

What's On summer 2024

What's On summer 2023 can be seen at <https://peterbates.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Whats-On-Summer-2023.pdf> It helps to welcome newcomers to Nottingham, some of whom who have little English.

Tell us if you are doing a better version of this for 2024 or help us produce this one for 2024. Our work on this so far can be found at <https://peterbates.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Whats-On-Summer-2024.pdf>. Please send corrections and additions to peter.bates@ndti.org.uk by 5pm on 12 July 2024. It will be published in a more attractive format at the same web address on 15 July 2024.

Style guide: Events listed here occur from the end of the school year (25 July 2024) to 30 September 2024. Spell out day and date to help people with little English. Prioritise tasters, free and cheap events where newcomers will be especially welcome. Most organisations appear just once to keep the booklet brief, so do not list everything you do. Send in the most accessible and welcoming event to get people through the door or send a shortlist and let us choose, so we can keep the booklet diverse. Include the address and postcode of the venue but there is no need to say Nottingham. Be clear about what people need to do to participate – register in advance, bring a blanket, spend money at the gate. Highlight aspects that would be attractive to newcomers to Nottingham. Embed links to more detailed information. Don't assume people understand what you offer – say that the 'ice centre' is for skating! Thank you so much, everyone!

At St Nics

Everyone is welcome to church on Sundays at 10:45am and 6:30pm. We also have some social events planned, so meet us under the orange gazebo. Bring your own picnic and we provide free ice cream! Enjoy food, games and friendship with us for free on:

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Art

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Art Gallery

- **New Art Exchange**, 39 Gregory Boulevard NG7 6BE. Closed on Sundays. Other days the art gallery is open 10am to 4pm. Free. See [website](#).
- Wallner Gallery at **Lakeside Arts**, University Park NG7 2RD. Free entry. See [website](#)
- **Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery**, **address?** See [website](#).

Theatre

- **Nonsuch Studios**, **Street name?** NG1 1EH. [Website](#).
- **Nottingham Playhouse**, Wellington Circus NG1 5AF. [Website](#).

Music

- *Riverside Festival* on **Victoria Embankment** NG2 5FB. [Webpage?](#)
- **Metronome**, Marco Island, Huntingdon Street NG1 1AP. [Website](#).

- *Higgs Bo'sun* band [Website](#).
- *Carlton Male Voice choir* [Website](#).

Beach

- The beach at the **Old Market Square** NG1 2LH.

Museums

- **Green's Windmill** and Science Centre, Windmill Lane NG2 4QB. Open from 10am to 4pm. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Free entry. [Website](#).
- **National Justice Museum**, High Pavement NG1 1HN. [Website](#). Two free exhibitions on the ground floor (i) a history of criminology, (ii) art created by people in prison. Open every day from 10am to 4pm. If you want to go upstairs to see more you will have to pay.
- **Nottingham Castle**, Lenton Road NG1 6EL. Adults pay £12 for the whole year so you can go as many times as you want. An adult can take up to three children under 15 years old in with them for no extra cost. [Website](#).

Libraries

- Free **Conversation** groups to practise your English. [Website](#).
- Free **chess** clubs – see [Website](#).
- Free **knitting and sewing** clubs – see [website](#).
- **What's On** – [website](#).

Sports

- There is a free guided **walk** every weekday around one of the

Nottingham parks. Details at <https://nottsguidedwalks.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/best-foot-forward-leaflet-v10.3.pdf>.

- National Water Sports Centre, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont NG12 2LU. Walk around the lake and watch **canoes** on the white water. [Website](#).
- A 5km *Parkrun* that you can walk or **run** will be held at several places around Nottingham. See [website](#).
- The National Ice Centre, Bolero Square NG1 1LA. A skating rink. [Website](#).
- **Tennis** courts, Valley Road NG5 3HA. Book online. £6.50 per hour. See <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ValleyRoadTennisCourts>. Bring your own racquets and balls.
- **Table tennis**. Outdoor ping pong tables at Lenton Abbey Park, Woodside Road NG9 2SF. Bring your own bats and ball and play for free. There are tables at some other parks too.
- See a full list of sports clubs that meet in Nottingham City c [here](#).

Parks

- **Victoria Embankment** NG2 2JY. Free park by the River Trent.
- **Wollaton Park** NG8 2AE. Wild deer, a lake, paths and gardens, a museum and country house – all free to walk round. Free exhibition of tiny sculptures and a free museum including dinosaur bones. Everything open 11am to 4pm. See <https://wollatonhall.org.uk/visit/>
- **Rushcliffe Country Park**, Mere Way, Loughborough Road NG11 6JS. Lakes, nature trails, big children's play area, picnic tables, outdoor gym. Free. See <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/rushcliffecountrypark/>
- **Woodthorpe Grange Park**, Woodthorpe Drive NG5 4HA Open 8am to

8pm. Events [website](#).

- **Beeston Marina**, Riverside Road NG9 1NA. Watch boats on the canal.
- **Highfields Park**, University Park NG7 2RD. Park, playground and lake.
- **Nottingham Arboretum**, Waverley Street NG7 4HF. Park with trees, caged birds, lake and gardens.
- **Gedling Country Park**, Spring Lane NG4 4PE. Nature trail, lakes and cafe. Open every day, [Website](#).
- **Attenborough Nature Reserve**, Barton Lane NG9 6DY. Walk, watch the birds around the lakes. Free. 8am-8pm. [Website](#).
- A full list of parks in Nottingham City can be seen [here](#).

Plants and animals

- **Plant Care** Drop-in at The Watered Garden, Unit 11, Sneinton Market Gedling Street NG1 1DS on Sunday 6 August 11am to 4pm. Free. Visit to ask questions or bring your plant for a check-up. No need to book. [Website](#).
- **Gardening** at Windmill Community Gardens, Nottingham, NG8 5HD. 2:30pm to 4:30pm on Friday 28th July. Free. [Website](#).
- **Help** to look after the wildlife habitat at St Ann's Allotments. 10am to 2pm on Saturday 12 August. Meet opposite 80 Ransom Road NG3 3LH at 10am. Book at [website](#).
- Visit Stonebridge City **Farm**, Stonebridge Road, NG3 2FR. Phone: 0115 950 5113. Visit farm animals 10am to 4.15pm every day. Free entry. [Website](#). They have free events on Wednesdays with lots of activities for children.
- **Learn to fish** at the canal by the Lawcourts, Wilson Walk, off Wilford Street NG2 1EE. 9.30am to 4pm on Monday 31 July. Free. [Website](#).

Festivals

- **Base51** youth centre, 29-31 Castle Gate NG1 7AR.
- Wednesday 2 August from 10am to 4pm. Free festival for children and families at **Bridgford Park**, Albert Road NG2 5GS. Circus skills, soft play, storytelling, sports and free singing and dancing. See [website](#).

Starting a business

- 2023 saw a seminar series on starting a business at Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens, Kirkby Gardens NG2 2HZ. [Website](#).