

Caring for Bugsworth Basin

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 Bugsworth Basin 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 Bugsworth Basin, 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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Keeping history alive

Bugsworth Canal Basin was built in 1796 on the Peak Forest Canal. It was once the largest and busiest inland port on the narrow canal system, and the only one to survive intact.

In 1800 the Peak Forest Canal and tramway interchange were completed. This allowed lime and gritstone to be transported from Derbyshire quarries to Manchester via the canal network. Today it is the only basin to survive intact.

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

Enjoy

Take Action

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Welcome to Bugsworth Basin

Once the largest and busiest inland port.



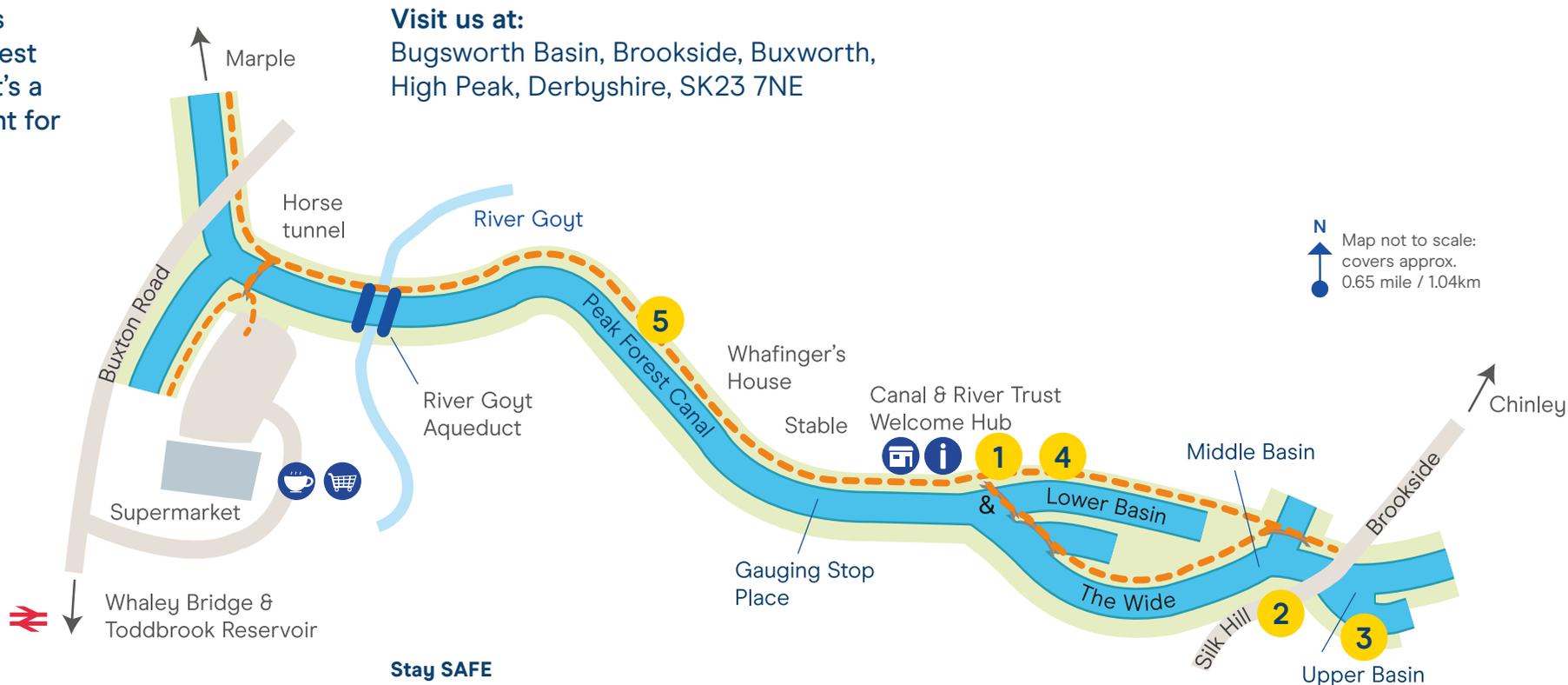
We're the charity making life better by water

Bugsworth Basin was once one of the busiest inland ports. Today it's a Scheduled Monument for you to enjoy.

 Allow half a day for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  aqueduct
-  road bridge
-  café
-  shopping
-  information
-  trust office
-  railway station



Visit us at:
Bugsworth Basin, Brookside, Buxworth,
High Peak, Derbyshire, SK23 7NE

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Map not to scale:
covers approx.
0.65 mile / 1.04km

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 Bugsworth Basin

- 1** **Meet** our volunteers and discover more about the history of the Peak Forest canal at our Welcome Hub.
- 2** **Check** out the remains of the old limekilns where lime was extracted from limestone.
- 3** **Spot** the replica of an old 'jib crane' that was used for loading and unloading boats.
- 4** **Visit** Bugsworth Basin exhibition to see artefacts from the history of the area (opening hours subject to change).
- 5** **See** how many water birds you can spot and name in 5 mins.

Did you know?

Horses hauled boats at about 4 miles an hour – so a journey from Bugsworth to Manchester took around 10 hours as they had to navigate 34 locks on their way.

