a mild, and regularly guest ales come from local breweries. Gurkhali MOMO and Punjabi Grill have the food franchise and offer in pub and a take away service, including special beer and curry offers.

Opposite the tram stop you will notice the Black Iris Brewery unit.

Basford

FOX & CROWN 33 Church Street Old Basford NG6 0GA

This pub is the brewery tap for the adjacent Shipstones (formerly Alcazar) Brewery. On arrival you notice the large Fox & Crown mural depicting Sherwood Forest in the 13th Century (including the City's most famous character, Robin Hood). Inside you will find a central bar. There is a beer garden to the rear. TVs, darts and a pool table provide the entertainment. This pub is popular with both locals and students, and can get very busy during the kitchen's opening hours as the Thai food is held in high regard.

Bulwell

WILLIAM PEVERIL 259 Main Street Bulwell NG6 8EZ

A bit of a trek down the main street to this Wetherspoon conversion with a high vaulted roof over main room, with clerestory windows. Natural oak timber and cream painted interior, with

a large central room fronted by long single bar, with a number of smaller rooms leading off. Usual range of well priced ales and cider on offer.

BULL'S WELL 11 Main Street NG6 8QH

The Bull's Well is Bulwell's first micro-pub (and tea room, which shares the building). Well laid out, with many quirky features; cinema seats on one side and church pews on the other. Snacks are available throughout the day with speciality pork pies. Food is also available from the adjoining tea rooms. 5 changing beers on offer.

Bulwell Forest

NEWSTEAD ABBEY St Albans Road Bulwell NG6 9JS

Built in the 1880s, this pub has two large rooms downstairs (one with a pool table), and a function room upstairs. Listed as a pub of historical interest. Two regular beers available.

Hucknall

STATION HOTEL Station Terrace Hucknall NG15 7TQ

19th century former Home brewery pub, operated by the local Lincoln Green brewery since February 2017. Consists of a traditional bar and large comfortable piano lounge. The lounge wall displays a series of old Hucknall photographs, including one of the pub in the 1920/30's. The pub, as the name would suggest, is located next to the railway station and tram stop. 20 hand pumps, all dispensing a different beer or cider.

A short walk to the High Street and several pubs are available - a selection is described below.

PLOUGH AND HARROW High Street Hucknall NG15 7HJ

Extensively renovated and improved in September 2015. Carpeted throughout, the single roomed pub has been cleverly arranged so that there are a number of separate drinking areas. TV screens abound but are normally on mute to allow conversation to take place, with the aim of creating a traditional community ale house. Two changing beers and real cider available.

RED LION High Street Hucknall NG15 7AX

Numerous 'living rooms' act as separate drinking areas, as does the beer garden. The Red Lion Inn was the rent house of Lord Byron in the 18th Century. This pub serves 2 regular GK beers.

BEER SHACK 1 Derbyshire Lane Hucknall NG15 7JX

Hucknall's first micro-pub. This former shop has been converted to a friendly, music free real ale and cider pub. The emphasis is on conversation and good company. The unique Flying Bedstead pub sign (from the nearby pub that closed shortly before the Beer Shack opened) is displayed on one wall. Five changing beers and huge selection of real cider. 2014 East Midlands Cider Pub of the Year.

BYRON'S REST 8 Baker Street NG15 7AS

Formerly a sewing shop, converted into a micro-pub and opened on 3rd February 2017. Whilst narrow, the pub extends considerably, creating the illusion of separate drinking areas. A 'snug' was added in 2018 and at the rear a 'secret garden' was created - a tranquil oasis in the heart of Hucknall. 4 beers on offer.