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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the historic town of Newark, home to the National Civil War Centre and scene of three deadly sieges during the English Civil war of 1642-1646. The fiercely Royalist townspeople endured starvation and plague before King Charles 1st ordered them to surrender in 1646, following his own surrender.

We hope you enjoy all the town's history and invite you to enjoy a pint or two of excellent real ale in some of Newark's best pubs. This guide will help you choose where to eat and drink while you walk around our historical sites.

For a full description of the Civil War sites please pick up a copy of the Civil War Trail map, published by the Newark Civic Trust.

THE PUBS TO VISIT



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THE FOX & CROWN

The Fox & Crown is a Grade II listed traditional English pub which lies in the heart of historical Newark, just a few paces from the National Civil War Centre. The pub offers traditional home-cooked food with a dedicated children's menu and prides itself on sourcing all meats, vegetables and coffee in the town.

Boasting an extensive range of cask ales, traditional ciders, world beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks, the Fox is the perfect place for any occasion, providing excellent service in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere.

4 - 6 Appleton Gate • 01636 605820
www.castlerockbrewery.co.uk



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THE CASTLE BARGE

The Castle Barge is not your average pub, but an 80 year old grain barge converted into a public house in 1980 and moored on the river Trent in the shadows of Newark's historic castle.

We serve local cask ales and ciders from Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire plus a wide range of drinks from tea to spirits and cocktails. We have a large outside seating area overlooking the river and below stairs a unique bar, offering traditional British pub food at reasonable prices. BBQs and live music when the sun shines! We love Newark and we love our barge, and hope you will too!

The Wharf • 01636 677320
www.castlebarge.co.uk



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JUST BEER

This multi award-winning micropub specialises in cask beer, featuring more than 600 different beers from 200 breweries yearly. No spirits, keg or alcopops, pool, gaming machines or TV here, but you will find a friendly and cosy atmosphere serving top-quality beer from micro-breweries nationwide.

A small selection of bottled world beers is also available, as is wine, soft drinks or fresh tea and coffee. Snacks include cheese boards and locally produced quality pork pie. A quiet refuge situated close to the Castle, Just Beer is the perfect place to make a pit-stop on your way around the Civil War Trail.

*32a Castle Gate • 01636 312047
www.justbeermicropub.biz*



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THE CLAY TAVERN

Refurbished and renamed in January 2015 after the Town Mayor during the Civil War. "Hercules Clay thrice dreamt the besiegers had set fire to his house, and consequently moved his family to a place of safety. The Clay dwelling was hit by a bomb on March 11th 1643. As a thanksgiving Clay bequeathed a legacy in perpetuity to be distributed in charity."

The dog-friendly Tavern offers a warm, cosy atmosphere with free WiFi, and serves up all manner of fine liquid refreshments, from a range of hearty ales to rich, luxurious coffee. There is no better place to be on a sunny afternoon than in the south facing walled garden.

*Slaughterhouse Lane • 01636 918630
www.theclaytavernnewark.co.uk*



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THE ORGAN GRINDER

The Organ Grinder in Newark is owned and run by award winning Blue Monkey Brewery. It is almost identical to the Organ Grinders in Nottingham and Loughborough which are comfortable country pubs in town. They each have a log burner for winter evenings, newspapers, interesting books, a piano, and most importantly, a great ambience and a fantastic selection of delicious Blue Monkey real ales.

The Organ Grinder in Nottingham is only a short walk from Nottingham Castle and Standard Hill, where in 1642, Charles I raised his standard, signalling the start of the English Civil War.

*21 Portland Street • 01636 671768
www.blumonkeybrewery.com*



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THE FLYING CIRCUS

The Flying Circus is quite different to anywhere else. You won't find any corporate giant lagers here - everything we have been sourced from small batch craft breweries and is served on top form in appropriate glassware. Here, the beer drinker is king. We also stock a huge range of world beers in bottles.

We want you to experience something completely different during your visit, from the wide range of real ales and ciders to the Monty Python quotes on the walls, guaranteed to raise a smile. Set in a grade II listed coaching inn, the Flying Circus is a worthwhile stop on your way to the magnificent Queen's Sconce.

*53 Castle Gate • 01636 302444
www.flyingcircuspub.com*



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OSCAR'S INN

Named after a German short-haired pointer, this country pub in the town offers six real ales and four traditional ciders in a two room setting themed after Oscar Wilde and Oscar Peterson. Family and dog friendly, the relaxed atmosphere lends itself to reading a newspaper in the afternoon, sharing a 16" square pizza with friends, or lingering over some stunning pints of ale in front of a fireplace.

Open daily from 12 noon and serving food all day, Oscar's offers the weary walker an excellent opportunity to relax and unwind.

105 Balderton Gate • 01636 918130



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THE PRINCE RUPERT

A stunningly restored pub dating back to 1452, The Prince Rupert is tucked between the Market Square and Newark Castle. In fact, its incredible history places it on the Newark Civil War Trail. Featuring local brewers including Pheasantry and Milestone, you'll also find Jeffrey Hudson Bitter available thanks to Jeffrey Hudson's civil war ties.

The Prince Rupert's team of real ale enthusiasts helped to found PINT - Pubs In Newark Together and, as a part of KNEAD Pubs, the pub offers a menu of classic dishes with a bit of a twist, plus very popular stone baked pizzas.

46 Stodman Street • 01636 918121
www.kneadpubs.co.uk



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THE RAM

The Ram Bar & Brasserie opened in January 2015 following a substantial refurbishment, offering the most comfortable of surroundings with views of Newark Castle and the Ossington. Elegant lounges with roaring fireplaces are the perfect place to sit and enjoy real ales from eight handpulls, chilled beers & Guinness, fine wines by the glass or freshly ground coffee. A light and airy restaurant with a colonial feel boasting French doors to the courtyard serves excellent steaks, fish, hand-made pizzas and tapas.

Brunch served daily from 10am; Lunch: 12pm - 3pm; Dinner: 5pm - 9pm Monday to Saturday. Sunday Lunch 12pm - 4pm. Children welcome until 8pm. Dogs welcome in the Colonel's Bar.

19 Castle Gate • 01636 940220
www.theramnewark.com



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THE VAULTS

The Vaults is Newark's first cider and ale house situated in old cellars on historic North Gate. We are passionate about using and supporting local suppliers wherever possible and serve a variety of 4-6 ales and 8-10 ciders to suit all tastes. Our emphasis is on supporting those made in the traditional way with as few beer miles as possible.

We pride ourselves on the warm, welcoming and cosy atmosphere provided by the original arched brick ceiling and flagstone floors. We have a delicious menu of home-cooked traditional pub grub, again using local suppliers wherever possible.

14 North Gate • 01636 678953
www.thevaultsnewark.co.uk

CIVIL WAR ALE TRAIL



NEWK CASTLE

1 Founded in the 12th century by Alexander, Bishop of Lincoln, the Castle was the scene of the death of King John in 1216. The Castle was a key Royalist stronghold during the Civil War, and when the Parliamentary forces eventually took the town in 1646, the townspeople were forced to dismantle much of the Castle and later removed stones to rebuild their houses. Luckily for future generations, lethargy and illness meant that the job was never finished so parts of the Castle remain.



THE CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

2 This medieval parish church, the third to stand on this site, is one of the largest parish churches in the country. Work was started in 1310 and it took nearly 200 years to build. During the Civil War, the spire was used by Royalists as a lookout and still bears a hole which is said to be the result of Parliamentary cannon fire. A monument in the churchyard commemorates officers killed during the time the town was besieged.



THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE

3 This timber framed Tudor building, which would have originally been a merchant's house, was home to the Governors of Newark during the Civil War. Here, King Charles quarrelled with his nephew, Prince Rupert after the latter had lost the battle of Bristol. It was from here that the last Governor, Lord Belasyse, led out the remaining troops, upon King Charles' order to surrender the garrison.



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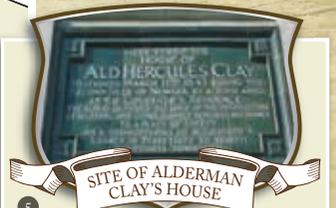
THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE

7 The National Civil War Centre is housed in the magnificent Old Magnus Building, built in 1529 as a grammar school for boys. It survived the terrible bombardment of the second siege of Newark in 1644 and today is the only attraction in the UK dedicated to telling the epic story of the clash between King Charles I and Parliament. Amazing artefacts, interactive displays, a smartphone app and compelling human stories make this a unique experience for all the family.



OLD WHITE HART

4 Now a branch of the Nottingham Building Society, who were responsible for its renovation, this timber framed building dates from the late 15th century with parts originating even earlier. The inn was hit by a Parliamentary mortar bomb in 1643, causing many deaths and injuries.



SITE OF ALDERMAN CLAY'S HOUSE

5 The NatWest Bank on the corner of Stodman Street and the Market Place is the site of Alderman Hercules Clay's House. Clay, the Mayor of Newark during the third siege, dreamed three times that his house would be destroyed. He moved out with his family just before a bomb, actually meant for the Governor's House, struck on 11th March 1643. The event is commemorated by a plaque on the bank's wall.



QUEEN'S SCENCE

6 Probably the best surviving example of this type of Civil War fortification in the country, this star shaped earthwork was built in 1644 to protect the town from Parliamentary forces approaching from the south. It consists of huge earth ramparts which would have had wooden defences and cannon on them. A feature of the site is the metalwork sculpture of a stylised cannon by Michael Condron unveiled in 2012. The Sconce is now contained within a park and open to the public to walk around.