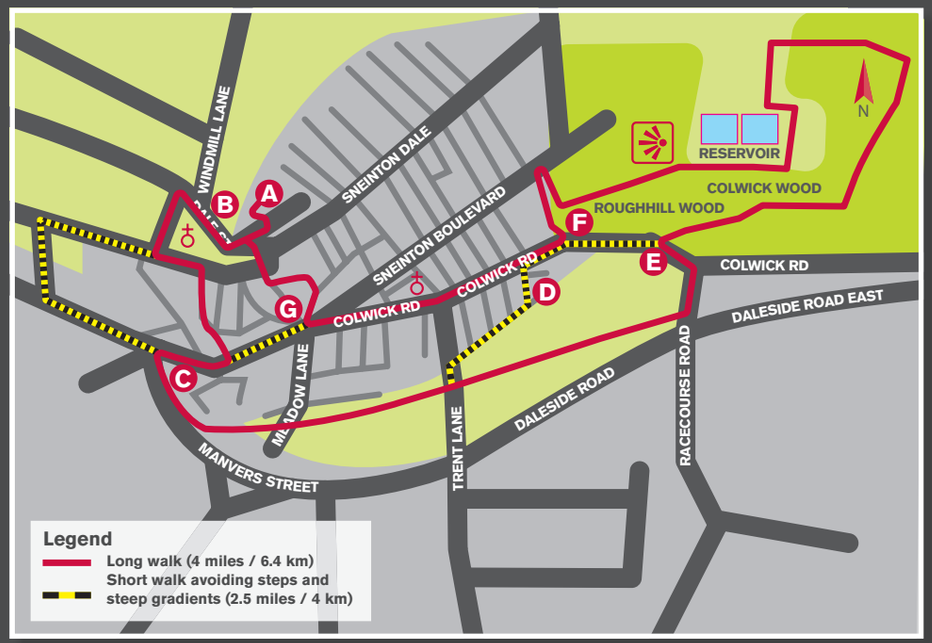
POINTS OF INTEREST

Green's Mill was built in 1807 and the mill house in 1817. The miller's son, George Green, who originally used the mill's third floor as a study, is considered a mathematical genius by, amongst others, Albert Einstein. Green's grave can be seen in the north side of St Stephen's churchyard. The mill complex was restored in 1986 and includes a small science museum.

Sneinton Hermitage was first recorded in the 16th century. A large complex of caves, built into the sandstone cliff, was inhabited as part of rock houses until the 1860s. Two pubs included caves until the railway expansion of the 1890s and 1900s meant their frontage was removed. The remaining caves probably included a brewery and dip well.

Colwick Wood is a Local Nature Reserve and its sandstone cliff is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Covering 125 acres, it was once part of a large estate. Much of the present woodland is ancient semi-natural with remnants of parkland from Colwick Hall estate. This area of woodland and meadows, with views over the Trent Valley, is home to a wide range of wildlife and plants. The site is owned by Nottingham City Council and managed together with the Friends of Colwick Woods (www.friendsofcolwickwoods.co.uk).

MAP



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Sneinton Walk

A two hour circular walk from Green's Mill to Hermitage Square

Walk No. 2

Cover images, Greens Mill, statue of William Booth outside Notintone Place and Colwick Woods
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Sneinton was originally a village on a hill above the Trent Valley. This circular walk takes in some local landmarks, interesting urban and railway architecture, a greenway and part of Colwick Woods. An alternative shorter route, avoiding steep gradients and steps, is given.

THE FACTS

Area:	Sneinton, Nottingham City
Distance:	4 miles, (6.4 km) (shorter walk 2.5 miles, 4 km)
Duration:	About 2 hours
Maps:	OS Landranger 129, OS Explorer 833
Travel information:	Bus no. 43 between City Centre and Bakersfield
Terrain:	Pavements, steps, reclaimed railway and woodland tracks with some moderate/steep slopes. Part could be muddy. Some sections are unsuitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and prams.
Starting point:	Green's Mill. Parking off Windmill Lane. Bus on Sneinton Road.
Refreshments:	Green's Mill complex is open Thursday - Sunday, provides hot and cold drinks and toilets. There are other eating and drinking facilities in the area.

THE ROUTE

A Take the path across the open area south of the mill, going left of the children's play area, to descend onto Belvoir Hill. Turn right onto Dale Street. Continue, crossing Windmill Lane, to the entrance to Notintone Place and the William Booth Centre. William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army was born here in 1829. The redevelopment of the area in the 1960s incorporated three original houses at the centre of a memorial complex, which includes a museum and statue of Booth.

B Cross Sneinton Road/Dale Street and continue down Notintone Street, with St Stephen's church on your left. The fourth church to stand on this site, the tower and clock from the 1838 replacement were retained in the early 20th century rebuilding. The parents of D.H. Lawrence were married here, his mother's family living nearby. Turn left onto St Stephens Road. (Alternatively, to avoid steps turn right, continue along Newark Street for 125 yards (115m) then cross over and turn left down Lower Eldon Street then left onto Manvers St and continue towards Sneinton Hermitage to rejoin the walk at point C). Most of the terraced streets were built of local brick at the end of the 19th century. Notice the decorative brickwork and tiled porches with carved heads on either side of an arch. Turn right onto Lees Hill Street continue for 164 yards (150m) then go down the steps (a public footpath called Lees Hill Footway) on your right to Sneinton Hermitage. Turn right to look at the remnants of the Hermitage caves. Cross Sneinton Hermitage at the pedestrian refuge, continue to the junction with Manvers Street. On your right the sculpture of the 'Sneinton Dragon' by Robert Stubley was unveiled in 2006. Turn left at traffic lights.

THE ROUTE CONTINUED

C After 30m bear left at the Sneinton Greenway public footpath. Continue on a level surface with buddleia, birch, and cherry amongst the plants on this greenway. Part of the 1997 Shane Meadows' film "24 7" was set here. The footpath follows the route the Great Northern Railway took into London Road station. The line closed in 1967 when Skegness and Grantham trains were rerouted into Midland Station. Keep walking along the greenway past the footbridge over the railway at Meadow Lane and then at Trent Lane cross the railway on your right by the footbridge, passing the remains of a brick bridge. This carried the Nottingham Suburban Railway to St Ann's, Sherwood and Daybrook, closed in 1916. From the ramp of the footbridge continue straight ahead along the greenway. At Racecourse Road turn left. After the level crossing, cross the road to the entrance to Colwick Woods, by the public footpath and information board.

D For the shorter walk, continue along Colwick Road then turn left down Kimberley Street then right along Whittier Road to Trent Lane. Turn left and then right onto the Greenway and retrace your steps to Manvers Street. Turn right and right again, continuing along Sneinton Hermitage for 437 yards (400m) to Hermitage Square. Rejoin the longer walk at point G.

E For Colwick Woods, head up the steep footpath with wooden retaining steps and iron railings on your right for 437 yards (400m). Ignore all paths to the left until just after the brow of the hill and before the path starts to descend steeply. Turn left at the footpath waymark and continue for 328 yards (300m) keeping to the left. Turn left at the next footpath waymark sign, around 50m beyond a seat, up a steep grassy valley between woodland. At the end of the woodland, continue straight ahead until reaching a stone track. Turn left onto this track, heading towards the covered reservoirs and telecommunications mast. Turn left before the reservoir gate, then right passing the mast on your left then right again to go around the reservoir. Carry straight on for around 251yards (230m) and take a detour along the first path on your right, bearing left for a panoramic view of Sneinton and Nottingham. Retrace your steps back to the walk and turn right and continue passed the school on your right. A sharp right brings you to Sneinton Boulevard. Take the next footpath, immediately on your left, down the wooden steps to Colwick Road.

F Follow the route described in point D or turn right down Colwick Road towards Hermitage Square passing St Christopher's Church after 273 yards (250m). On 8th May 1941 during the Nottingham Blitz, the church was completely burnt out from an incendiary oil bomb. In spite of devastating damage, services and weddings continued at the church soon after, and the building was completely restored to its original condition.

G At Hermitage Square the statue commemorates William Abendigo Thompson, known as Bendigo. A bare-fist fighter born in 1811, he was the English champion for 20 years. Turn right into Thurgarton Street and left onto Castle Street. Homes here were built by wealthy Victorians. It is said no. 10, 'The Towers' was built by a man who owned all the barges on the Trent and sat in the tower to keep an eye on them. The three storey building, between Castle Street and Sneinton Hollows, was a pub called 'The Old Wrestlers'. Turn right at the junction with Sneinton Hollows. Cross Sneinton Dale and retrace your steps to the windmill directly ahead.