

Caring for Torksey Lock

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 Torksey Lock and many more places, for today and generations to come.

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Torksey Lock, 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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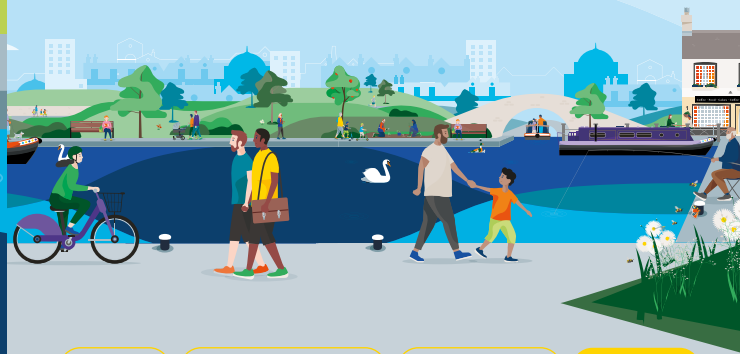
Keeping history alive

People have been constructing canals for almost 2,000 years – Fossdyke Navigation was built by the Romans in around 120AD.

In the 19th century, Fossdyke and the River Trent were a hive of activity, with ships and shallow bottomed barges called 'ketches' passing through Torksey Lock.

Coal, wool and grain was carried along these waterways to towns and cities including Lincoln, Newark and Nottingham. Unlike other inland waterways, the canal continued to be used to transport cargo well into the 20th century, with the last commercial operation taking place in 1972.

Discover lots of fun things to do
with the family by and on the water.
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Welcome to Torksey

See the oldest canal in England.



We're the charity making life
better by water

The Foss Dyke, or Fosdyke, is believed to be the oldest canal in England that is still in use. Today it is still a working waterway, but you are more likely to spot leisure boats enjoying a slower pace of life.

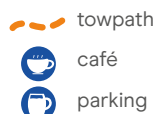
Visit us at:

Torksey Lock, Torksey,
Lincolnshire LN1 2EH



Allow 1–1½ hours
for your visit

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please check before travelling.

5 things to do at Torksey

- 1 Pause** and watch the different kinds of boats making their way along the waterway – barges, narrowboats and converted coastal cruisers use the canal and river.
- 2 Take** a moment to look at Torksey Lock, it was built extra wide and long to accommodate larger barges and has six pairs of lock gates, whereas most locks have two.
- 3 Enjoy** a stroll along the towpath and go through the ingenious clapper gate.
- 4 Bring** binoculars and see what wildlife you can spot.
- 5 Stop** for a picnic and listen to the different birds, including the peewits (known locally as pyewipe) that enjoy the flat Lincolnshire farmlands.

Did you know?

Clapper gates are unique to the navigable stretches of the River Trent. These distinctive gates are designed to allow people and horses to pass through the field boundaries on the river bank, but prevent livestock from straying.

