

ON THE TRAIL OF ROBIN HOOD



14 CRESWELL CRAGS

This beautiful location in the far north of the county is a limestone gorge honeycombed with caves. It's here that you'll find Robin Hood Cave where our hero once hid from the Sheriff's men. Creswell Crags is also famous for being home to the UK's only recorded Ice Age cave art.



13 CLUMBER PARK

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/clumberpark

Clumber Park lies at the heart of the former royal forest - a good hunting spot for Robin and his band of outlaws. Today this wide expanse of parkland, farmland and woods covers over 3,800 acres and boasts the longest avenue of lime trees in Europe. It's here that you can follow the Clumber Walk around one of the oldest woodland sites in Nottinghamshire.



04 SHERWOOD FOREST

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/sherwoodforestcp

Once part of a royal hunting forest, Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve covers 450 acres and incorporates some truly ancient areas of native woodland with more than 1,000 veteran oaks - most of which are over 500 years old. The largest and most famous of these is the Major Oak, once rumoured to be a hideout for Robin and his men. The forest is also home to a wide variety of flora and fauna and offers many great walks. It's also here, at the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, that you'll find an exhibition of some of props and costumes from Ridley Scott's new blockbuster movie Robin Hood.



07 EDWINSTOWE

The village of Edwinstowe is located close to Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve and once lay at the heart of the historic forest. It is here, at St Mary's Church, that Robin and Marian were thought to have married.



11 KING JOHN'S PALACE, CLIPSTONE

During the time of Robin Hood Sherwood Forest was a Royal Hunting ground. At Kings Clipstone, you can find the remains of a secluded palace and hunting lodge popular with King John. Head over to the Dog and Duck pub for excellent views of the ruins.



05 THIEVES WOOD

As the name implies, Thieves Wood has been the haunt for outlaws throughout the centuries. The King's Highway ran through the wood and it was here that many a traveller met with an unfortunate fate.



06 FOUNTAINDALE

Fountaindale is the legendary place where Robin Hood first met Friar Tuck and where he fought with Little John. From here you can follow a waymarked route to Thieves Wood, which is about 45 minutes walk away.



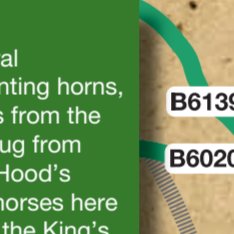
09 BLIDWORTH

Close to Sherwood Forest is the town of Blidworth. It's here that you'll find Will Scarlett's burial place in the graveyard of St Mary's Church.



08 PAPPLEWICK

Papplewick's St James's Church has several gravestones showing bows, arrows and hunting horns, and some believe Robin Hood cut his bows from the yews in the churchyard. Nearby is a cave dug from a sandstone cliff which is known as Robin Hood's Stables. Legend has it that Robin kept his horses here when robbing the wealthy nobles travelling the King's Great Way.



02 YE OLDE TRIP TO JERUSALEM

One of the oldest pubs in Britain, Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem has stood at the foot of Nottingham Castle since 1189 and is thought to have been a meeting point for soldiers gathering before the Third Crusade. It is believed that many tales of Robin Hood were exchanged here at the fire side.



03 GALLERIES OF JUSTICE

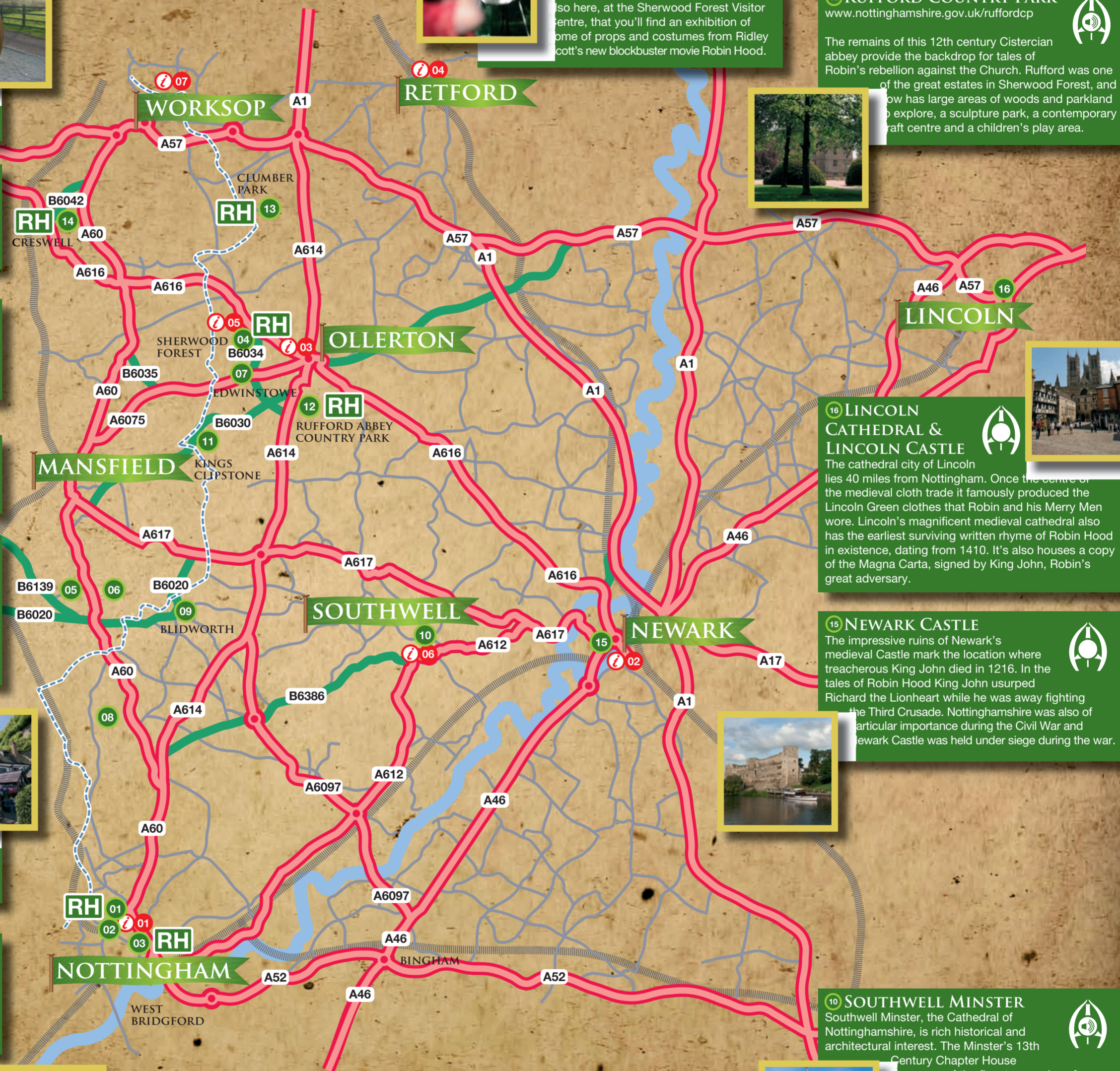
When the Normans invaded Britain they appointed Sheriffs as keepers of the peace and to raise taxes. The county Sheriff's were based where the Galleries of Justice now stand. The buildings that have previously existed in this location have been known the Sheriffs Hall, County Hall or the Kings Hall.



01 NOTTINGHAM CASTLE

www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/museums

The former seat of power for Robin's arch enemy, the evil Sheriff, Nottingham Castle sits atop a vast sandstone cliff commanding spectacular views over the city and surrounding countryside. Its history is chequered with sieges, murders and intrigue. It was here that Charles I raised his standard and ignited the English Civil War. Following the King's defeat the castle's keep and many of its defences were destroyed. In the 17th Century it was replaced by a magnificent ducal mansion and in 1875 it was converted into the first municipal museum and art gallery outside London. The castle has over 1,000 years of history waiting to be explored, including tours of the caves dug into the castle rock that once served as dungeons. The castle, along with Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, is exhibiting props and costumes from the new Hollywood blockbuster Robin Hood starring Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett.



KEY

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- B Roads
- Minor Roads
- River Trent
- Railway
- Cycleway
- Trail Locations
- Tourist Information
- The Robin Hood card can be used at this attraction

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