

## Caring for the Rochdale 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 Rochdale Canal and many more places, for today and generations to come.

DONATE



Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including the Rochdale 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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## Keeping history alive

Hebden Bridge has been a manufacturing hub since the 15th century. At that time industry was based on hand-loom weaving. During the Industrial Revolution, its prime valley location, fast-flowing streams and access to wool markets saw mills spring up alongside the River Hebden.

The opening of the Rochdale Canal in 1798 connected the town with Manchester and Sowerby Bridge, vastly improving the transportation of goods to and from the area.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)

Enjoy

Take Action

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## Welcome to Hebden Bridge

One of the most beautiful towns in the UK.




We're the charity making life better by water












Surrounded by breathtaking countryside, this small historic mill town on the Rochdale Canal is home to a thriving and vibrant creative community, independent shops and stunning waterside walks.

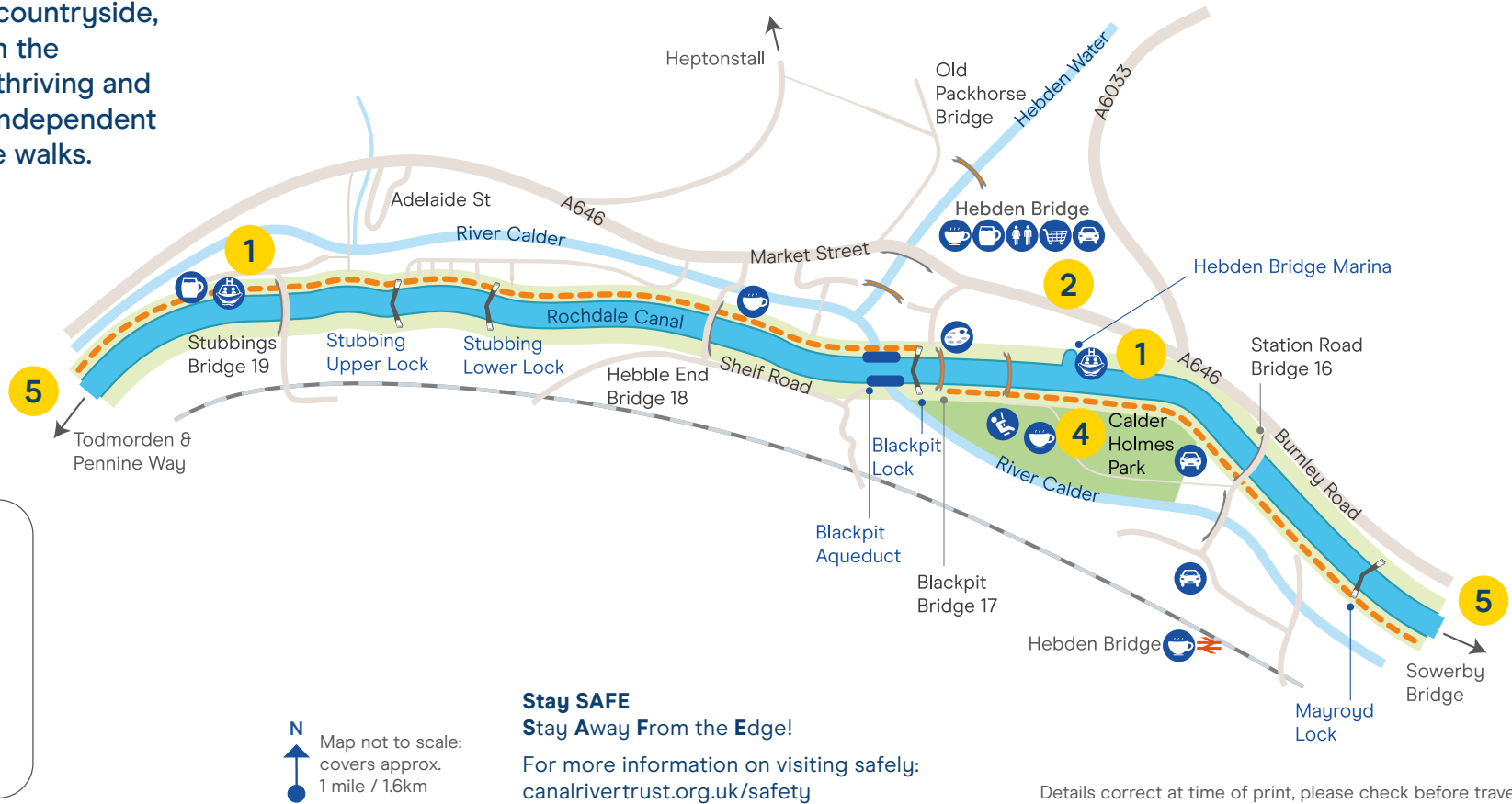
**Visit us at:**

King Street, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, HX7 6LU

 Allow half a day for your visit

**Find your way around**

 towpath	 play area
 aqueduct	 theatre
 café	 boat hire
 pub	 parking
 toilets	 railway station
 shopping	



**5 things to do at Hebden Bridge**

- 1** **Explore** the Rochdale Canal afloat on a boat trip (spring - summer only).
- 2** **Visit** the many art galleries and independent shops.
- 3** **Discover** the heritage trail and the historic mill buildings surrounding the Rochdale Canal.

- 4** **Enjoy** spending time by water with a picnic on the island between the Rochdale Canal and River Calder.
- 5** **Arrive** by train and walk or cycle along the towpath to nearby Sowerby Bridge, Mytholmroyd or Todmorden.

**Did you know?**

Water running off the steep hills surrounding Hebden Bridge was ideal for powering weaving mills. As the clothing industry grew, Hebden Bridge became known as 'Trousers Town'.

