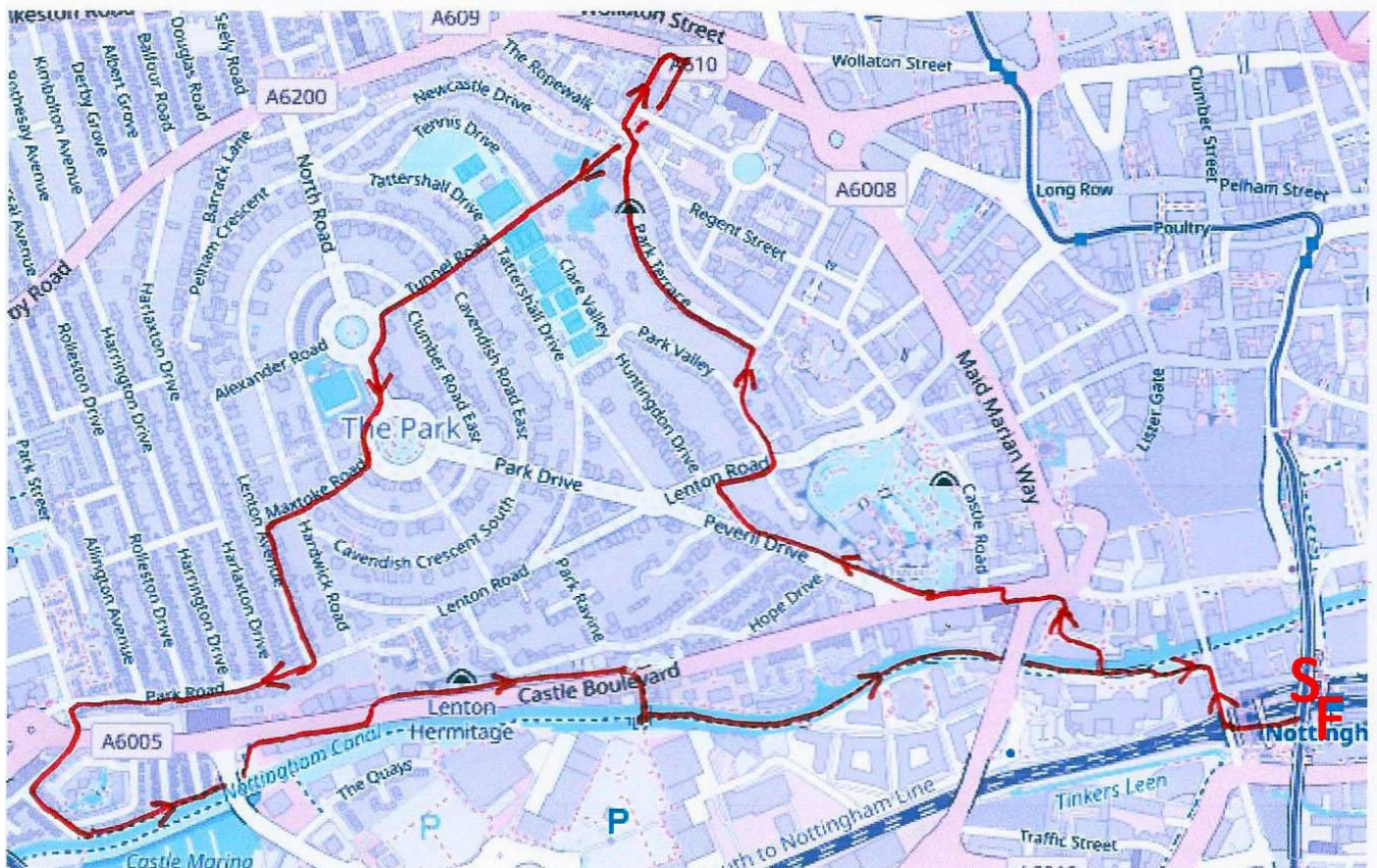


NET WALK 2: The Park Estate & Nottingham-Beeston Canal

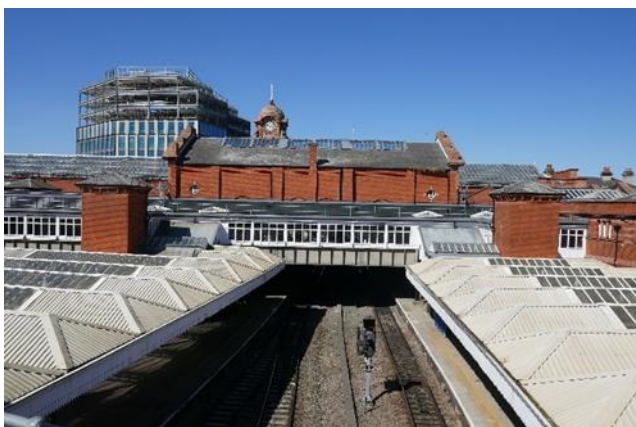
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Take the NET service to Nottingham Station tramstop, the **S**tart and **F**inish of this walk.

The walk, through the Park Estate and along part of the Nottingham to Beeston canal is about 6.2 km (3.8 miles) and the description includes directions and a note of interesting sites along the way. For some of these sites, marked in red and with a red number on the maps, there is further information in the **2A. The Park Estate & Nottingham-Beeston Canal Appendix**.



Before going down to the railway station, take time to appreciate the unusual and pleasing views from the **NET bridge (1)** over the station buildings and surrounding area...



...but, for great views across the city, it is worth going into the adjacent car park and climbing to the top floor.....

Nottingham Castle



Towards the Lace Market and City Centre

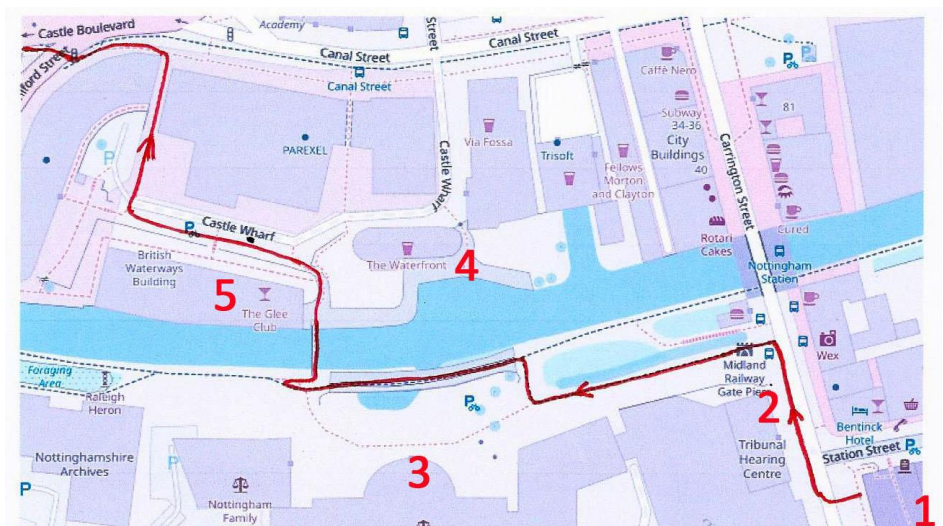


Nottingham University



Return down to the tramstop level and go down through the main station and out onto **Carrington Street (2)**.

Turn right (towards the City centre) and then turn left, down the slope to the Nottingham Canal.

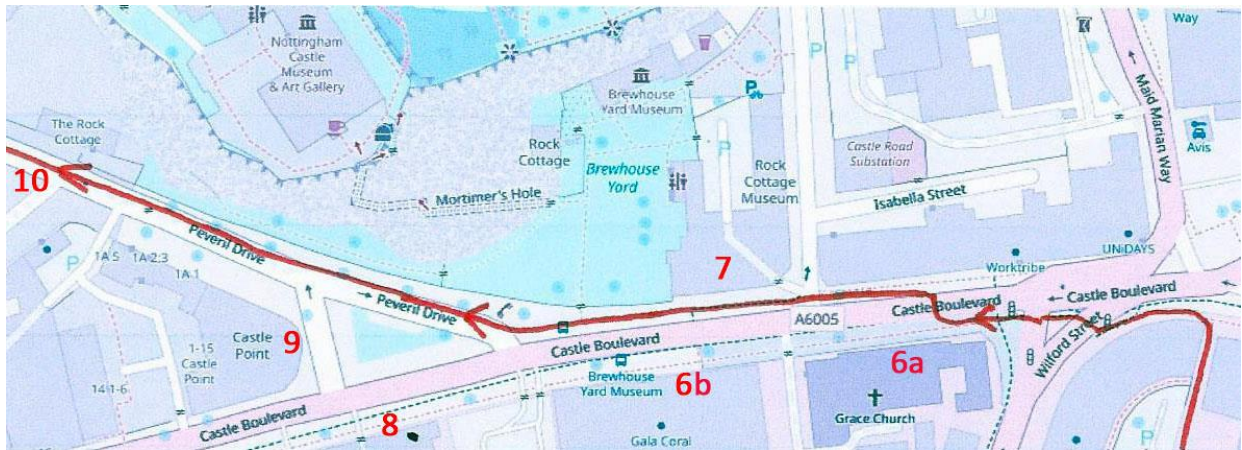


Set back on the left is the **Nottingham Magistrates' Court (3)** and on the opposite side of the canal is **Castle Wharf (4)**.



Cross the bright blue bridge and then go left, behind the **British Waterways building (5)** along Castle Wharf and then right, out to Canal Street.





Turn left at Canal Street and cross Wilford Street into Castle Boulevard beside the **Grace Church (6a)**.

Cross to the north side of Castle Boulevard.

On the left side of the road is **New Castle House (6b)** and.....



....on the right side of the road, on the corner of Castle Road, is what was the **Nottingham Waterworks Company (7)**, with Nottingham Castle ducal palace behind.



The next building after New Castle House is **Castle Court (8)**.....



....and opposite, at the junction with Peveril Drive, is **Castle Point (9)**.

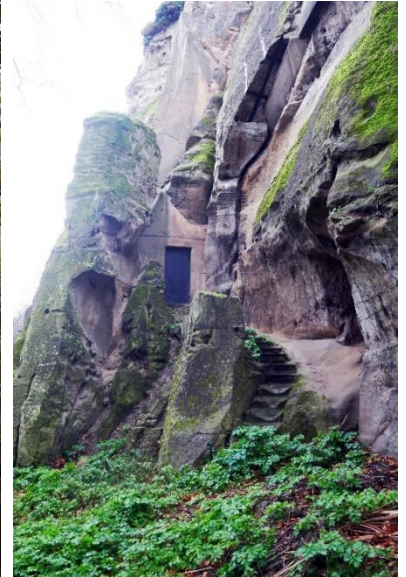
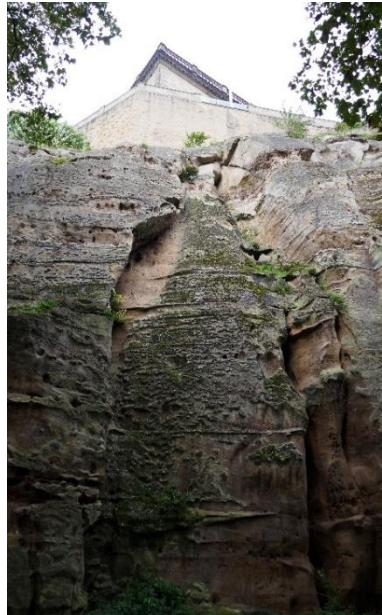


To your right is Brewhouse Yard with the museum buildings, caves and castle wall.

For information about this important Nottingham site go to:
<https://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/brewhouse-yard/>



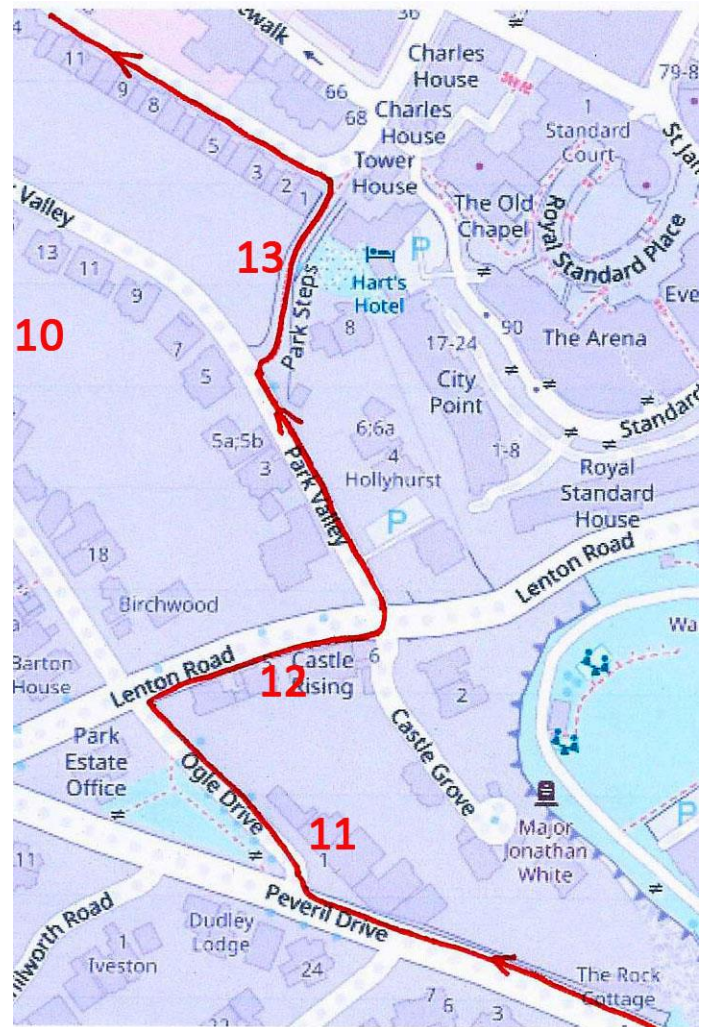
Turn into Peveril Drive – to the right is the imposing rock face on which stands Nottingham Castle. Ahead is the gateway into **The Park Estate (10)**; vehicle access is restricted with only one road (Lenton Road) that has a public right of vehicular access.



Continue to the junction of **Ogle Drive (11)** and pause to look at properties on the right.

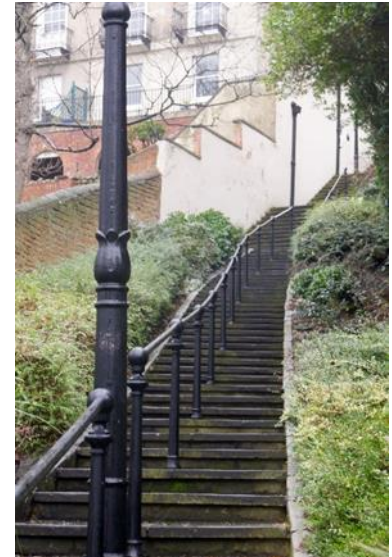


Turn right onto **Lenton Road (12)** where there are some fine houses: No.7 (Fothergill House) was designed by Watson Fothergill in 1872 and he also did Nos.5 and 5A in 1873 (Castle Bank). No.3 (Castle Rising). Those on Castle Grove were by TC Hine in 1850s. All are Grade II listed.



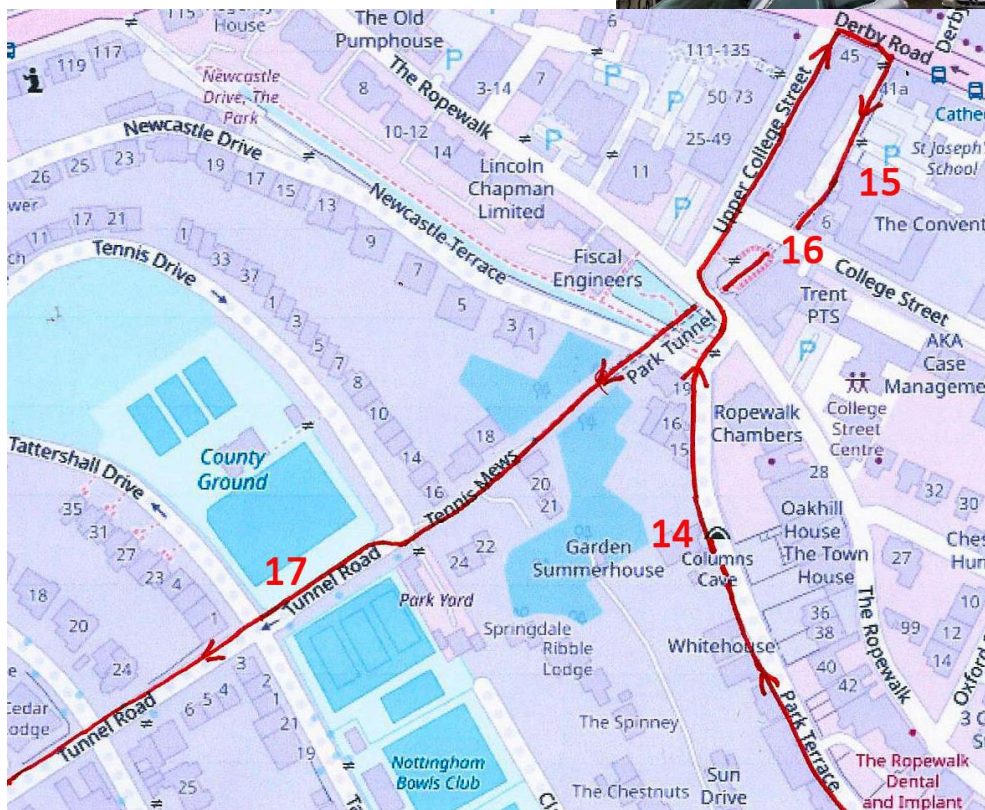
No.7 Lenton Road

Turn left onto Park Valley, where there are more TC Hine designed houses, and then turn right, up the **Park Steps (13)** – over 100 of them!



At the top, go left along Park Terrace, lined with Grade II listed houses – Nos.1-17 (except No.14) built in 1827-33 by Peter Frederick Robinson and Nos.18-20 by TC Hine.

Actor Hugh Grant lodged in Park Terrace for a year (1986) when he was working at the Nottingham Playhouse to obtain his Equity card.



Further along Park Terrace is house No. 14A. Accessed from this property but situated under the road is an excavation in the rock known as **Columns Cave (14)**.

Bear right past, on your left, a green space – Ropewalk Rest Garden, also known as Bay of Biscay but I have been unable to discover why it has this name from the area of the Atlantic off SW France.

Go through the Park gates and turn left on The Ropewalk, then right, down Upper College Street to Derby Road. Forest fans will be familiar with the name of the micro pub opposite – for non-football fans, the anthem of Nottingham Forest FC, based on the song Mull of Kintyre, is: ‘Oh mist rolling in from the Trent, my desire is always to be here, Oh City Ground’.



Turn right on Derby Road and after a few metres turn right into the access to the block of flats (the gap at the left of this photo).



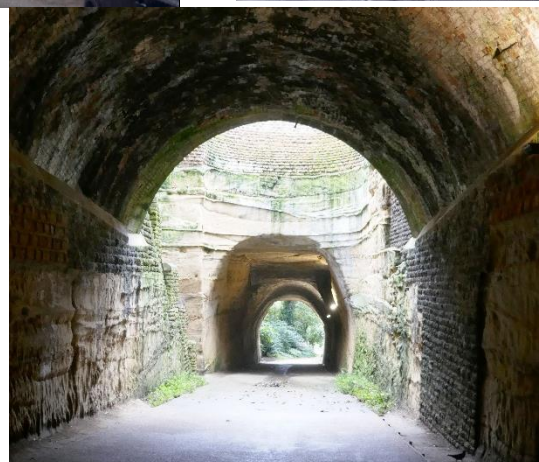
Continue straight ahead - on the right is the Parkgate apartment block and on the left is an older building – **The Convent (15)**, another apartment block – and beyond it is St Barnabas Cathedral (another visit perhaps). Continue ahead and into what looks like the entrance to an underground car park (bottom centre of photo, below white lintle).....



....and through to the steps at the end.....



....and into the **Park Tunnel (16)**.



Go through the tunnel and out onto Tennis Mews

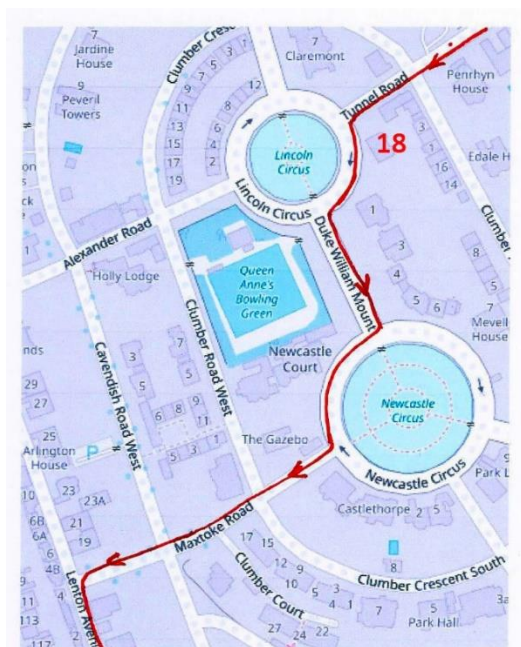


Continue ahead on Tunnel Road which passes between tennis courts – the Nottingham Castle Lawn Tennis Club.



On the right-hand side fence of Tunnel Road, just before the junction with Tattershall Drive, is a circular memorial to William Gladstone, UK Prime Minister in the 19th century – **Gladstone Memorial (17)**.

Continue up Tunnel Road to Lincoln Circus – turn left and the first house is named **Gladstone House (18)**.



Go down Duke William Mount and to the right on Newcastle Circus – one of the larger houses here is Newcastle Court (designed by TC Hine).



This used to be one property (with its coachhouse to the side and a separate 'kitchen entrance') but is now several apartments.

Go right on Maxtoke Road, crossing Clumber Road West (on which stood the home of Magistrate Helena Brownsword Dowson) and Cavendish Road West, and then turn left on Lenton Avenue.

At the bottom of Lenton Avenue, leave the Park through the path to the right.



This leads to Park Road and an area of less affluent looking properties which form the eastern side of Lenton.

The area to the right of Park Road was once a large area of allotments called Allenfield Gardens (see 1880/1 map at [Lenton Road \(12\)](#)).

These disappeared in the 1920s with the development of Harlaxton Drive, Harrington Drive, etc., between Park Road and Derby Road.



At the junction with Willoughby Street, turn left and go down to Castle Boulevard.

Castle Boulevard is not shown on the 1880/1 map as it was built in 1884. Its route has an interesting history involving changes to the course of the River Leen and the construction of the Nottingham Canal – see [Lenton, the River Leen, Castle Boulevard & Nottingham-Beeston Canal \(19\)](#)

Cross over Castle Boulevard to Grove Road. The large building on the right corner was [The Grove Hotel \(20\)](#), now converted to apartments. From Grove Road turn left onto Alderney Street and at its end go along the path to the left, alongside the canal and [Castle Marina \(21\)](#).

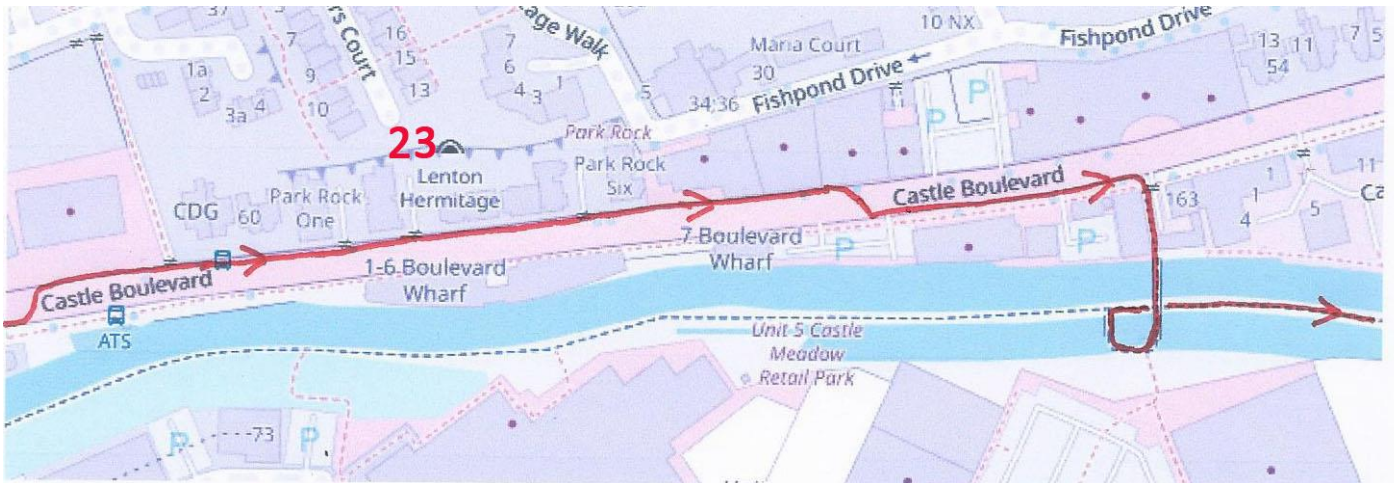




Continue along the path, under Castle Bridge Road and bear left back to Castle Boulevard opposite the **Cornerstone Church (22)**



Cross over and go to the right along Castle Boulevard, which, when opened in 1884, was called Lenton Boulevard. It was given its present name in about 1908/9.



This section of Castle Boulevard has modern apartment blocks on both sides. Those on the left are named Park Rock One, Park Rock Two, etc.



Behind Park Rock Three are entrances to caves known as **Lenton Hermitage (23)**



After the Park Rock buildings, cross over to the south side of the Boulevard.

There are some interesting buildings along the road, originally built for other uses than their current occupants. For example:

This one, on the left of the road, is now occupied by furniture and bathrooms stores...



...but in the 1970s it was Oscrofts Garage, service-station, showrooms and offices.



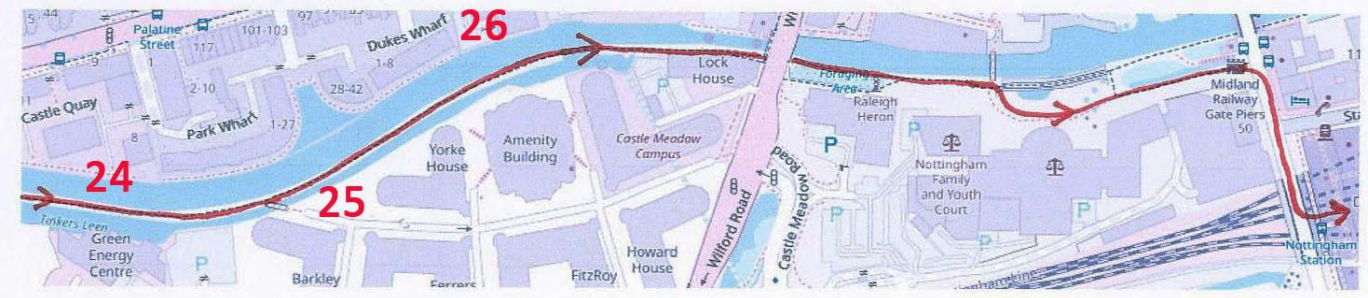
And on the opposite side, this one, is now selling hair and beauty products...



...but in the 1970s, despite its impressive central clock tower with copper covered cupola, it was simply a base for the delivery vehicles used by a local bakery.



Immediately after the above building, turn right along the path to the Canal. Cross the bridge and loop round to go under the bridge, alongside the canal (**Nottingham - Beeston Canal (24)**) back towards the Station.



As you walk along the canal path you will notice on the right is a small stream – this is the Tinkers Leen and it follows the onetime course of the River Leen (see [Lenton, the River Leen, Castle Boulevard & Nottingham-Beeston Canal \(19\)](#)) and now serves as an overflow for the canal.

A little way along the canal path is a path to the right which goes into the Castle Meadow site which was HM Revenue & Customs and now is The University of Nottingham [Castle Meadow Campus \(25\)](#). However, our walk continues along the canal path.

On the north side of the canal are a number of modern apartments, with Nottingham Castle behind...

...but also some older buildings from the time when the canal was a busy route for trade and industry – this is the location of the [Duke of Newcastle's Wharf \(26\)](#), again with Nottingham Castle behind.



Next on the left is the rear of the New Castle House



And, on the right is the overflow into the Tinkers Leen. The stream goes into a culvert and eventually enters the River Trent near Meadow Lane lock.



Continue along the canal path, under Wilford Road, back past Castle Wharf and the Magistrates Court, up to Carrington Street and back to Nottingham Station tramstop and the end of this walk.