



BBC Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out is on Sunday 30 April 2017 offering FREE entry to Nottinghamshire museums and heritage attractions.

Listed below are the entry details for each of the attractions taking part.

Please check them carefully as in some cases you will need a print out of this document, which acts as a voucher or to book in advance.

If you don't have a printer, copies of this list are available from BBC Radio Nottingham's reception on London Road (open during office hours) and the tourism centre in the Old Market Square, Nottingham.

**Bestwood Winding Engine, Bestwood Country Park, Off Park Road, Bestwood Village NG6 8ZA**

Bestwood Country Park was once home to one of the busiest coal mines in Nottinghamshire. The Winding Engine House is the last remaining part of the former colliery. The tall brick building houses a huge winding engine which lowered colliers into the mine shaft, and winched mined coal up to the surface. Originally it was powered by steam, but today's visitors see the massive engine turned by an electrical motor. The Engine House is open for free on the Big Day Out from 10am to 1pm with volunteers on hand to explain how it works and the Dynamo House café will also be open serving homemade cakes. Children can be 'History Hunters' and dress up as both modern and Victorian miners and the family fun trolley has more to keep them occupied too. To find out more call 0115 976 2422

**Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum, Cross Street, Bilsthorpe, Nottinghamshire, NG22 8QY**

The museum contains a collection of items dedicated to the mining industry and the social history surrounding the community of Bilsthorpe. There are accurate models of the heavy machinery used in collieries, breathing apparatus, photographs etc - as well as a team of volunteers to show visitors round and explain the history. The museum is open from 10am to 4pm on the Big Day Out.

**Breach House, 28 Garden Road, Eastwood, NG16 3FW.**

This house is a former pit-house built by the Barber and Walker Company, its main claim to fame being the Bottoms in DH Lawrence's Sons and Lovers. The first two pages of Chapter One in Sons and Lovers describes the Bottoms. Downstairs at the Breach House is set out as it would have been in the early part of the 20th century, with a kitchen area and a small parlour. The main function of the Breach House is a meeting place for the Arts, Industry and Education. The house will be open from 11am to 3pm and various local literary readings, Lawrence and Pit-Lit, will be included wherever possible on the day.

**Calverton Folk Museum, Main Street, Calverton, NG14 6FG**

The museum is dedicated to Victorian Calverton, with four rooms exhibiting period furniture and dress. There is also an actual framework knitting machine on display. The museum will be open from 2pm until 5pm with refreshments available next door at the Baptist Church.



**Cresswell Crag, Craggs Road, Welbeck, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 3LH**

Cresswell Craggs is a hidden gem nestled on the border of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Ancient limestone caves tell the story of life over 50,000 years ago. Inside the visitor centre there is a museum, artfully showcasing some of the most amazing ice age and Stone Age artefacts ever found. New for 2017, there is also an augmented reality sand box in the museum - perfect for little explorers. There is so much to do at Cresswell Craggs it will take you 50,000 years to see it all!

There's FREE entry to the Museum for everyone on this day. There will also be some FREE craft activities downstairs for you to get your creative juices flowing too! Take a stroll alongside the caves and feed the friendly ducks in our gorge. All day parking is £3.00 and there is a charge for cave tours.

**D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW**

This house is where the infamous author David Herbert Richards Lawrence was born in 1885 and is the first of the Lawrence family's four Eastwood homes. Enjoy free taster tours of the ground floor of the museum, have a go in our Victorian Wash-house and learn more about the humble beginnings of the controversial writer who scandalised the literary establishment.

The museum is open from 10.00am until 4.00pm with final entry at 3.40pm, booking is not required. For more information call 0115 9173824.

**Flintham Museum, Inholms Road, Flintham, Nottinghamshire NG23 5LF**

This museum looks at rural life through the eyes of a village shopkeeper. Every year the museum's shop window displays have a different theme; this year it's Travel. How many unexpected twists and turns can you find as Travel is shown through unsold shop stock and 20th-century advertising material? The museum will be open free of charge from 11am until 4pm. There is a modern community shop on the site where coffee and home-made cakes will be available.

The team look forward to welcoming you.

**Framework Knitters Museum, Chapel Street, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6HE**

Nottinghamshire folk have been Framework Knitting for over 400 years. At this award winning museum you'll discover the poor living and working conditions which led to the 19th century Luddite Riots and the creativity which resulted in the birth of Nottingham Lace. Have-a-go and make your own knitted souvenir. See a Framework Knitter in action; see the UK's only Luddite themed gallery, explore the garden, the wash house and other period buildings. Refreshments will also be available all day in the Chapel Gallery. Admission is free for BBC Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out.

Open 11.00am to 4.30pm, last entry to the museum at 4.00pm.

For more information call 0115 984 6914.

**Green's Windmill and Science Centre, Windmill Lane, Sneinton, NG2 4QB**

The windmill was built by the father of notable scientist and mathematician George Green in 1807. Many of our technologies today, such as mobile phones, are based on Green's amazing ground-breaking theorem. Today the still-working mill is a popular museum and science centre, which teaches new generations of children about the valuable work of George Green. The centre is open

10.00am - 4.00pm. Charges may apply for some activities. For more information call 0115 915 6878.



**The Harley Gallery and The Portland Collection, Welbeck, Worksop S80 3LW**

The galleries on the ducal Welbeck estate are where old and new come together. The award-winning Harley Gallery shows contemporary exhibitions by leading visual artists. The Portland Collection gallery displays works of art from Welbeck's internationally significant historic collection, which has been built up over the centuries by the Dukes of Portland and their families. These two inspiring art galleries are accompanied by a gallery shop, farm shop and a cafe. Free entry and free parking. The Harley Gallery is open 10-4 and The Portland Collection is open 11am to 4pm on the Big Day Out.

**Iron Age Roundhouse, Woodview Farm, Mansfield Lane, Calverton, Nottingham NG14 6HP**

The Roundhouse was built in 2006 as a research project looking at construction methods using the same tools, timber and building materials that were originally used over 2,500 years ago. Once completed it became apparent that the house had a second function as an educational resource complementing traditional classroom teaching methods. The inside is set out to illustrate how an extended family of between 12 to 20 people would have lived and worked together. The Roundhouse will be open between 1.00pm and 4.00pm on the Big Day Out. There is no need to book.

**Pikes, Plunder and Mayhem in Newark organised by the National Civil War Centre**

Over 300 civil war re-enactors will descend on Newark to revive the time when the king fought parliament in a grim battle for supremacy. The 3rd Pikes and Plunder civil war festival takes place with 14 colourful regiments taking part, along with artillery and mounted troops. Musketeers and pikemen will fight over Queen's Sconce fort, built in 1644, and Newark Castle will host costumed Living History experts. Organised in conjunction with the English Civil War Society. Action at the various venues between 10am and 4pm.

**Mansfield Fire Museum, Fire Station, Rosemary Street, Mansfield, NG19 6AB**

The Fire Museum houses vintage vehicles, uniforms and firefighting equipment from across the years. In addition, there will be outside demonstrations and activities on the Station yard, plus a tombola and refreshments available. The East Midlands Branch of Fire Service Preservation Group (F.S.P.G.) will be bringing number of vintage Fire Appliances dating back to WW1. The Fire Museum had a major refurbishment a few years ago with new display cabinets and up to date computer and heating systems. The Fire Museum is normally only open by appointment but will be open for free on Sunday 30th April 2017 from 11am to 4pm.

**The National Holocaust Centre and Museum, Laxton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG22 0PA**

**\*\*\*BOOKING ESSENTIAL\*\*\***

The National Holocaust Centre and Museum provides a permanent memorial to the victims of the Holocaust through a range of age-appropriate exhibitions, stunning memorial gardens and survivor testimonials. Open for free on the Big Day Out from 10.30am to 4.30pm staff and volunteers will be on hand to guide you through the Centre. The gardens and main Holocaust Exhibition (age 11+) will be open all day, and visitors will be the first to view our new digital exhibit, Legacies of the Holocaust. Guided tours of *The Journey* (age 7+), listening to the testimony of a Kindertransport survivor (age 7+) and two opportunities to engage with a 3D Interactive Survivor through The Forever Project (age 11+) must be booked in advance.

The coffee shop will be open all day. For more information or to book *The Journey*, Survivor or Interactive Testimony call 01623 836627.



**National Justice Museum, High Pavement, Nottingham, NG1 1HN**

**\*\*\*BOOKING ESSENTIAL\*\*\***

Visit the National Justice Museum for Big Day Out to experience a thrilling actor-led re-enactment of the trial of William Saville in the museum's authentic Courtroom. Saville was tried, convicted and executed for the murder of his wife and children at the Shire Hall - the very location where this re-enactment takes place. Trials start at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3pm.

Please note that the above is separate from regular National Justice Museum events.

Booking for this event is essential as there is a maximum 80 people per session.

Call 0115 952 0555 or email [info@nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk) to book.

**National Videogame Arcade: 24-32 Carlton Street, Hockley, Nottingham NG1 1NN**

**\*\*\*BOOKING ESSENTIAL\*\*\***

The National Videogame Arcade is a family day out, a leading cultural centre and the home of videogames - it's unique! Explore 3 floors of playable exhibitions about games, with 'Big Day Out at the NVA!' Book your FREE tour here: <https://shop.thenva.com/products/bbc-nottingham-big-day-out>

You must book online prior to your visit. Tours last one hour, limited availability. Please present your booking ref and quote 'BBC Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out' on arrival.

Call 0115 881 3091 for more information.

**Newark Air Museum, Drove Lane, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts, NG24 2NY**

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Located on part of the former World War Two airfield at Winthorpe in eastern Nottinghamshire.

There's a diverse collection of aircraft and cockpit sections covering the history of aviation.

The aircraft on display include ten national benchmark aircraft, 29 significant aircraft and 18 noteworthy aircraft as listed in the National Aviation Heritage Register. Open 10.00am - 5.00pm (last admission at 4.00pm). Admission is free for BBC Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out but you must take a print out of this page in order to get in.

**Newstead Abbey & Park, Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire NG15 8NA.**

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Newstead Abbey is throwing open its doors for the Big Day Out and holding a free 'Open House' event. The Abbey is the ancestral home of the poet Lord Byron but was founded as a monastic house in the late 12th century. To this day the house retains much of its historic character including medieval cloisters, Chapter House (now the Chapel) and a collection of medieval stone carvings and manuscripts. The open house takes place from 12 noon - 4pm - last entry 1hr before closing.

Admission is free, but you must take a print out of this page to secure entry and car parking charges still apply. Charges may apply for some activities. For more information call 01623 455900

**Nottingham Castle Museum, Lenton Road, Nottingham, NG1 6EL**

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A magnificent 17th century ducal mansion built on the site of the original medieval castle has a vibrant museum and art gallery housing collections of silver, glass, decorative items, visual arts, paintings and Nottinghamshire archaeology and history. Charges may apply for some activities.

Open 10am to 5pm. Last entry 1hr before closing. For more information call 0115 876 1400.



**Nottingham Industrial Museum, Wollaton Park, Nottingham NG8 2AE**

Located in the 17th century stable block of Wollaton Hall, the award-winning Nottingham Industrial Museum houses a unique collection of working steam and diesel engines, as well as examples of local textile and transport technologies. There are also exhibits reflecting local industries such as mining, railways, bicycles, motorcycles, lace, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, tobacco and printing. This year the Big Day Out coincides with the traditional last Sunday of the month Family Steam Up so you will be able to see the engines, including the magnificent Basford Beam Engine in full steam. There will be volunteers on hand to give guided tours and to explain the history of the exhibits.

Admission is free for BBC Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out but Wollaton Hall car park charges still apply. Charges may apply for some activities. Open from 11am to 5pm (last entry at 4.30pm).

**Queen's Royal Lancers & Nottinghamshire Yeomanry Museum, Thoresby Courtyard, Thoresby Park, Nr Perlethorpe, Nottinghamshire NG22 9EP**

Nottinghamshire's Cavalry Museum displays the historic collections of The Queen's Royal Lancers, the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry and the South Nottinghamshire Hussars. This year the Museum is continuing with its WWI exhibition, "Call to Arms", and covers the main events / battles of 1917 and the part played by our local Regiments. The main feature is an indoor Trench system, which provides an experience of life in the trenches. Complete with artefacts, sounds, stories and film footage from the period. These collections are of national importance and are displayed together for the first time in the newly renovated wing of Thoresby Courtyard.

Open 10.30am to 4.30pm Wednesday to Sunday inclusive (last entry 4.00pm).

**Rufford Abbey Country Park, Ollerton, Nottinghamshire NG22 9DF**

Visit 150 acres of historic parkland, woodlands and grounds including romantic ruins of a 12th century abbey. Gardens, sculpture trail, play area and maze, lakeside & woodland walks. Especially for the Big Day Out, living history re-enactments are taking place - meet a Roman legionary or join in drills with a WW1 officer. You can also meet 'The Wobbly Bodger', a woodland craftsman. Car Park open 9.00 to 5pm, Cafe 10 am to 5pm, events taking place 11am to 4.30pm. A fun historic day out for all the family (normal weekend car park charge applies). For more information call 01623 821338.

**Ruddington Village Museum, St Peter's Rooms, Church Street, Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, NG11 6HA**

Explore life in Edwardian Ruddington while visiting a reconstructed fish and chip shop, cobblers, ironmongers, pharmacist and toy shop. The Village Museum's intimate atmosphere and open displays make it appealing to elderly visitors and children alike.

Open for free from 2 to 5pm. Guided tours start on the hour.

**Southwell Minster & The Archbishops Palace, Church Street, Southwell NG25 0HD**

Said by many to be the best kept secret among the forty-two English cathedrals, it is a gem. The Cathedral and Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary is popularly known, as it has been for centuries, as 'Southwell Minster'. Although Christian worship has taken place on this site for over 1000 years, the present Romanesque building celebrated its commencement, 900 years ago, in 2008. Southwell Minster became the Cathedral Church of the Diocese in 1884. From 12pm there are free tours of the Historic Library of Southwell Minster, also, free guided tours of the recently refurbished Archbishops Palace and children's craft activities in the state chamber of the Archbishop's Palace. Finish your visit with Evensong with the Minster choir in the majestic setting of Southwell Minster at 3.15pm to 4pm



**William Booth Birthplace Museum, 10-14 Notintone Place, Sneinton, Nottingham NG2 4QG  
(Museum entrance at the junction of Sneinton Road and Notintone Street)**

An independent museum and Grade II listed Georgian terraced house - the birthplace of the founder of The Salvation Army, William Booth. Step back in time to see the house as it would have appeared in 1829 and learn about the life of the young William, who was shaped by the radical ideas of his time. Discover what made William choose the path that would lead him to become Nottingham's most famous preacher and social reformer and leader of a worldwide movement that is active in 128 countries today. The museum is opening on a Sunday especially for the Big Day Out from 10am to 4pm. For more information call 0115 979 3464.

**Wollaton Dovecote Museum, Dovecote Drive, Wollaton, NG8 2NB**

The museum on Dovecote Drive, off Bramcote Lane in Wollaton was built circa 1565 to house the doves for Wollaton Hall. There are no doves still there now, but this interesting building is a small two storey Elizabethan dovecote, with many nesting sites still in situ. The museum is opening especially for the Big Day Out, and will be open between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. A free guided walk around Wollaton Village will also take place at 3pm, weather permitting. For information call 0115 9283414. Please note there are no facilities at the museum and it could be cold.

**Wollaton Hall Natural History Museum, Nottingham, NG8 2AE**

The museum is set in an Elizabethan mansion located in a 500 acre deer park. Daily tours of the hall give you a chance to see behind the scenes, such as the Tudor kitchens or the beautiful Prospect Room with views over the natural landscape. Stylish courtyard café on-site. Also, keep an eye out for 'Hunter', an impressive animatronic dinosaur, which is based on one of the specimens coming to the dinosaur exhibition at Wollaton in July. He's 2 and a half metres high and 3 metres long and will be appearing around the grounds regularly during the day. The hall and the cafe are open from 10am-5pm, last entry is 1 hour before closing time. Parking charges apply. Charges may apply for some activities. For more information call 0115 8763100.

**The Workhouse, Upton Road, Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0PT**

Walking up the paupers' path towards The Workhouse it is easy to imagine how the Victorian poor might have felt as they sought refuge here. The stories of those who lived and worked here in the 1840s help bring the building to life and prompt reflection on how society has tackled poverty through the centuries. The Workhouse is open from 12-5pm on the Big Day Out, last entry 4pm. Entry is free for all visitors. For more information call 01636 817260.