

Caring for Pocklington 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 Pocklington 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 Pocklington 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

A canal to Pocklington was first proposed in 1765 however the canal we see today didn't open until 1818. Boats traded on the canal until 1932, when it went into serious decline.

In the 1960s the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society was formed to save the canal from dereliction. Thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers, much of the canal has now been restored for us to enjoy.

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 the Pocklington Canal

A haven for waterway wildlife.




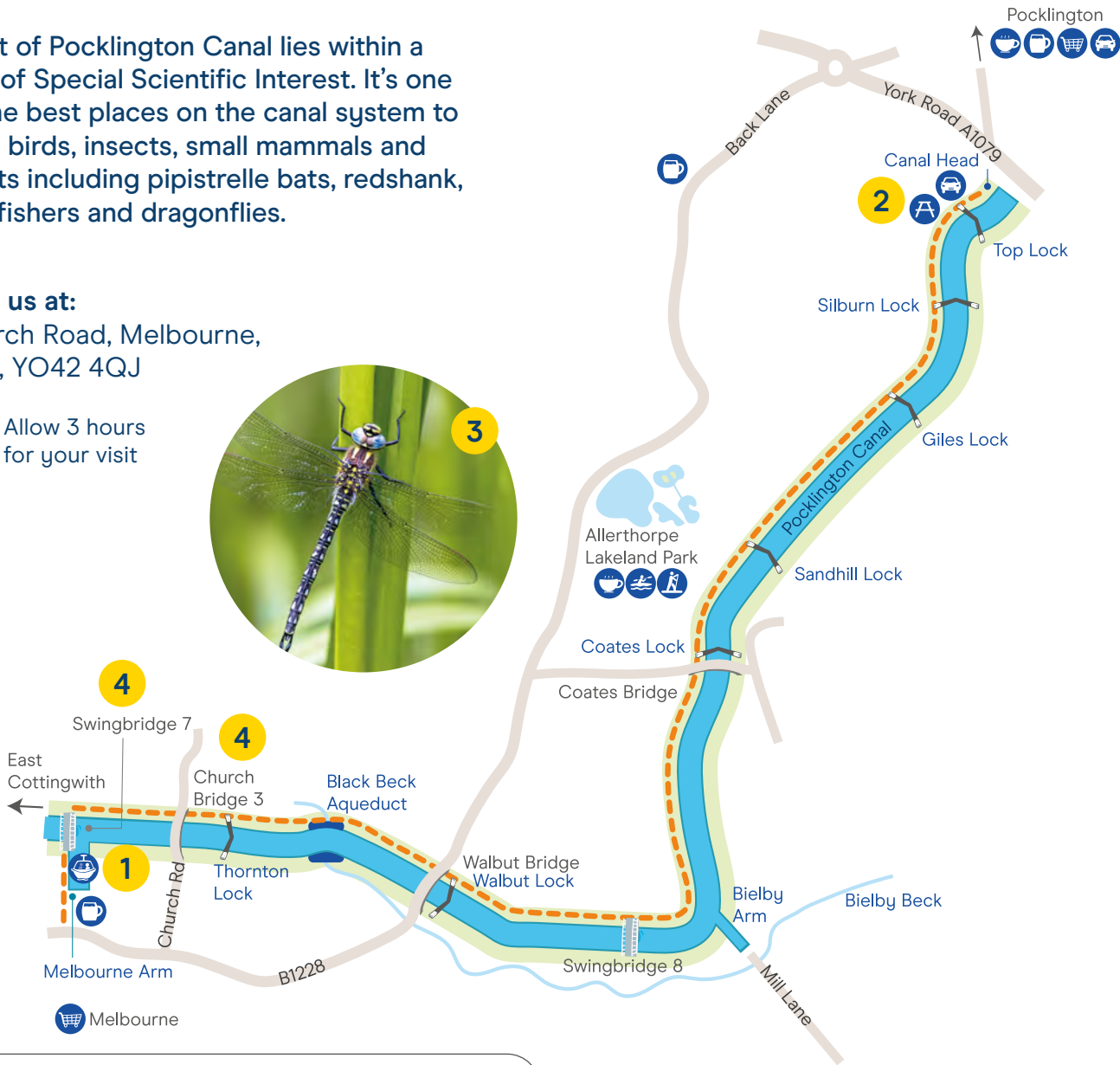
We're the charity making life better by water

Most of Pocklington Canal lies within a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It's one of the best places on the canal system to spot birds, insects, small mammals and plants including pipistrelle bats, redshank, kingfishers and dragonflies.












Visit us at:


Church Road, Melbourne, York, YO42 4QJ

 Allow 3 hours for your visit



Find your way around

-  towpath
-  aqueduct
-  swing bridge
-  café
-  pub
-  shopping
-  bench/picnic area
-  trip boat
-  canoeing
-  paddleboarding
-  parking

 Map not to scale: covers approx. 4¼ mile / 6.8km

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 Pocklington Canal

- 1** Visit Melbourne and board a boat trip run by the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (Sundays & bank holidays from April – October).
- 2** Take a picnic to Canal Head and enjoy some time by water.
- 3** Bring binoculars and look out for nesting birds or some of our more uncommon wildlife such as otters or damselflies.
- 4** Walk along the canal to Church Bridge and Swing Bridge, both have been fully restored thanks to grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- 5** Pause for a chat with one of the friendly volunteers who help to look after the canal.

Did you know?

Pocklington Canal is a broad canal. It was built to allow Yorkshire keels to use it – flat-bottomed boats that were used on the River Derwent.

