

## Where does the water come from?

The Yorkshire length of the Leeds & Liverpool canal from below Gargrave Locks, to Leeds at the beginning of the Aire and Calder Navigation, is supplied by feeders – diverted tributaries of the River Aire.

Some water also comes from the canal summit, supplied by reservoirs which collect rainwater in the Pennines.

The nearest reservoir is Winterburn, from where water is piped 8 miles to the canal summit.

Feeders supply the Yorkshire side of the Leeds & Liverpool at Eshton Beck, Eller Beck, Middle Beck (Bradley), Morton Beck, Bingley 5 Rise, and Whitfield Mill

All of these feeders and reservoirs are dependent on rainfall to keep them supplying the canal throughout the year

From time to time these resources are not sufficient to support the canal so drought measures e.g. restrictions may need to be applied

Restrictions make water use at locks more efficient, and allow the canal to refill overnight, preventing boats from grounding

The Trust carefully monitors the situation to minimise disruption to boaters and the environment

