

Where does the water come from?

Four reservoirs provide the majority of supply of water to the Peak Forest and Macclesfield Canals.

Toddbrook and Combs Reservoirs lie at the end of the Peak Forest Canal near Whaley Bridge.

Sutton and Bosley Reservoirs lie further south on the Macclesfield Canal above Bosley Locks.

Water from these reservoirs is also used to supply other canals further afield.

There are no locks on the Peak Forest Canal from Whaley Bridge to Marple, or on the Macclesfield Canal from Marple to Bosley

This means that the water in this long pound can come from any of the four reservoirs. Sutton is the smallest and closest to the canal. For this reason it is often used as a quick top up

Water in the Macclesfield Canal passes down Bosley Locks, and is a significant water source for the Trent & Mersey and Caldon Canals

Water from the Peak Forest Canal passes down Marple Locks to the Ashton Canal, and onwards to Manchester

Feeders also supply water to this canal e.g. Black Brook Feeder at Bugsworth

Following damage to the auxiliary spillway in Summer 2019, the Trust have held Toddbrook Reservoir down to ensure safety whilst repairs are undertaken

