

Outdoor Activities



This easy read document tells you about outdoor activities in Nottinghamshire.



There are several green spaces in the county that you can explore and enjoy by walking, cycling and horse riding, including:



- Country Parks
- Nature Reserves
- Open Access Land



Our website provides [details of some popular walking, cycling and horse riding routes](#) in the county.



We also have two Routes and Rides booklets:



[Booklet one](#) covers Teversal, Blyth, Sherwood Forest, Attenborough Nature Reserve, Newark and Aslockton, and Vicar Water Country Park.



[Booklet two](#) covers Trowell, Besthorpe, Farnsfield, Grantham Canal, Everton and Mattersey, Gotham and West Leake, Tuxford, Hoveringham and Caythorpe.

Two groups organise guided walks in the county:



[The Ramblers Association](#), which is a national walking charity



[Notts guided walks](#) which is a monthly guide for walks in the countryside

Walking with dogs



You are allowed to take your dog on any [right of way](#) route.



However, they must be on a lead or under close control.



It is illegal to let a dog run loose in a field with sheep. A farmer can shoot a dog if it is attacking livestock



You must clean up after your dog otherwise you can get a fine

Rights of way (public paths)



You can walk on all public rights of way. They should be clear from obstruction.



Fences, gates and stiles must be in good condition, easy to open and unlocked.

There are four types of rights of way:



- **Footpaths** are marked with yellow arrows. They can be used by walkers, including people using mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs.



- **Bridleways** are marked with blue arrows. They can be used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists.



- **Restricted Byways** are marked with burgundy arrows. They can be used by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and horse and cart users.



- **Byways** are marked with red arrows. They can be used by walkers, horse riders, cyclists, car users, motorcyclists and horse and cart users.



You can report a problem with a right of way using [our online form](#).

Cycling



Nottinghamshire has over 650 miles of urban and countryside cycle routes.



When cycling always be considerate to other people using the right of way.



Take care of the land you are using the needs of the people who own or occupy the land. Follow the [Countryside Code](#).



The [CycleStreets website](#) can help you to plan a route.



Three routes on the [National Cycle Network](#) run through Nottinghamshire:



- [Route 6](#) (London to the Lake District) with a section from Nottingham to Worksop / Derby.

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- [Route 64](#) (Melton Mowbray to Lincoln) includes a section from Bingham to Lincoln, through Newark.

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- [Route 15](#) (connecting Route 6 in Leicestershire to Route 1 in Lincolnshire) includes a section from Nottingham to Bingham.

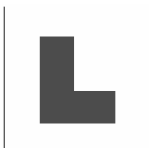


Bike hire is available at [Clumber Park](#) and [Sherwood Pines](#)

When taking your bike on a train, National Rail give information about



- [any on-board restrictions](#)
- [cycle storage facilities at stations](#)



[Bikeability](#) is a national training programme to develop people's cycling skills.



You can contact the Bikeability team for more information:

Telephone: 0115 977 4373

Email: cyclesafety@viaem.co.uk

Links in this document

Find walking, cycling and horse riding routes

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/walking-cycling-and-rights-of-way/find-walks-and-rides

Routes and Rides, Booklet one

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/untdiuer/routesandrides1.pdf

Routes and Rides, Booklet two

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/sieehxru/routesandrides2.pdf

The Ramblers Association

ramblers.org.uk

Notts Guided Walks

nottsguidedwalks.co.uk

Report a problem with a right of way

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/walking-cycling-and-rights-of-way/rights-of-way/report-problem

The Countryside Code

gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code

CycleStreets Website

cyclestreets.net

National Cycle Network – home page

sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network

National Cycle Network – Route 6

sustrans.org.uk/find-a-route-on-the-national-cycle-network/route-6

National Cycle Network – Route 64

sustrans.org.uk/find-a-route-on-the-national-cycle-network/route-64

National Cycle Network – Route 15

sustrans.org.uk/find-a-route-on-the-national-cycle-network/route-15

Bike Hire at Clumber Park

nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/nottinghamshire-lincolnshire/clumber-park

Bike Hire at Sherwood Pines

sherwoodpinescycles.co.uk/hire-bikes

National Rail on-board cycle restrictions

nationalrail.co.uk/on-the-train/train-travel-with-bicycles/cycle-policies

National Rail cycle storage facilities at stations

nationalrail.co.uk/stations

Bikeability

bikeability.org.uk

For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

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nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/walking-cycling-and-rights-of-way

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