Nottingham Independent Shopping Trail

1. Start - Tourism Centre
   Welcome to Nottingham. As well as being home to the high street names and designer brands we also have a fantastic independent shopping scene - you could spend two days shopping (and eating and drinking) and still not visit all of them.
   Get to grips with the map before you start and install the tour app if you can.
   Take in the whole trail or pick the locations that interest you most.

2. Hockley
   Browse around Cobden Chambers for record by local bands, specialist books and magazines. Then head to Hockley, where you could easily spend a day and night shopping in clothes boutiques, stopping for coffee and topping up street art supplies before catching a picture at Broadway, one of the world’s leading independent cinemas.

3. The Lace Market
   The Lace Market is Nottingham’s historic heart, but through the buildings are mostly on the older side, the activity is bang up to date with a vibrant mix of spaces showcasing arts and crafts. Pick up lace gifts, locally made ceramics and jewellery at Debbie (Bryan)’s shop, cafe and home of our textile history, visit a micro-brewery with a 400-year-old chapel and discover international artists and restless gifts in the beautiful Nottingham Contemporary art gallery.

4. intu Broadmarsh Independents
   We normally think of shopping centres as places for well-known stores, but Nottingham’s intu Broadmarsh centre is home to a whole host of goods made by local artists, designers, and craftspeople, some sold to benefit charities in Nepal and elsewhere. And don’t forget to pop into the City of Caves whilst you’re there - our most ancient history!

5. Bridlesmith Walk
   Bridlesmith Walk is different depending which way you enter – through the Ulster-style gates to a renowned boutique and a bustling specialist, then on to places that indulge whims from facial massages to cream teas and home-baked cakes, or down a brick tunnel to one of Nottingham’s finest bars with beers from around the world.

6. St James’s Street
   St James’s Street is a pedestrian-only place at the past, where you’ll find one of Nottingham’s best loved, family-run cakes, an original Victorian music hall with a wonderful architected glass ceiling, gifts with a strong local theme and Nottingham scooter, dinky, vinyl digging heaven in a basement, and a place that uses old printing techniques to make great new cards.

7. West End Arcade
   There’s a vintage feel to many of the shops here. Indulge yourself with Aubrey’s authentic French crépes and savoury galettes, dig for jazz, motown and punk on CD and vinyl, exchange the floor to rolling shades in our most central second-hand book store and discover autographed items from generations of well-known names - all at Nottingham’s West End Arcade.

8. Flying Horse Walk
   Flying Horse Walk is steeped in history and a wonderful place to escape the crowds; a stylish location to find the work of up-and-coming designers and possibly the coolest barber shop in the city, contemporary art including pieces by leading Nottingham names, and an amazing range of craft beers and specialist alks.
   Be sure to visit The Cheese Shop too - stockists of our famous local Colwick and-stilton cheeses, not to mention tasty things to accompany them.

9. Derby Road
   Up from Nottingham cathedral and around the corner from the Sky Mirror, on Derby Road you’ll find practical fun and unusual gifts for gardens and homes. Pop into a gloriously old-fashioned gent’s outfitter, grab a pint and a bite to eat in a pub with its dining room in a cave and live jazz – and if you’re feeling inspired you could nip next door to buy a trombone!

10. Hurst’s Yard
    Hurst’s Yard is a glimpse of Nottingham history. A narrow alley dating back to the middle ages, and ravened by the Georgians. It’s home to towers of vinyl Rob’s Records, a tequila bar, a great little cafe with coffees from around the world, and a haunted shop with a ghost feed that’s probably the only place in Nottingham to pick up taxidermy gifts.

Download the trail to your mobile device for photos, video and historic facts!

Follow these instructions to get started...

Simply visit www.GuildGo.com and search for “Nottingham independent shopping”.
You can then follow the trail within your web browser.
Alternatively, you can download the GuildGo app for free and download the entire trail onto your phone. Simply visit your app store and search for “GuildGo”. Once you have the app, search for “Nottingham Independent shopping” and the trail should appear as a top hit.

To save on data you can even use the free WiFi available at the Nottingham Tourism Centre at Old Market Square.

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Enjoyed this tour and want to explore some of Nottingham’s most iconic landmarks?

The ‘Nottingham Trail’, also on GuildGo, features castles and classical venues in Kingsworks and masterpieces. Nottingham has it all!
NOTTINGHAM INDEPENDENT SHOPPING TRAIL

1. Start - Nottingham Tourism Centre
2. Hockley
   - From the quiet oasis of Cobden Chambers to Nottingham’s busiest independent shopping area.
3. The Lace Market
   - Hunt for historic gifts and discover a microbrewery in the Anglo-Saxon heart of Nottingham.
4. intu Broadmarsh
   - Find unusual goods by local artists, designers and craftspeople in Intu Broadmarsh.
   - Please note: if you’re using the browser tour, you will need to connect to Wi-Fi in this location.
5. Bridle Smith Walk
   - Turn left before the tram stop for a bottle shop with a Californian vibe, clothes boutiques, afternoon tea and a great story about AC Milan.
6. Flying Horse Walk
   - Named for a 17th-century coaching inn, now home to The Cheese Shop, fine art and craft beer.
7. St James’s Street
   - Explore a Victorian music-hall and local gifts by local makers at an exciting hub of creativity.
8. Kings & Trinity Walks
   - Fashion secrets, puzzle rooms and knitting heaven beyond the distinctive arched signs.
9. West End Arcade
   - Dig through vinyl, rustle amongst paperbacks and rummage through rails of retro clothes.
10. Hurts Yard
    - Don’t miss the narrow entrance for a glimpse of Nottingham history, with steam-punk charms and boxes of Northern Soul.
11. Derby Road
    - Garden gifts, unusual gifts, specialist furniture and a pub in caves are worth the trip up the hill!

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