

Caring for the Ripon Canal

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning England and Wales. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for the Ripon Canal and many more places, for today and generations to come.

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Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including the Ripon Canal, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.

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Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

Ripon Canal was built by canal engineer William Jessop and opened in 1773. It created a link between the medieval city of Ripon and the navigable section of the River Ure at Oxclose Lock, providing boats with access to York and Hull.

The canal was sold to the Leeds and Thirsk Railway Company in 1847 and was effectively closed by 1906. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the volunteers of Ripon Canal Society, most of the canal was restored and reopened in 1996.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers

Enjoy

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Welcome to the Ripon Canal

A scenic canal in the heart of a medieval city.



We're the charity making life better by water



This beautiful stretch of the Ripon Canal was derelict until restored and reopened in 1996. Now, bordered by trees and wildflowers, it is a green ribbon passing through the city.

Visit us at:
Canal Wharf, Ripon,
HG4 1AQ

Allow 1–2 hours
for your visit

Find your way around

- towpath
- café
- pub
- toilets
- shopping
- point of interest
- nature reserve
- trip boat
- marina
- parking



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Stay SAFE
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:
canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

5 things to do at the Ripon Canal

- 1** Visit one of the bird hides sited along the canal.
- 2** Book a boat trip from Ripon Canal basin and explore the canal from the water.
- 3** Visit the medieval Cathedral in Ripon, a church has been built on this site since 672AD.
- 4** Enjoy a coffee at the canalside cafe and feel the benefits of being by water.
- 5** Stroll along the canal and past the marina, you may see horses training or racing at the race course.

Did you know?

The Ripon Canal is just 2.3 miles (3.7km long) and is one of the shortest waterways in Yorkshire.

