



# Canal & River Trust

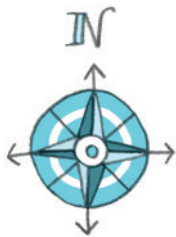
Making life better by water



## Explore Woodlesford Lock

Located just five miles from Leeds, Woodlesford Lock on the Aire & Calder Navigation, is one of the best places to escape the city and enjoy country walks.

Thwaite Mills Museum & Leeds  
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Little adventures on your doorstep



**STAY SAFE:**  
Stay Away From the Edge

Map not to scale: covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km

## A little bit of history

The Aire & Calder Navigation was built to connect Leeds to the Humber and the North Sea. Unique to this navigation were 'Tom Puddings', huge open containers for carrying coal, linked together and pushed along by tugs. The waterway still carries commercial traffic but today, it makes its way through peaceful countryside.

Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### Five things to do at Woodlesford Lock

- Picnic** Pack binoculars and track down exotic wooden wildlife such as elephant, antelope, giraffe, gorilla, deer and the very rare Gruffalo!
- Use** the bird screen to watch a huge variety of bird life. Look out for sand martins on the riverbank, the blue flash of a kingfisher or spot a forked-tailed red kite circling in the sky.
- Visit** Thwaite Mills, a water-powered mill which at various times milled rape oil for lubrication and lighting, and crushed wood for dyes and whiting for household products
- Keep** a look about for working boats and barges
- Take** a walk. There's a circular walk to Fishponds Lock (1.75 miles), or a towpath walk to Lemonroyd Lock (1.5 miles), or try part of the Leeds Country Way, a 62-mile long circular walk divided into 4-6 mile sections.

### What to Spot

Explore the waterside together.  
How many of these can you spot?

A duck quacking




166

The number of a  
bridge or lock



A fascinating insect

An interesting  
stone or brick




The names of  
two boats






A face  
or animal  
in the  
clouds




### Information


Woodlesford Lock  
Woodlesford  
West Yorkshire  
LS26 8PU

 Parking (free & P&D)


 Toilets (in hotel, pubs and cafés in village)

 Café

 Pub


 Picnic bench

 Path

 Allow 2 hours for this visit

#### \* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

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