

Caring for the Lancaster 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 Lancaster 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 Lancaster 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

The Lancaster Canal was originally built to connect the Leeds & Liverpool Canal to Preston, Lancaster and Kendal. The canal was built in two sections – north and south of the River Ribble. John Rennie designed two major aqueducts, one over the Lune at Lancaster and one to cross the Ribble at Preston.

Due to problems with the foundations of the Lune Aqueduct, the canal company ran out of money to build the Ribble aqueduct. The short stretch across the Ribble Valley, the Ribble Link, was finally completed in 2002.

The Ribble Link was the first new canal in 97 years, and the Lancaster Canal was finally connected to the rest of the national inland waterway network.

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

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Welcome to Lancaster & Penny Street Basin


A haven for nature and wildlife.



We're the charity making life better by water












The Lancaster Canal is one of the few coastal canals. It runs from Preston in the south to Kendal in the north, passing through the heart of the beautiful city of Lancaster.


Water Witch Basin,
Aldcliffe Lane,
Lancaster LA1 1SU

 Allow 2–3 hours for your visit



Find your way around

-  towpath
-  café
-  pub
-  toilets
-  shopping
-  bench/picnic area
-  point of interest
-  QR trail
-  trip boat
-  parking
-  railway station

 Map not to scale: covers approx. ¼ mile / 1.2km

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 Lancaster & Penny Street Basin

- 1** Enjoy a cruise along the canal and find out more about this waterway.
- 2** Stroll along the towpath to the spectacular Lune Aqueduct (1.8 miles/3km).
- 3** Have a drink or bite to eat at Penny Street Basin and enjoy some time by water.
- 4** Watch out for wildlife, otters have been spotted along the canal.
- 5** Explore the historic city and visit the castle and cathedral.

Did you know?
The Lancaster Canal was built along the natural lie of the land and has the longest stretch of canal without locks in England – 41 miles (66km).



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