



# NEWARK ON TRENT JUBILEE WALK

## PT 241 - 10km



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| <b>START VENUE</b>   | Northgate Retail Park NG24 1GA on the B6616.<br>[From the A1 take the A46 turn off (Newark & Lincoln) following Newark Northgate Station signs and at the roundabout turn onto the B6166 towards Newark. After approx 1 mile turn right into the Retail Park.] The route also passes Newark Northgate Railway Station and passes close to Newark Castle Railway Station (5 minutes walk). It also passes Newark Bus Station or it can be started at Sconce & Devon Park (Boundary Road, Newark NG24 4QN).   |                         |   |
| <b>CAR PARKING</b>   | Free parking at Northgate Retail Park (height barrier). Pay and Display car parks on route in Newark. Also Sconce & Devon Park (Boundary Road, Newark NG24 4QN).  |                         |   |
| <b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>  | Train /Bus- See start venue above for details, all are marked in route description  |                         |   |
| <b>GEOCACHING</b>  | The route has eight geocaches on or near the route.   |                         |   |
| <b>DISTANCE/GRADE</b>  | 10km - Grade 1  |                         |   |
| <b>TERRAIN</b>   | The route is on well-made paths walking alongside the river, through parkland, the castle grounds and the town centre. It is suitable for pushchairs.   |                         |   |
| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>   | Newark Castle has stood proud on the banks of the River Trent for nearly 900 years. Sconce & Devon Park's earliest history begins in the 14 <sup>th</sup> century and during the First English Civil War (1642-1646) the Queen's Sconce was the Royalist's southern stronghold for the town. The Sconce itself is one of the best surviving examples of 17 <sup>th</sup> century military engineering in the country. In addition to all this Newark is an attractive market town with many facets of history reflected in its streets and buildings. |                         |   |
| <b>REFRESHMENTS:</b>   | There are several places to purchase food and drinks in the town centre.  |                         |   |
| <b>TOILETS</b>   | Public Toilets are indicated in the route description.  |                         |   |
| <b>BWF / IVV</b>   | This trail is registered until 31 December 2019. BWF declaration on next page.  |                         |   |
| <b>ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK/UPDATED</b>   | 20 January 2018 (Please check you are using the latest version if you printed this off a while ago). Admin Update Dec2018   |                         |   |
| <b>DATA PROTECTION</b>   | The data provided on this form will be retained until 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2020 for statistical analysis and will then be securely destroyed.   |                         |   |
| <b>ENTRY FORM</b>  | Please complete the section below and send your IVV log books, Payment and an SAE to the Contact Address. Please check the postage rate for weight/ thickness of the envelope. Overseas postage is more expensive.  |                         |   |
| <b>ENTRY FEE</b>   | £1.00 per walker (Cheques payable to: Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club)  |                         |   |
| <b>AWARD</b>   | Sew-on cloth badge price £2.00. The cloth badge is shown at the top of this page.<br>Quantity Required: _____   |                         |   |
| <b>SOUVENIER LOG BOOK</b>  | Free stickers for your souvenir log book are available on request.<br>Quantity Required _____   |                         |   |
| <b>CONTACT/ ADDRESS FOR STAMPING OF BOOKS</b>  | Pat Charlton, 262 Wolsey Way, Lincoln, LN2 4ST Email: <a href="mailto:yov.lvwc@gmail.com">yov.lvwc@gmail.com</a>  |                         |   |
| <b>NAMES OF THOSE COMPLETING THE WALK</b>  |   |                         |   |
| <b>DATE WALK COMPLETED</b>   |   | <b>PAYMENT ENCLOSED</b> | £ |
| <b>EMAIL</b>   | (in case we need to contact you about your entry)   |                         |   |
| <b>PT POSTAL CARDS</b>   | Will be stamped if you do not wish to send your IVV books - YES/NO *  |                         |   |
| <b>QUESTION 1</b>  |   | <b>QUESTION 5</b>       |   |
| <b>QUESTION 2</b>  |   | <b>QUESTION 6</b>       |   |
| <b>QUESTION 3</b>  |   | <b>QUESTION 7</b>       |   |
| <b>QUESTION 4</b>  |   | <b>QUESTION 8</b>       |   |
| If you are walking any of the following Permanent Trails and sending your IVV books in, you only need send to one organiser, they will arrange to pass your books to the other organiser who will then post back to you using your SAE. Lincoln Tourist Walk PT92, Lincoln Town & Country PT166, Nottingham PT106, Newark on Trent Jubilee Walk PT241, Hadrians Wall PT45, Temple Newsam House & Gardens PT216, Abingdon Trail PT264, PT305 Lincoln Armistice Trail. |   |                         |   |

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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| <b>BWF DECLARATION</b> | The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event. |
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### TL = TURN LEFT; TR = TURN RIGHT; SO = STRAIGHT ON

Walk across the front of the shops towards TK Max. Go down the steps by TK Max.

Turn right on the path alongside the retail park and at the T-Junction, Turn Left . SO with the river on your right. At Millennium footbridge (by Aldi) cross the river.

**QUESTION 1:** What is the colour of the building straight ahead as you get to the end of the footbridge?

At the end of the footbridge SO now with river on your left. Just before the road bridge TL to take the path under bridge no. 22.

*If you are starting this walk from the Castle Railway Station as you approach the road bridge take the path to the right of the bridge and make your way down to the river side, then TR.*

Continue SO with river on your left, passing the Castle on the opposite side of the river (*you will explore the Castle later*). Cross the footbridge and continue SO, passing the Sensory Garden and locks. Go over the small bridge by the dry dock and SO to bridge no. 20. Cross this bridge. SO. At the end of Mill Lane TR. SO. Cross Farndon Road using the traffic island, then TL and TR into **Sconce & Devon Park**. SO following the road, passing children's slide set into the hillside then Sconce Cottage. After 70 metres approx. TR through gap in fence and follow wide grassy track to the river then TL.

*(If this wide grassy track is a problem for pushchair users then do not go through the gap but SO following the path passing the information board to the river then TL. This diversion should also be used when the River is in Flood)*

SO with river on your right to where path splits for the start of the woodland track. TL up the slope following the main path. At the top of the slope TR. Continue SO to go round the Pavilion.

**QUESTION 2:** Who is football's biggest supporter according to the sign by the front door?

Continue in same direction to car park. **NEGOTIATE CAR PARK WITH CARE** to take the path on your left (near the hedge). SO following path with hedge on your right. At crossroads SO. At footbridge cross onto the Sconce. At the end of the bridge TR and make your way to the first corner of the earthworks where you will find a plaque in the ground.

**QUESTION 3:** How far is it to Beacon Hill?

*Feel free to explore this area further (see cannon sculpture) and when you have finished return to the footbridge.*

Go back over the footbridge then TL and SO to the building ahead (cafe and toilets with information boards in the cafe. *Open 6 days a week, cafe closed Monday except bank holidays but toilets open*).

Exit the park through the green gates near the cafe TR. SO to the roundabout. **TAKE CARE**. Cross Hawton Road and Windsor Road to continue down Boundary Road. Just after the church use the Patrol Point to cross the road then continue in the same direction to Newark Hospital. At the roundabout TL down Bowbridge Road.

**QUESTION 4:** What is the name of the Academy you pass (other side if the road)?

SO to the traffic lights. TL. (London Road). Continue SO and use the next traffic island after Lime Grove to cross the road. TL then at the second entrance to the gardens TR. (Beaumont Gardens). SO passing the Bowls Pavilion.

*(See inscription "ERII 1953 & 2003" on the end of the building. This building was erected as an open sided shelter with a chess board set into the ground just in front of it to celebrate the Coronation. In 2003 the chess board was removed and the building converted into a Bowls Pavilion to celebrate the Queens Golden Jubilee.)*

Just before the metal gates TR on path that passes the Civil War statues. At the path crossroad TL then SO to exit park through gates. SO, cross the road and TL to enter Pedestrian Zone. At junction SO into Bridge Street passing Porter Provisions. TR. SO towards the church.

*(In the Treasury of the church is Maundy Money given to Mrs Nellie Edlington and Mr Norman Dowse in 1984.)*

At T-junction TR and at road TL. *At this point if you wish to explore the new National Civil War Centre continue SO for 50m (approx.) along this road. The new building is on the opposite side of the road and is open every day from 10am - 4pm. There is an admission fee.*

At end of church grounds TL onto path with railings on your left (North Church Walk)

At the end of the path see Civil War Trail Information Board.

**QUESTION 5:** When was the plague brought to Newark?

SO into Kirk Gate. On your right you will see the School of Violin-making *(Designed in Italic Gothic style by Watson Fothergill in 1887, it was formerly a bank.)* Further along you will find the 16<sup>th</sup> century Charles I Coffee House, now closed *(where Queen Henrietta Maria stayed when visiting Newark during the Civil War).*

After that look for Paxtons Court on the right hand side of the road (by the Old Kings Arms). TR into Paxtons Court and at Morrison's TL. At main road TL to cross the road at the traffic island. TR and immediately TL down The Wharf. Follow the road round the bend to the end.

*(The curved stonewall, although dating from 1883, follows exactly the line of the old town wall as it made its way towards the castle. This would have formed part of the town's inner defence during the Civil War.)*

TL uphill, passing the Ossington Coffee Palace. (Now converted into a restaurant it was originally built in 1882 by Viscountess Ossington as a Temperance Hotel.). TR to cross the road using the crossing then TL to enter the Castle Gardens on the corner. Follow path SO to see the Newark Tactile Bronze. Go to the left of the Bronze then TL on path that passes the band stand. At the start of this path you will see a tree that was presented and planted by the Mayor of Newark to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**QUESTION 6:** What was the Mayors name?

SO passing band stand then bear left to exit the gardens by the gates. Continue SO passing the Corn Exchange and a row of 3 cottages with jettied upper floors and brick lower walls *(dated from around 1330)*. Go to the end of the railing then TL to cross Millgate and follow the main road round the left hand bend, passing the **Bus Station**. Use the (double) PC to cross the road at the entrance

to Asda and the next PC to cross the road (left) to the front of the (former) church. TR and take the second left into St Marks Place Shopping Precinct (before NCP car park).

At the first junction TR (St Marks Place) and after left bend go SO through archway into alley between buildings. At end TL. At the first shop on your left you will see the timber framed Governor's House. (*This was the residence of the Governors of Newark during the sieges of the Civil War.*)

Take first road on right (Middle Gate). After 50 metres approx TR into Chain Lane. At the end you will be in the Market Place. TR to pass in front of the Town Hall and Buttermarket. (*There are toilets here when the Buttermarket building is open.*)

**QUESTION 7:** What year did the architect of this building die? (see blue plaque at side of door by the Newark Town Council Notice Board)

Next to the Town Hall is the NatWest Bank which occupies the site of Alderman Clay's house. (*Alderman Clay lived in Newark during the Civil War period – see plaque*)

TL along the side of the Market Place following the line of the 18<sup>th</sup> century columns and you will find the Clinton Arms building which was an important coaching inn on the Great North Road. (*Gladstone stayed here. Newark was his first Parliamentary constituency and he was MP here from 1832 to 1845.*) Continue along the colonnade to the bust of the Saracen set high in the wall. (*The Saracen's Head Inn is now closed but it was visited several times by Sir Walter Scott.*) At the corner of the square you will see the Olde White Hart, named after the emblem of Richard II. (*Now Nottingham Property Services, it is one of the finest examples of 14<sup>th</sup> century timber-framed architecture in England.*)

SO to enter The Arcade. At the end TL then take second right into Barnby Gate. Cross the road and immediately after the church TL into Bede House Lane (not named at this end). TL into Friary Road. TL into Sleaford Road at the mini roundabout. At next traffic island you come to cross the road then TL and immediately TR into Appleton Gate (*signposted Northgate Station*) with Friary Mews on your right and Smiths Timber Merchants on your left. SO.

**QUESTION 8:** What is the name of the Terrace you pass? (see above number 60)

Continue SO to Northgate Railway Station then follow the road round into Lincoln Street.

***If you are starting this walk from Northgate Station exit the station onto Appleton Gate/Lincoln Street and TR.***

Cross the road and follow the road round to the left and SO to the junction. Use the traffic island to cross the main road and back into the car park.

**Welcome back, Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club hopes you enjoyed the Newark on Trent Jubilee Walk and you have enjoyed exploring this fascinating town with its many historical connections, a few of which have been mentioned in the description**