



Start and end of route:

The Hook, Lady Bay. Parking bays at Holme Grove, Lady Bay NG25AH

Distance: 9 kilometres or 5.5 miles

Time: 2 hours approx. walking

Suitability: Walking, running and cycling (path can be muddy at Iremongers pond, but can head back to the tarmac path)

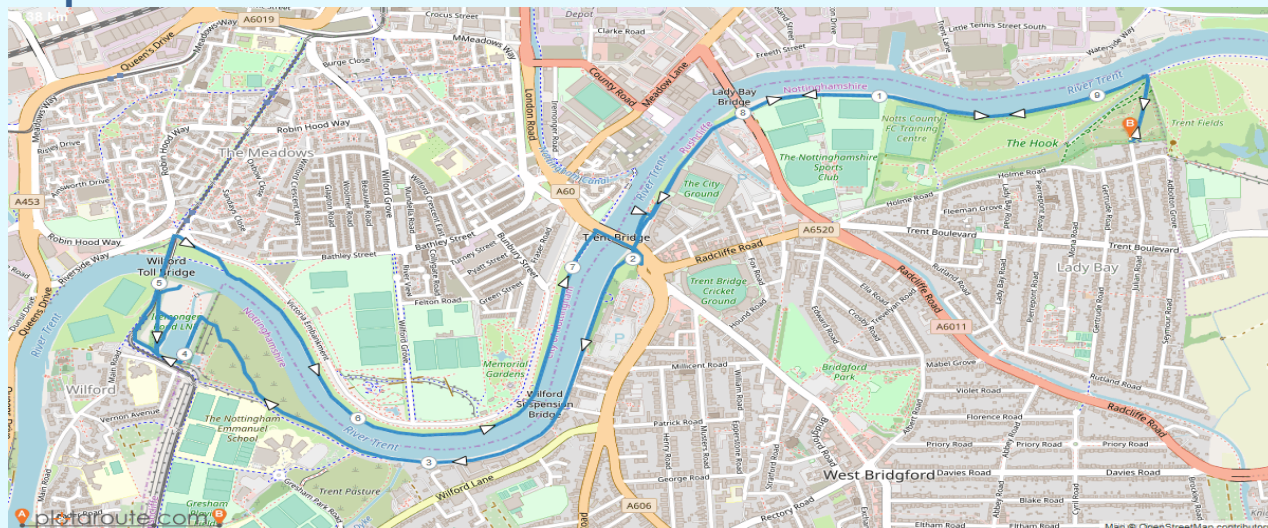
Refreshments and toilets: Cafe at Toll Bridge at Wilford

Brief description of route: Iremongers Pond is hidden away on the south bank of the Toll Bridge. A beautiful lake and park unseen to most who walk the Toll Bridge. The pond itself offers walks round the recently completed bank side path for walkers, pushchairs and wheelchair users.

A bit more history:

The name of Iremonger is still revered in city sporting circles. The pond is named after a pair of sporting legends, the Iremonger brothers. The two talented brothers, Albert Iremonger and James Iremonger, plied their soccer craft either side of the Trent; Albert at Notts County, Jim at Forest, and they also turned out with some success for Notts County Cricket Club. The embankment at the eastern end of the pond once carried trains from Manchester to Marylebone Station, stopping at Nottingham Victoria Railway Station. The pond was originally dug to provide soil for the embankments in 1894.

Map:





Directions:

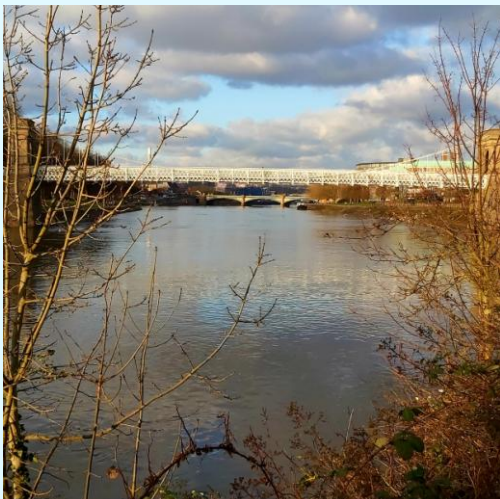
1. From the end of Holme Grove take the steps or ramp down to the path and follow it to The Hook and the Trent.



2. Turn left at the Trent and follow the river path. Go under Lady Bay Bridge, past the City Football Ground and under Trent Bridge.



3. Go past the Suspension Bridge and continue straight on.



4. Just before the Nottingham Emmanuel School the wooden fence on the right-hand side of the path ends. Here the main path goes up a ramp, with a wall and railings on both sides. Walk right off the main path and continue on a small footpath, which runs parallel to the main path. (If you are on a bike and it is muddy, continue on the main path and join Iremongers ponds at the Toll Bridge)
5. This path then bends right towards the river. Follow the path straight ahead and you will pass a small lake on your right before arriving at the main Iremongers Pond. Walk around the pond in a clockwise direction, stopping at the information boards on the way. Eventually you will see the Toll Bridge on your left.



6. There are a few paths to choose to join the Toll Bridge.
7. Cross the river on the Toll Bridge and turn right to return via Victoria Embankment. Cross the river again on the Suspension Bridge or later at Trent Bridge.



8. Retrace your steps to The Hook

Activity: Take a picnic to the Memorial Gardens (look out for the marble arch) on Victoria Embankment.