



We're the charity that looks after 2,000 miles of canals and rivers. We believe life is better by water and the more time you spend there, the happier and healthier you can feel.

Thanks to our generous supporters, we're working with volunteers and communities to transform our canals and rivers into spaces that can be enjoyed by everyone, every day.

Explore our canals by train

Explore the Calder & Hebble Navigation and the Rochdale Canal using the Calder Valley Line

Discover Sowerby Bridge waterfront

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Rivers, canals and railways often run alongside one another, offering the perfect opportunity to explore our waterways by train. Hop off the train at any of the main stations on the Calder Valley Line and you are just minutes from the towpath. Visit Hebden Bridge, the famous market town in the Upper Calder Valley, or Sowerby Bridge, where the Calder & Hebble Navigation and the Rochdale Canal meet on the edge of the Pennines.

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Five reasons to explore the Calder & Hebble Navigation and the Rochdale Canal

- Get those steps in, walk in the fresh air and keep fit
- Walk one way, catch the train back - trains run every 15-20 minutes in each direction between Manchester Victoria and Leeds on the Calder Valley Line
- Enjoy a spot of wildlife watching - ducks, herons, kingfishers and even otters live along the canal
- Take in the sights of many unique canal boats and if you're lucky, see the locks in action
- Enjoy the many waterside cafés, pubs and restaurants

Calder Valley Line

Calder & Hebble Navigation and the Rochdale Canal

Hebden Bridge

The market town of Hebden Bridge is nestled in the Upper Calder Valley and gives a glimpse of the stunning woodland hills surrounding the town. Exploring Hebden Bridge along the canal is an enjoyable experience with beautiful structures such as the Crossley Mill dockyard.

If you follow the canal for 0.4 miles, you will come to the mouth of Hebden Beck, where once a bridge crossed to link Halifax with Burnley, contributing to the town's name.



Halifax

This is where the Calder & Hebble Navigation meets the River Calder at Salterhebble. Here you'll be able to see the beautiful Salterhebble lock keeper's cottage.

Todmorden

The station in Todmorden is a 5-minute walk from the canal, where you will pass several shops and bars. Along the canal you'll come across a restaurant which has a balcony overlooking a beautiful fish mural.

Hebden Bridge

Mytholmroyd

Halifax

Sowerby Bridge

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A 5-minute walk from the station along Scout Road will take you to the canal, past beautiful, historic monuments.

15 miles to Leeds

22 miles to Manchester

Sowerby Bridge

Here you'll find Tuel Lane Lock, the UK's deepest lock.





Sowerby Bridge

Directions to Rochdale Canal from Sowerby Bridge train station: 4-minute walk

From platform 2, exit the train station onto Holmes Road and turn left. You will shortly see a footpath on your right, which becomes a bridge going over the River Calder – walk across the bridge and turn right at the end along Old Cawsey. You will then come out onto the Rochdale Canal, next to Tuel Lane Lock.

Sowerby Bridge is where the Calder & Hebble Navigation and the Rochdale Canal meet on the edge of the Pennines. Once an industrial centre, now trendy pubs and cafés fill many of the old canal buildings.

The area is well known for its walking and cycling routes across and around the Pennines. This is a fascinating place to explore the history of weaving, water mills and the role our canals played during the industrial revolution.

Tuel Lane Lock, the UK's deepest single lock, can also be found in Sowerby Bridge, along the Rochdale Canal. Built in 1996 as part of the canal's restoration, it replaces two previous locks that were located on this canal.

At 6 metres deep, usual boat crews are not permitted to operate the lock; instead there is a lock keeper to assist passing boats.

Adjacent to Tuel Lane Lock you'll be able to hear the hustle and bustle of Sowerby Bridge's outdoor market, which operates Tuesday to Saturday.



Walking distance along the towpath to nearby towns with stations

Halifax	▶ 2.8 miles
Mytholmroyd	▶ 3.7 miles
Hebden Bridge	▶ 5.2 miles
Todmorden	▶ 9.7 miles



Canal towpath



Directions from station to canal

