



BBC Radio Nottingham's "Big Day Out" is on Sunday 17th April 2016 offering free entry to Nottinghamshire museums and heritage attractions. The places taking part want you to come and see what they have to offer. Each year, thousands of people take advantage of this celebration of the county's rich history. All the venues involved are offering free admission in some form. Please check the details on this page for the attractions you're interested in visiting. In some cases you will need a print out, 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 (open during office hours).

Archbishop's Palace, Church Street, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0HD

The Archbishop's Palace was built in the 1360s and altered in the 1500s, It retains its original proportions with the beams of the magnificent vaulted ceiling of the State Chamber being mostly medieval originals. The most famous occupant was the all-powerful Cardinal Wolsey. Open for free on BBC Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out from 9am to 5pm. For more information call 01636 812649.

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 12 noon 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.

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 2.00pm until 5.00pm.

Clumber Park, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S80 3BE

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Free guided tours of the Walled Kitchen Garden at selected times throughout the day (to cope with demand) 10am, 11:30am, 1pm and 3pm. The usual parking fee of £7 per vehicle will apply on the gates. Reservations must

be made in advance and you must show a print out of this page on arrival. Please call: 01909 544917 or email Clumberpark@nationaltrust.org.uk to secure your place. This offer is not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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

This house is where David Herbert Richard Lawrence was born in 1885 and is the first of the Lawrence family's four Eastwood homes. There will be free limited entry to the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace 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 venue is open from 11.00am until 4.00pm with final entry at 3.40pm. For more information call 01773 717353.

Duke's Wood Oil Museum, Eakring

Dukes Wood combines an area of ancient woodland with what was the site of the UK's first oilfield. Some of the 'nodding donkey' pumps have been restored and can be seen on the trail. The Museum is situated on the Nature Trail and contains many artefacts and pictures dealing with the story of UK Oil fields both offshore and onshore. Open 2pm-5pm. For more information call 01623 882446. Dukes Wood is about 2 miles south of the village of Eakring. From the A617 Newark-Mansfield road, just past Kirklington, take the side road north towards Eakring. You pass Whip Ridding Farm on the right, then a stretch of woodland on the right. Shortly after this is White Stub Lane on the right, which leads to the reserve entrance.

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

This attraction looks at rural life through the eyes of a village shopkeeper. The museum's shop window theme in 2016 celebrates the English Garden. Expect a riot of colour with some unexpected twists as the story of local gardens is told through unsold shop stock and 20th century advertising material. The museum will be open free of charge from 11am until 4pm. Behind the museum there is a modern community shop so you'll be able to spot the changes in shopping over the last century.

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. Admission is free for BBC Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out. Open 11.00am to 4.30pm. For more information call 0115 984 6914.

Galleries of Justice Museum, The Lace Market, Nottingham, NG1 1HN

Free guided tours of the Lace Market and the Edwardian Police Station. Tours begin in the historic Shire Hall and run every half an hour from 10.45am to 3.45pm. Maximum of 20 people per tour.

Booking essential - Tel: 0115 9520555 / email: info@galleriesofjustice.org.uk

Family Workshops available in the Police Station at 11.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm. Please note the above tour is different from the regular Galleries of Justice Museum daytime tour.

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.

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.

The Malt Cross, 16 St James's Street, Nottingham NG1 6FG

Explore this beautiful Victorian music hall and learn about how a glorious heyday gave way to a slow decline in reputation due to gambling, crime and debauchery. Visit the recently renovated floors below the music hall to join in a craft workshop taster day and enjoy live music from our gramophone DJ. Tours include a visit to our sandstone cave network where you can explore the history of our site dating back over 300 years. Free heritage tours running between 10am-2pm. Pre-booking required. For more information please call 0115 9411048 or email heritage@maltcross.com

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

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://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-day-out-at-the-nva-tickets-22782821031>

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 or visit www.thenva.com 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-5pm - last entry 1hr before closing. For more information call 0115 876 1400.

Nottingham Industrial Museum, Wollaton Park, Nottingham NG8 2AE

The museum is located in the 17th century stables block of Wollaton Hall and houses a unique collection of working steam and diesel engines as well as examples of textile and transport technologies. There are also exhibits reflecting local industries such as mining, railways, bicycles, motorcycles, lace, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, tobacco and printing. The museum won the Nottinghamshire Heritage Site of the Year Award 2012. Open 11am to 4pm.

The 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. The Museum has recently completed a new WWI exhibition, "Call to Arms", which has proved very popular with visitors. 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).

Stonebridge City Farm, Stonebridge Road, St Ann's, NG3 2FR

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The farm will have all the usual attractions available, including animal feeding, small animal holding, kiddies play area, picnic area and farm shop. Admission is always free but there's a free bag of animal feed, to be claimed from the farm's shop when you produce a print out of this page. The farm will be open from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

University of Nottingham Museum, Lakeside Arts Centre, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD

The museum houses a collection of local archaeology covering a period of 250,000 years, from the earliest Stone Age to the post-Medieval period. It was founded by archaeologist Felix Oswald, whose special interest was Roman pottery - children (and grown-ups!) can follow in his footsteps by uncovering their own objects in the indoor mini dig-sites and having a go at identifying them! Visit the handling table and get hands-on with real artefacts owned and used by our ancestors. Admission is free. Drop in any time between 11am and 4pm. For more information call 0115 748 6264

William Booth Birthplace Museum, Notintone Place, Sneinton, Nottingham NG2 4QG

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 indelibly 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 127 countries today. On street parking nearby. Bus route 43 stops outside the museum on Sneinton Road (Windmill Lane stop). Free entry. The museum is opening on a Sunday especially for the Big Day Out from 10am to 4pm. For information call 0115 979 3464.

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. The hall and the cafe are open from 10am-5pm, last entry is 1hour before closing time. Parking charges apply. Charges may apply for some activities. For more information call 0115 915 3900.

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