

Sheffield



## The Walk - Step by Step

Over 60,000 people came to see this canal open in 1819. Happily there are less people here today as the canal leads you quietly from city to country. Each step you take brings calm as you steep yourself in stories from the artwork along the water, while birds call you onward beyond the faint noise of traffic. Wildlife and greenery line the towpath and evidence of this area's rich steel heritage is everywhere along the canal side.

- Victoria Quays marks the start of the Sheffield & Tinsley Canal.
- Built around 1900, the magnificent Grade II-listed Straddle Warehouse with its five docking bays spans the canal basin on stilts.
- Cross the bridge near the 200-year-old dry dock and turn left to follow the towpath. The route is part of a street art trail begun during the Sheffield & Tinsley 200th anniversary celebrations in 2019. Across the water is Sheaf Quay, built in the 1820s, former toolmaking Sheaf Works of Greaves and Sons. Look out for nature-inspired artworks along the towpath.
- Just beyond the busy A61 bridge and Victoria Railway Viaduct, there's a boatyard and marina opposite. Sipelia Works to your right was another part of Sheaf Works and now houses the charity Emmaus.
- 4 Grade II-listed Cadman Street Bridge dates from 1819 and is one of only two original bridges on the Sheffield & Tinsley. More artwork is displayed beneath the nearby railway bridges.
- Across the water is a derelict former bone mill which once created cutlery handles from bone. Nearby Firth's 19th-century Grade II-listed iron warehouse with its bricked-up loading bays used to store bar iron and is

the last surviving example of its type in Sheffield. Your surroundings become leafier now as the canal continues through Sheffield's industrial outskirts.

- Bacon Lane Bridge is the other original 1819 bridge and also Grade II-listed. Just beyond the bridge is the largest instalment of Sheffield's Street Art Trail on your right, painted by 13 street artists during the 2019 Sheffield Waterfront Festival.
- 7 The dynamic high-arched Supertram Footbridge 7B is quickly followed by Shirland Lane Bridge and footbridge before the canal widens at Chippingham Basin.
- 3 Grade II-listed Attercliffe Aqueduct carries the canal over Darnall Road. You feel like you're in the countryside here, with trees overhanging the towpath and birds singing as you pass the wide open space of Attercliffe Moorings opposite, part of the Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park.
- At Greenland Bridge, cross the canal to follow the towpath along the canal's tree-lined north edge under the A6102.
- Your walk ends just beyond the Top Lock of the 11 Tinsley Locks at the open space of Tinsley Marina.

CANAL: Sheffield & Tinsley Canal

START: Victoria Quays
OS Grid ref: SK360876 Postcode: S2 5SY

FINISH: Tinsley Marina
OS Grid ref: SK393898 Postcode: S9 2FN

DISTANCE: 4.4km / 2¾ miles

APPROX TIME: 11/4 -11/2 hours

PUB/CAFÉ: Victoria Junction & Dorothy Pax at Victoria Quays, Tom Dip Café near Coleridge Road Bridge 11

PARKING: Nearest car parks – Victoria Quays (postcode: S4 7SW) & Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park (postcode: S9 3TQ)

TRAIN: Nearest train stations & tram stops – Sheffield, Attercliffe, Arena/Olympic Legacy Park, Carbrook
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