

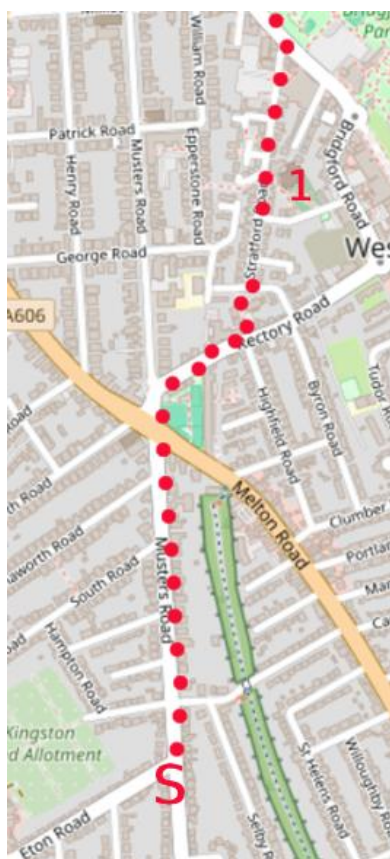
## 20. Waterside Bridge to A. Colwick Woods or B. Colwick Country Park.

Both walks use the new pedestrian and cycle Waterside Bridge over the Trent to Trent Basin and the edge of Sneinton. The walk through Colwick Woods (A) is just under 11km and the walk through Colwick Country Park (B) is about 12km. For the Colwick Woods route (A) choose a dry bright day to avoid slipping and also to get a better view from East View.



The walk description includes directions and a note of interesting sites along the way. For some of these sites, marked in red and with a red number on the maps, there is further information in **20.1 Further Information on Sites along the Walk over Waterside Bridge to Colwick Woods / Colwick Country Park**.

As usual, the **S**tart is at Musters Road/Eaton Road – go north on Musters Road and over Melton Road, then right into Rectory Road and then left, along Edwalton Avenue footpath and then along Stratford Road, passing **St Giles church (1)** on the right and continue to Bridgford Road.

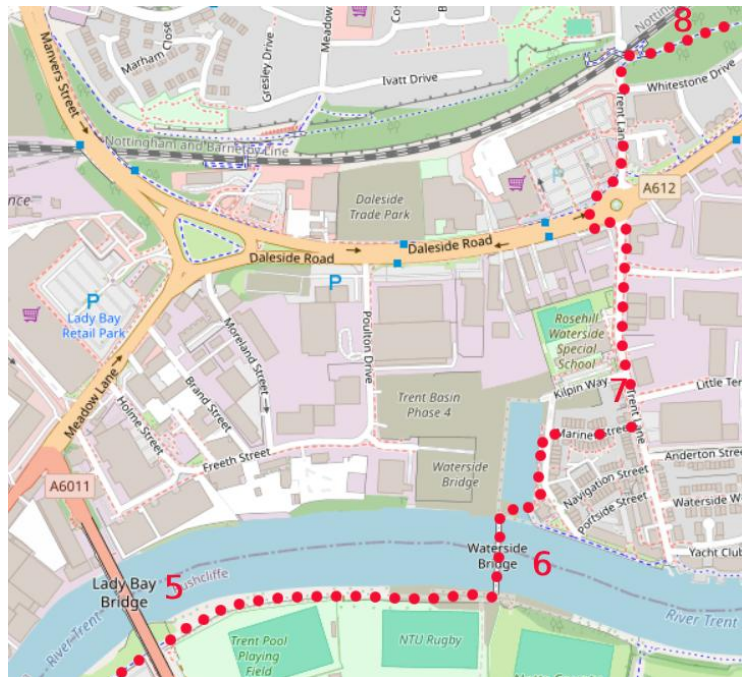


Turn left along Bridgford Road and then turn right into Hound Road-Fox Road (these names reflect the association the Musters family, Lords of the Manor of West Bridgford, had with hunting), passing **Trent Bridge Cricket Ground (2)** and **Trent Bridge House (2a)**. Cross over Radcliffe Road into Colwick Road. Turn right along Orston Road West and East and then bear left along the canal side path, between the **Forest Ground (3)** and the Environment Agency offices, to the Trent at **Trent Lock (4)**. Turn right, under **Lady Bay Bridge (5)**.



Continue alongside the river to the new **Waterside Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge (6)**. Cross the river to Trent Basin (part of the Waterside Regeneration Zone) and then go alongside the old dock and turn right into Mariner Street and then left along Trent Lane.

On the left is **Trent Villas (7)**, old cottages originally at the pumping station which was on the adjacent school site.



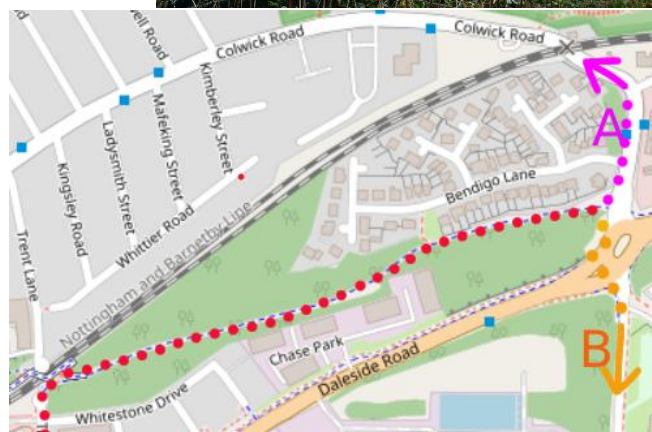
Cross over Daleside Road and continue along Trent Lane, under the old railway bridge, and then turn right, up the slope to the Sneinton Greenway which follows an old railway line – one of many here (see **Old Railways (8)**), evidenced by the remaining structures where different lines crossed over each other – now a gallery of street art!



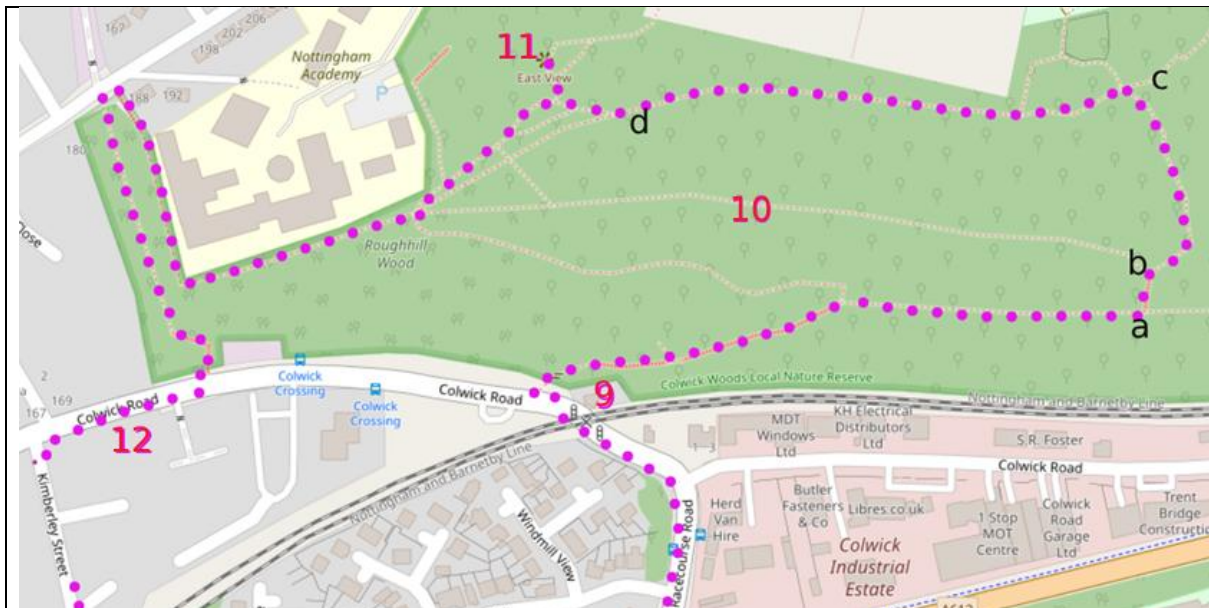
Continue to the end of the Greenway at Racecourse Road. Here the 2 walks split....

For Walk **20 A**, through Colwick Woods, turn left.

For Walk **20 B**, through Colwick Country Park, turn right.



## 20 A Colwick Woods



Go along Racecourse Road – Colwick Road to the railway level crossing. On the right, immediately over the crossing, is **Crossing Cottage (9)**.

Just after the cottage, turn right, onto a path into **Colwick Woods (10)**. Just to the left of this is a sign with a map and information about the Woods.



Go up the path and continue up the slope. Just before the top (**a** on the map), turn left.

After a few yards (**b**), turn right

At (**c**), turn left, and after a few yards the path slopes gently downhill



Where the path divides (**d**), bear right...

...and continue up to **East View (11)**, where there is a good view across Nottingham.



There is also a panel showing Jan Siberechts' View of Nottingham from the East (**11**) which was painted around 1695 and now hangs at Nottingham Castle. Its panoramic depiction of the city from Colwick Woods is still visible today from the clearing on the spot where it is

thought that the painting was made but, not surprisingly, the view today has transformed dramatically.



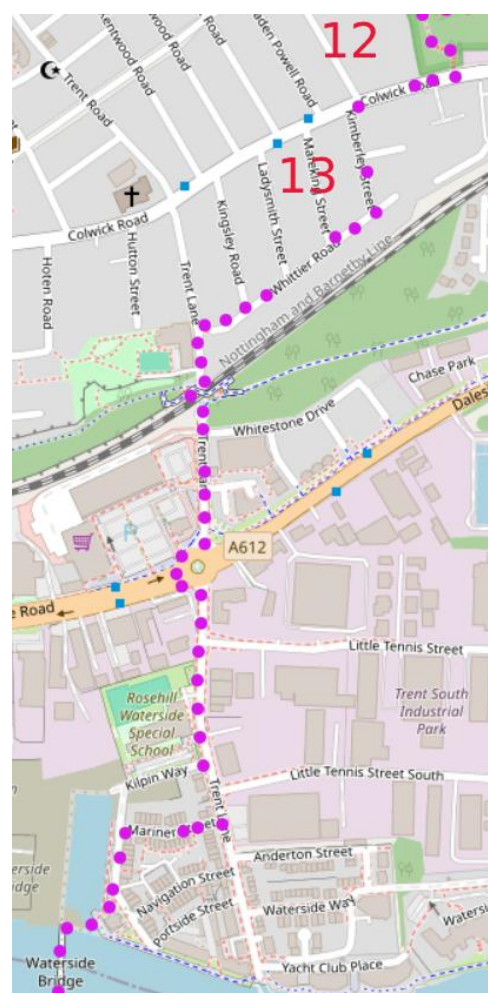
Go back down the path but bear right and continue downhill with a school site (Nottingham Academy, Sneinton) on your right. Turn right, keeping alongside the school fence, and continue to the street (Sneinton Boulevard) and turn left and immediately left again, back into the woods. Continue down to Colwick Road and turn right.

You are now in **Sneinton (12)**.

Turn left into Kimberley Street – the streets in this part of Sneinton are named after events in the Boar War - **Sneinton Street Names (13)**.

At the end of Kimberley St turn right along Whittier Street and then left along Trent Lane. Go over the footbridge across the railway and then continue along Trent Lane. Cross Daleside Road and continue back along Trent Lane and Mariner Street to the Waterside Bridge.

The description of the route back through West Bridgford comes after the description of the second walk route – 20B to Colwick Country Park.



## 20 B Colwick Country Park

From the end of the Sneinton Greenway at Racecourse Road turn right, along Racecourse Road to the roundabout at Daleside Road.

On the centre of the roundabout are three fine sculptures of horses, in recognition of the nearby Racecourse. The sculptures were erected in January 2018 as part of improvements to the road; I have not been able to find where they came from.



Cross over Daleside Road and go along Racecourse Road, with Nottingham Racecourse on your left.



As the road bends to the left, continue past the junction with Waterside Way and then, on the right, pass River Lodge, the home of **Princess River Cruises (15)**.



At the entrance to **Colwick Hall Hotel (16)**, note the church building on the right of the drive. Turn back and turn left along the path – this leads to the church building – the remains of **St Johns Church (17)**.



Continue along the path, curving left with lake on your right – keep an eye out for wildlife. This is all part of **Colwick Country Park (18)**.

The path continues alongside the lake, with Colwick Hall on your left.



My map gives one route through the park but you could vary this – just make sure you get a view of the Main Lake and then the marina....

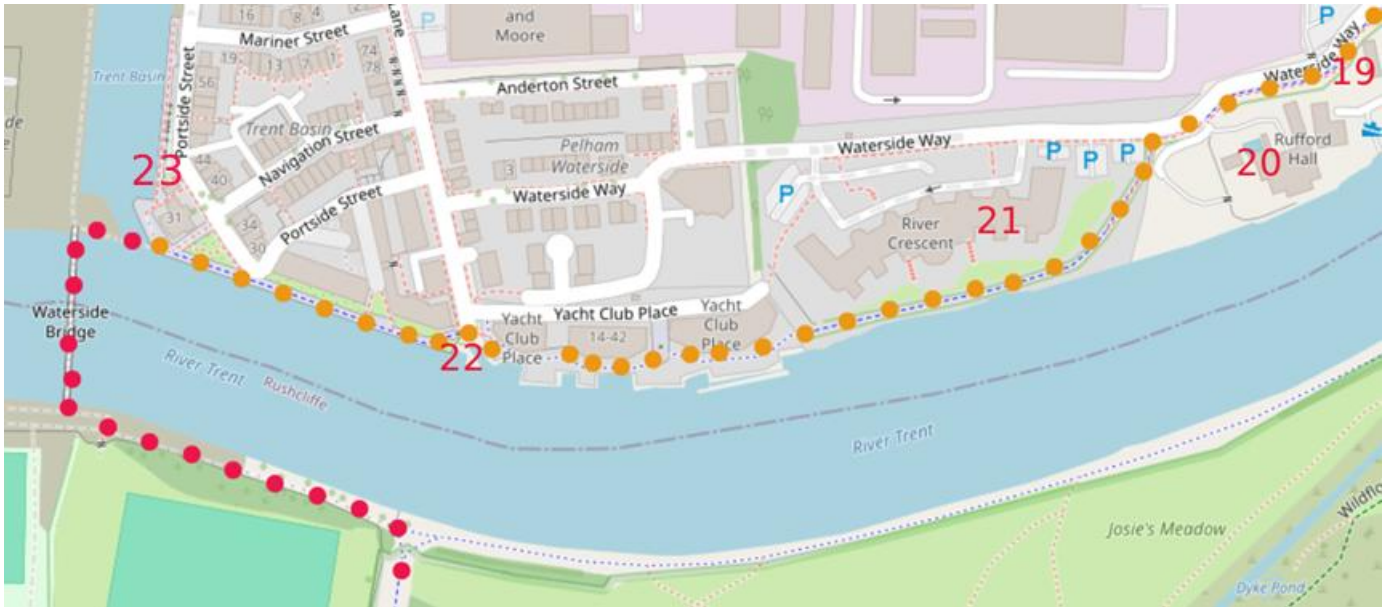


.... And then turn back, with the River Trent on your left and West Lake on your right – with more wildlife. Keep to the left (parallel to the Trent) and return to Racecourse Road just before the Princess River Cruises building.

Turn left into Waterside Way.



Along Waterside Way you pass, on the left, **Nottingham Sea Cadets (19)** and **The National Design Academy (20)**.



Just after the NDA take the path to the left and go alongside the front of **River Crescent Apartments (21)** with the River Trent (and perhaps a heron....) on your left.



River Crescent

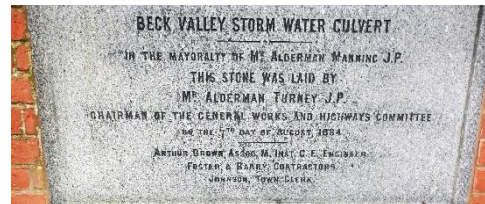


Yacht Club Place



Continue past the Yacht Club Place Apartments to Trent Lane

– on your left is a plaque about the **Beck Valley Storm Water Culvert (22)** which outfalls into the River Trent below you.



Continue past more new-build and back to **Trent Basin (23)** and the Waterside Bridge.



The Colwick Woods **20 A** and Colwick Country Park **20 B** walk routes combine here –

Cross over Waterside Bridge and turn left.

After a few yards, the path leads to the open-space of **The Hook (24)**; turn right. At the playground bear right along the path to Holme Road and turn right. Cross over Radcliffe Road and go along Edward Road. Turn right along the path through Bridgford Park (for some history of Bridgford hall, see Walk 17). Cross Bridgford Road and go along Stratford Road to Rectory Road and left and then over Melton Road to Musters Road to the **F**inish of this walk.

