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This self-guided tour booklet is designed to assist you in walking around The University of Nottingham’s three UK campuses – University Park Campus, Jubilee Campus and Sutton Bonington Campus – highlighting key buildings and places of interest you may wish to visit during your time with us. Our award-winning campuses are packed with interesting things to see. Why not use our information on key attractions later in this guide to make sure you don’t miss anything?

While on the self-guided tour, you can wander into most of the main buildings to look at general areas, although you will not be able to enter private offices, laboratories, computer resource rooms, teaching rooms or the farm at Sutton Bonington Campus.

If you wish to view a particular school or speak to a member of academic staff regarding subject-related queries, please contact the academic school directly to arrange a suitable time. For contact details of all academic schools, please visit our website: www.nottingham.ac.uk

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We hope you enjoy your time with us and get a real feel for what it’s like to be a student at The University of Nottingham.
The University of Nottingham – a history

Nottingham’s first civic college was opened in the city centre in 1881. After the First World War, the college expanded rapidly and outgrew its original building. A generous gift from Sir Jesse Boot, of 35 acres of land at Highfields, presented the solution. The land was to be devoted to the college but was also to be a place of recreation for the people of Nottingham. This value is still held today as visitors freely enjoy the landscaped woodlands and parks that were created on the expanded 330-acre site.

In 1928, the college moved to what is now University Park Campus. Initially it was accommodated in the elegant Trent Building, with its distinctive tower, and was officially opened by King George V in November of that year. An endowment fund was set up to support the further development of the site and to provide new courses and scholarships.

Even in its early days on this site, the college attracted high-profile visiting lecturers including Professor Albert Einstein, Mahatma Gandhi and HG Wells.

In 1948, the college was awarded the Royal Charter, becoming The University of Nottingham, with the ability to confer degrees in its own name. During this period, the Institute of Education was founded and the School of Agriculture was established when the Midland College of Agriculture at Sutton Bonington merged with the University.

Since then the University has continued to grow. The Medical School, the first to be established in the 20th century, opened in 1970 and in 1995, the School of Nursing was formed, following the merger of the Mid-Trent College of Nursing and Midwifery. The £50-million phase-one Jubilee Campus development opened in 1999, and subsequently the prestigious National College for School Leadership has been co-located on the campus.

Since then, developments to Jubilee Campus have included a research and innovation park and Aspire, the UK’s tallest freestanding public work of art.

Other developments in the UK have included the establishment of a Graduate Entry Medical School in Derby in 2003, and the opening of the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science at Sutton Bonington Campus in September 2006.

Away from home, the University has launched two overseas campuses in China and Malaysia, confirming its reputation as an international institution.
University Park Campus
(see pages 9-10 for map)

The University of Nottingham's 330-acre University Park Campus is set in extensive woodland, parks and playing fields with impressive traditional and modern architecture.

One of the largest and most attractive campuses in the UK, University Park Campus features contemporary teaching facilities, 12 halls of residence, a conference and exhibition centre, an award-winning library and excellent indoor and outdoor sports facilities. The campus is the social and academic base for most of our 34,000 UK-based students. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the gardens, walks and trees – you can pick up one of five guides from the Trent Building reception.

Key attractions

Trent Building
(building 11 on map)
The Trent Building is the oldest building on University Park Campus and its Great Hall has played host to many important visitors including Albert Einstein and Mahatma Gandhi. Walk into the central courtyard where you can appreciate the splendid architecture of this stately structure.

Mooch
(in the Portland Building – building 15 on map)
Mooch, the Students’ Union bar, is a modern, light and airy bar which serves food and snacks and opens out onto a terrace.

The University boating lake
(in front of the Trent Building)
A large section of University Park was landscaped into a lake and parkland for the people of Nottingham to enjoy in addition to the students who study here. Members of the public are welcome to wander around the lake and have a go at boating in the summer months.

Creative Energy Homes
(to the left of the sign marking the North Entrance on the map)
This project is a showcase of seven innovative, energy-efficient homes of the future which are powered by renewable energy. The project aims to stimulate sustainable design ideas and promote new ways of providing affordable, environmentally sustainable housing.

Lakeside Arts Centre
(buildings 49 and 50 on map)
The Lakeside Arts Centre houses the acclaimed Djanogly Art Gallery (free entry), one of the finest small gallery spaces in the country. This hosts a varied programme of exhibitions throughout the year, in addition to the Djanogly Recital Hall, which provides an intimate venue for professional performers. The University’s purpose-built arts centre offers a pleasant environment in which to relax, unwind and enjoy the views of the lake.

The Portland Building
(building 15 on map)
At the hub of student life on University Park Campus is the Portland Building, housing the Students’ Union, which is one of the largest and most active in the UK. Here you will also find the Students’ Union Shop, Boots, Blackwells Bookshop and Natwest and Santander banks. The recently refurbished Portland Food Court offers dishes from around the world.

The Millennium Garden
(behind buildings 6 and 7 on map)
The Millennium Garden was designed as a ‘secret garden’, a quiet and reflective area for staff and students to enjoy, study and relax amid the hustle and bustle of University Park. Based on the theme of time, it is bold and exciting, fusing the vibration of seasonal blooms with the calming trickle of landscaped water features and fountains.

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Tours of University Park Campus

Whichever subject area interests you, we would suggest that you take the time to follow one of the four tours, as this will give you a good idea of the size and beauty of University Park Campus. All tours start at the Trent Building (building 11 on map) and cover various buildings and areas across the campus.

All tours are colour coded on the map to help you find your way around. Please see page 21 for full details of cafes and restaurants on the campus. Toilet facilities are available in each building.

The Orange Tour – one hour
This is the longest of the tours and you should allow at least an hour. You will see the Trent and Portland Buildings (the central buildings on University Park Campus), the Sports Centre to the west of the campus, some of the halls of residence, then the science and engineering buildings to the east of the campus.

The Blue Tour – 45 minutes
Allow at least 45 minutes to walk past the Law and Social Sciences Building, around the Millennium Garden, down the hill to some of the halls of residence, and then back up to see Hallward Library and the Portland Building.

The Green Tour – 30 minutes
Take this tour if you are interested in seeing the science and engineering area of the campus and the Medical School. Allow 30 minutes to wander past some of the laboratory buildings, and then over the bridge in the Centre for Biomolecular Sciences (building 43 on map), which leads to the Medical School.

The Yellow Tour – 30 minutes
Follow the yellow route to enjoy a beautiful walk around Highfields Park. Allow 30 minutes to meet the ducks on the lake and the squirrels in the woodland, and to enjoy the gardens and floral area. There are also spectacular views of the Trent Building.

Getting to Jubilee and Sutton Bonington Campuses
If you wish to travel to Jubilee Campus, there is a free shuttle bus service from University Park. The journey takes approximately 10 minutes. Pick-up and drop-off points are marked on the maps (pages 9-10, 14 and 17) by the and symbols.

The bus runs every 15 minutes during term-time and every 30 minutes outside term-time. Alternatively, you can make your own way there – see page 22 for directions.

A similar service is available to and from Sutton Bonington Campus; this journey takes approximately 25 minutes. Please ask at Trent Building reception for a bus timetable. Alternatively, you can make your own way there – see page 22 for directions.

• University Park has been awarded a Green Flag Award for the 10th year running. This prestigious award recognises quality parks and open spaces.
• The campus celebrates Nottingham’s Nobel Prize winning academics with the Sir Peter Mansfield Magnetic Resonance Centre and the Sir Clive Granger Building, home to the School of Economics.
• University Park Campus has 12 halls of residence accommodating 3,000 students.
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The environmentally friendly nature of Jubilee Campus has earned the University numerous awards, including the Millennium Marque Award for Environmental Excellence, the British Construction Industry Building Project of the Year, the RIBA Journal Sustainability Award and the Civic Trust Award for Sustainability.

Jubilee Campus
(see page 14 for map)

Opened in September 1999 by Her Majesty the Queen, Jubilee Campus houses the Schools of Computer Science, Contemporary Chinese Studies, Education and the Business School, along with the International Office and the National College for School Leadership.

Just over two miles from the city centre, the campus offers state-of-the-art technology and modern facilities including on-site accommodation for 750 students. Built on a site that was previously used for industry, its green credentials are impeccable. The campus sits around a series of man-made lakes, which provide cooling water for the buildings in the summer.

Buildings feature a number of low energy and sustainability technologies including lighting sensors to reduce energy consumption, photovoltaic cells which convert sunlight into electricity, ground- and water-source heating and cooling, biomass boilers and roofs which are covered with a carpet of low-growing alpine plants to provide insulation.

Significant phased development of the campus is planned, and the first phase of a research and innovation park opened in 2008, as well as the YANG Fujia Building – a building that brings together the University’s overseas interests.

You can take the shuttle bus from University Park Campus to Jubilee Campus; pick up points are marked by  and  on the map on pages 9-10. Alternatively, to make your own way there, see page 22 for details.

Key attractions
Man-made lakes
As well as providing cooling water for the buildings in the summer, the man-made lakes on campus are home to a variety of wildlife, including swans, mallard ducks, Canadian geese, moorhens, coots, herons and koi carp.

The Business School South
(building 7 on map)
Opened in September 2004, this building is the Business School’s flagship MBA facility, accommodating dedicated MBA seminar rooms, academic staff offices, computer labs, state-of-the-art lecture theatres, the business library, and some of the school’s research centres.

The Djanogly Learning Resource Centre
(building 3 on map)
The library is a striking circular building situated on an island platform in the middle of the campus lake. It was designed by the architect Sir Michael Hopkins, and was named after the philanthropists Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly, who gave a significant contribution towards the cost of its construction.

Halls of residence
There are three halls, highlighted in purple on the campus map. Melton Hall is self-catered and is home to around 150 postgraduates. Newark and Southwell Halls are both lively undergraduate halls; Newark Hall is the largest, offering 400 rooms, while Southwell is home to 200 students. Both halls provide excellent facilities and support services.

The Aspire sculpture
(marketed by  on map)
Towering 60 metres above the campus, the Aspire sculpture is the UK’s tallest freestanding work of art and a new landmark for Nottingham and Britain. Standing for the aspirations of the city and the people of Nottingham, and for the ambition, knowledge and world-leading innovation of The University of Nottingham, Aspire has changed the Nottingham skyline forever.

For further information visit www.aspire.nottingham.ac.uk

Outside the Amenities Building, Jubilee Campus.
Tour of Jubilee Campus

The University shuttle bus drops you off right outside The Exchange (building 2 on map), which is the ideal point to start your walking tour.

Please see page 21 for full details of cafes and restaurants on the campus. Toilet facilities are available in each building.

As you enter The Exchange, you will find Cafe Terazzo and just next door to the cafe is the Students’ Union Shop. On the opposite side of the glazed atrium inside The Exchange, you will find Blackwells Bookshop, which can provide you with ample reading material, and next to the bookshop is a NatWest bank with both interior and exterior cash machines.

As you exit The Exchange through the glass-fronted doors facing the lake, you are immediately confronted with the impressive and unusual architecture of the Djanogly Learning Resource Centre (building 3 on map), set on its own island in the centre of the lake. It houses the library for the Schools of Computer Science and Education, and is available 24 hours a day during exam time.

As you pass the School of Education, you come to the last of the school buildings on the campus. This is the Business School South (building 7 on map). As you walk around this building, along the tree-lined boulevard, you will see the iconic zinc clad Sir Colin Campbell building which hosts the reception and support facilities for the Innovation Park. Turn left and you will pass the Amenities Building (building 11 on map), the YANG Fujia Building (building 10 on map) and Newark and Southwell halls of residence. Behind Newark Hall is the Sports Centre (building 30 on map) housing a large sports hall, squash courts, a fitness suite and practice room used for martial arts and fitness classes.

To get back to the shuttle bus stop, make your way to the front of The Exchange and the bus will pick you up from where you started the tour.
Sutton Bonington Campus
(see page 17 for map)

Located in the beautiful countryside of South Nottinghamshire, Sutton Bonington is home to the School of Biosciences and the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science. It occupies a spacious 100-acre site with its own teaching buildings, sports centre, student guild, social amenities and halls of residence.

The campus benefits from state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities including purpose-built plant and food science buildings, specialised laboratories, a 24-hour learning resource centre, extensive library, University Farm and Dairy Centre. Newly opened in 2011 were the Bioenergy and Brewing Science Building and the Gateway Building.

There is also a suite of controlled-environment glasshouses in which conditions such as temperature, atmospheric moisture and carbon dioxide concentration can be controlled by a central computer while crop stands are able to grow in natural soil.

The University Farm (no visitor access), which predominantly surrounds the campus, has over 100 acres of arable and dairy enterprises (including 200 robotically-milked cows) and around 25 hectares of organic crops and land in environmental stewardship. The farm is commercially run with facilities for research and teaching in crop and livestock production and business management.

You can take the shuttle bus from University Park Campus to Sutton Bonington Campus; pick-up points are marked by ⚫ and ⋄ on the map on pages 9-10. Alternatively, to make your own way there, see page 22 for details.

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Sutton Bonington Campus Tour
Start your tour at the West Entrance at the reception enquiry office in Main Building (building 11 on map). In the interests of your safety and security, you should report your arrival to reception staff, who will be pleased to offer any assistance. Please follow the route indicated (in yellow) on the map and do not enter areas where access is forbidden.

The Main Building houses the Learning Resource Centre, the Biosciences School Office and a Student Services Centre. Walk through the Main Building, turning left past the Charnwood Room; outside you can see the James Cameron-Gifford Library, one of the best of its kind in the country, with resources supporting all the subject areas covered by the School of Biosciences and the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science.

Across the car park is the North Laboratory (building 5 on map), housing the Biosciences Division of Nutritional Sciences (no visitor access), which includes a new Clinical Skills Unit for dietetics (no visitor access). With the lab on your right, turn right around the corner. The first building on your left is the new BioEnergy and Brewing Science Building, home to the Food and Biofuel Innovation Centre. The building provides research and teaching facilities in brewing science, food processing (pilot plant) and bioenergy production. Beyond the lake is an extensive glasshouse complex, including the Tropical Crops Research Unit.

Next is the Plant Sciences Building (building 8 on map). This is also home to the Arabidopsis Stock Centre, one of two international centres housing over one million genetic plant stocks (no visitor access).

Continue past Food Sciences (home to the Biosciences Division of Food Sciences, building 14 on map), which is used for research in food chemistry, food physics and microbiology, and includes a containment laboratory for working with genetically engineered micro-organisms.

Next is the South Laboratory (building 18 on map) which is home to the Biosciences Division of Animal Sciences and has modern teaching and research laboratories covering molecular, cellular and tissue studies.

With the South Laboratory on your left, proceed along the road towards the South Entrance and you will arrive at the Gateway Building for academic staff and students of both schools. The building comprises seminar rooms, lab space and a 120-seat computer room. It is insulated on its external walls with straw from the University Farm.

The next building houses the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science (building 27 on map). In 2006, this was the first vet school to open in the UK in 50 years. There is also a 400-seat lecture theatre. Opposite are recently built campus halls of residence and the Graduate Centre.

To complete your tour, across the road from the West Entrance you can visit the Sports Centre (building 26 on map), comprising a four-court badminton sports hall, two squash courts, a practice room for martial arts, table tennis and exercise classes as well as a fitness suite and bouldering wall. Outside are synthetic and grass pitches for football, rugby and hockey and tennis courts.
As well as the three campuses featured in this booklet, The University of Nottingham has other sites in Nottingham and further afield.

The University of Nottingham Medical School
The Medical School is adjacent to University Park Campus and, together with the University Hospital, forms the Queen’s Medical Centre or QMC (see map on pages 9–10). Medical and nursing students spend much of their time in the Medical School and at hospitals throughout the region. The nearby Nottingham City Hospital is home to the physiotherapy course and entrants to the Graduate Entry Medicine course are based at the Royal Derby Hospital Centre.

King’s Meadow Campus
King’s Meadow Campus is situated one mile from University Park Campus and accommodates a range of support and administrative services.

International campuses
Nottingham is an international institution and has two overseas campuses – in China and Malaysia – where students are taught in English, to University of Nottingham standards. Nottingham is the first and only foreign university to establish and run a campus independently within mainland China. The Malaysia Campus was the first branch campus of a British university in Malaysia, and one of the first anywhere in the world.

China Campus
The University admitted its first intake of students to the China Campus in 2005. Located in the Higher Education Park in Ningbo, an historic port city on China’s eastern coast, the campus can be reached from Shanghai in approximately three hours by car.
The city of Nottingham

Nottingham is one of the UK’s most cosmopolitan cities. Its compact centre combines proud history with cutting-edge modernity – from the world’s oldest pub to designer boutiques.

A changing cityscape
Offering all the buzz of a big city while retaining its sense of community, Nottingham is one of the UK’s most desirable places to work, study and play. The last decade has seen Nottingham prosper. Major investment has been pumped into the city’s economy, transforming the cityscape. Business is booming with companies such as Boots and Capital One locating their national headquarters here.

City life
Nottingham’s social life is second to none. The city enjoys a legendary club scene and much of the action happens within the stylish Lace Market/Hockley area, where great venues like Baa Bar, Brass Monkey and Dogma have emerged. Nearby, Just the Tonic and Glee host contemporary comedy. For music, the 10,000-capacity Capital FM Arena hosts some of the world’s biggest acts, while Rock City is renowned for its packed calendar of rock and indie gigs.

Good sport
Nottingham has a fantastic array of sports facilities. From ice-skating at the National Ice Centre to watching Test Match cricket at the world-renowned Trent Bridge, tennis at the Nottingham Tennis Centre or the ‘beautiful game’ at either of the city’s famous football clubs, you’ll never be short of quality sport.

Culture vultures
Nottingham revels in its cultural diversity. Whether listening to live music at a local festival, enjoying Shakespeare alfresco at Nottingham Castle or riding rollercoasters at the annual Goose Fair (one of Europe’s most famous fairs), it’s all here for you. Nottingham Contemporary – one of the largest contemporary art spaces in the UK – brings the work of the world’s contemporary artists to Nottingham.

Stage and screen
For performing arts, Nottingham takes centre stage. Nottingham Playhouse is renowned for fresh and innovative theatrical offerings, the lovingly restored 18th-century Theatre Royal showcases world-class theatre, ballet and opera, and the Royal Concert Hall attracts some of the biggest names in music, comedy and drama. Meanwhile, the independent Broadway Cinema comes highly recommended by Quentin Tarantino, who held the British premiere of Reservoir Dogs there and it now boasts a screening room designed by Nottingham’s own Sir Paul Smith.

Retail therapy
Nottingham has established itself as one of the UK’s most successful shopping centres. With dozens of designer boutiques, big high-street labels and a variety of second-hand and vintage bargains, there’s something for every budget.

Escape to the country
Within easy access of Nottingham are areas of outstanding natural beauty like the Peak District National Park, as well as historical buildings like Newstead Abbey (former home of Lord Byron), Southwell Minster and Wollaton Hall (a key filming location for the latest Batman movie). And, famously, there’s Sherwood Forest – once home to the world’s best-loved outlaw, the legendary Robin Hood.

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- Three of Britain’s most significant literary figures – Lord Byron, DH Lawrence and Alan Sillitoe – were born, or lived, in Nottingham.
- The city has over 1,000 shops, including independent retailers, designer boutiques and high-street favourites.
- Nottingham is well connected. Situated in the heart of England, more than 20 million people are within two hours’ travelling distance.
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Travelling by car

University Park Campus – NG7 2QL
Leave the M1 motorway at junction 25 to join the A52 to Nottingham. After approximately four miles, turn right at the Toby Carvery roundabout onto A6464 Woodside Road. Turn left at the next roundabout to enter the University’s West Entrance.

Jubilee Campus – NG8 1BB
Leave the M1 motorway at junction 25 to join the A52 to Nottingham. After approximately five miles turn left at the QMC roundabout onto A6514 Middleton Boulevard. Turn right at the next roundabout onto the A609 Wollaton Road. The main entrance is on the right.

Sutton Bonington Campus – LE12 5RD
Leave the M1 motorway at junction 24 to join the A6 to Kegworth and Loughborough. Follow the B679, taking a right turn after crossing the canal. Continue for half a mile and, just after crossing the railway, turn right for Sutton Bonington. The campus is half a mile away on the left.

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