

Group visits and guided tours

The Friends offer guided visits around the gardens of our award-winning University Park, where you can visit the gardens or take a heritage walk around the park to discover the historic buildings and the people who lived there. Suitable for horticultural societies, social clubs and other interested organisations.

Volunteers required

Friends of University Park are always looking for more volunteers. Would you like to get involved? Could you help with organising our events or would you like to be trained as one of our tour guides?

To find out more about visits, tours and volunteering, please email FOUP-Events@nottingham.ac.uk

University Park map

Download a map of University Park at nottingham.ac.uk/maps

Visitor information

For visitor information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/go/visitors

For more information about the Friends of University Park

 nottingham.ac.uk/go/friends

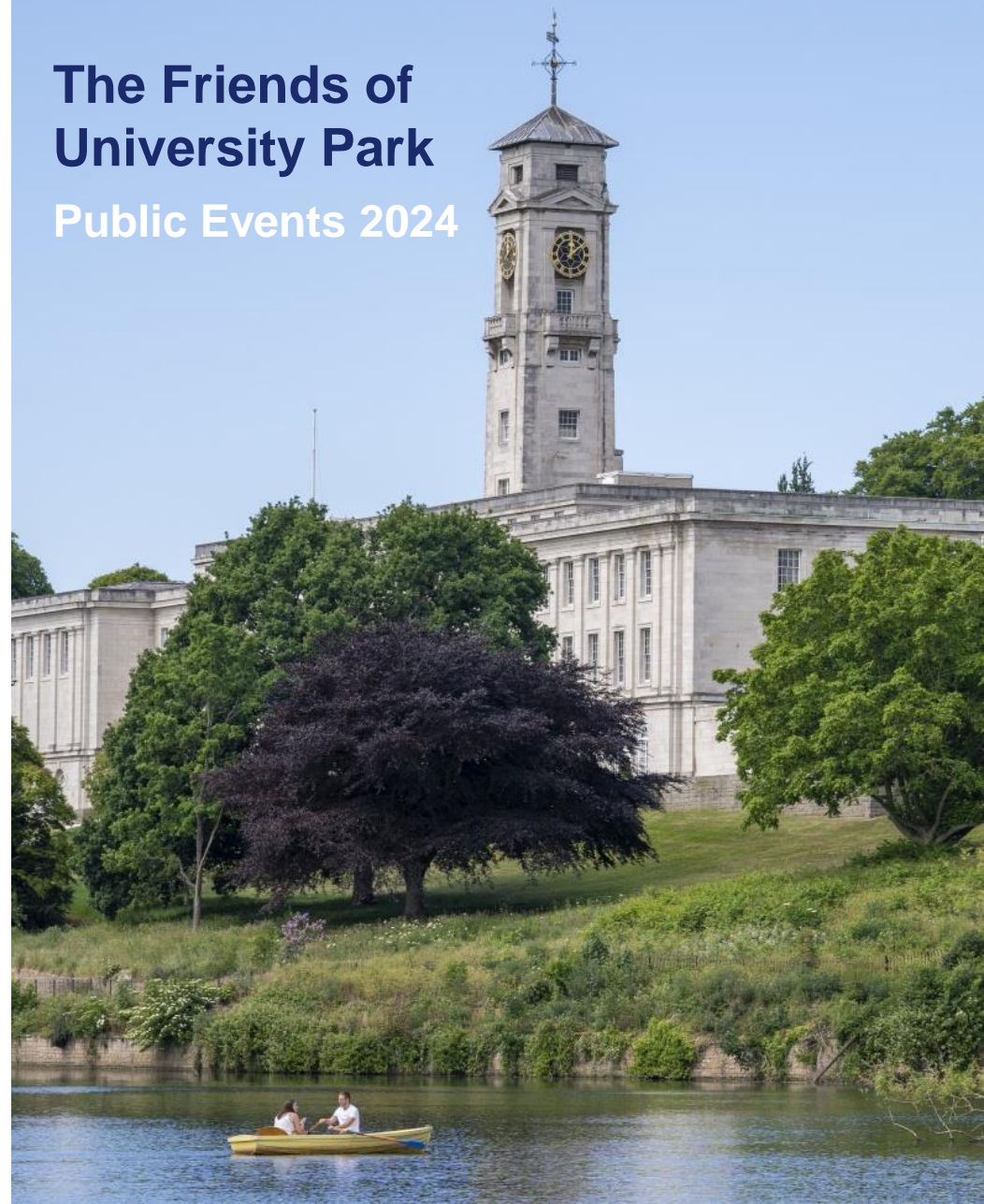
Accessibility

University campuses are accessible to the public and provide disabled parking (Blue Badge) and disabled toilet (RADAR) facilities. The campuses have many fully accessible pathways. Please note that not all events start or finish adjacent to accessible facilities. If you are participating in one of our outdoor events, please be aware that there will be a degree of walking on uneven or undulating grassed/wooded areas – which may or may not be suitable for wheelchair/mobility scooter use or difficult for visually impaired. Please expect to travel distances of 1-3 miles on some of the walking events – most with resting places. The indoor 'lecture style' events are fully accessible with indoor facilities, ramped access and parking close by.

If you have any specific queries relating to accessibility of any published event, please email FOUP-Events@nottingham.ac.uk



The Friends of University Park Public Events 2024



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Geology Tour – ‘Rock Around University Park’

Led by David Large and Stuart Marsh
Saturday 27 April, 10am-12.30pm

Join ‘The Friends’ in a walking tour of our beautifully landscaped campus. Come along and find the clues dating back millions of years to the geology below site. Exposed rock also gives visitors following this guided walk clues to the area’s foundations, while some of the materials featured in the buildings and grounds add to its geological interest.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 20 people; advance booking required.

Character Encounter Tour Around University Park

Saturday 11 May, 2pm-3.30pm

Join us for a guided heritage tour by members of the Friends Group, around some of the University Park’s historic houses. Discover more of the rich history of the properties and some of their inhabitants and gain an insight into the prominent and colourful individuals with a strong connection to the Estate. This insight is given in the form of dramatic sketches covering the life of the individual. These are both informative and great fun.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

Tree Walk

Led by Graham Pearce
Saturday 25 May, 10am-12 noon

A walk around the central landscaped gardens of University Park Campus, where we have an abundance of both rare and heritage trees which are nestled amongst stunning examples of more prevalent species. May is the season when our conifers will be especially prominent in the landscape so is a good time to consider their manifold virtues. They provide most of the UK’s construction timber as well as pulp for making our paper.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

University Park’s Annual ‘Picnic in the Park’

Sunday 7 July, 12 noon-3pm

Hosted in our Millennium Garden which is centrally located on the university’s University Park Campus, our annual event returns and once again will include live music by the Newstead Brass Band, together with activities for the family. Please bring a picnic and join us to enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

Free event and no advance booking required. Please note only a limited cafe service will be available on the day.

Summer Spectacular – National Garden Scheme

Sunday 18 August, 11.30am-4pm

A feast of summer colour in the Millennium Garden, Jekyll Garden and throughout the Park – to include our secret Walled Garden. A complimentary shuttle bus service to move between locations will be provided. Hosted mini-walking tours, plant sales and refreshments offered in a nearby cafe will all be available.

Fee £5 per person; free for under 16s and dogs on a lead are welcome. Advance bookings online at www.ngs.org.uk or on the day (cash only) from our sales desk based in the Millennium Garden.

Character Encounter Tour Around University Park

Saturday 31 August, 2pm-3.30pm

A repeat event of the tour held on 11 May.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

Bat Walk

Led by Nottinghamshire Bat Group
Saturday 7 September, 7pm-8.30pm

The trees around the Highfields Lake are a good habitat for bats and offer a great chance to watch them closely. The evening will commence with a short talk at 7pm to include an explanation of how the detectors work, followed by a 1-1.5 hour slow walk to hear, see and identify the different bat species. A thermal camera may be set up so that people can watch the Daubenton’s bats. As a bonus option, the walk may extend to include moth trapping and hence people can capture moths in jars to look at before they are released. All equipment will be provided.

Bat Walk (cont’d)

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 20 people; advance booking required.

Please note the minimum age for children is 10 years old and they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please bring a torch with you.

Fungi Foray

Led by Lee Scudder
Saturday 19 October, 10am-12.30pm

A guided walk led by fungi expert Lee. Come along and discover fascinating fungi on a short foray around University Park. A guide to the different types and species will be provided. Bring along field books, camera, and hand lenses if you have them.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

Plan Your Spring and Summer Plant Displays

Led by Connie Parr, Grounds Manager for University Park

Saturday 9 November, 10am-12 noon

If you are wondering how to plan a bed or area within your garden, this expert advice will help you to create an outdoor space full of interest and beauty for the year ahead. Our primary advice will always be to start with plants and colours that you like, and include annuals, bedding and bulbs.

Event to be held in University Greenhouses on University Park.

Fee £5 per person, to include a cup of tea or coffee on arrival. Numbers limited to 25 people due to limited space; advance booking required.

Book an event

Early booking is advised due to limited numbers for some events.

Complimentary car parking available at all of these events.

To book, please email: FOUP-Events@nottingham.ac.uk