

# Caring for the Macclesfield 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 Macclesfield 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 Macclesfield 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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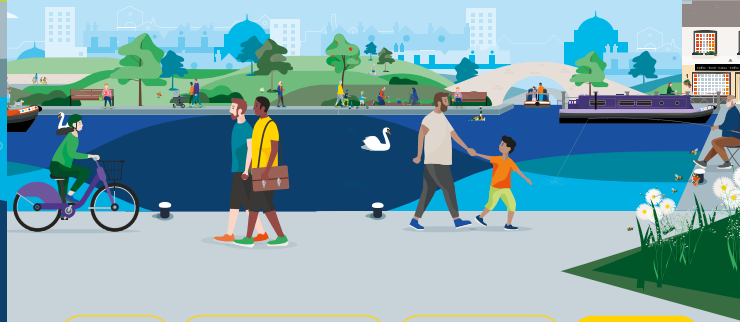
Making life better by water

## Keeping history alive

Local cotton spinners Martin Swindells and Joseph Brooke took advantage of the newly constructed Macclesfield Canal and sited their steam-powered mills – Clarence and Adelphi – alongside the waterway. This made it easier to transport goods to and from the mills.

By the 1890s the cotton industry was in decline, however during World War II Adelphi Mill was used to produce parachutes, and at the end of the 1960s it had been converted to produce webbing for car seatbelts until all spinning ceased in the late 1980s.

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)



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## Welcome to Clarence Mill & Adelphi Mill


Discover the industry that shaped the north-west.



















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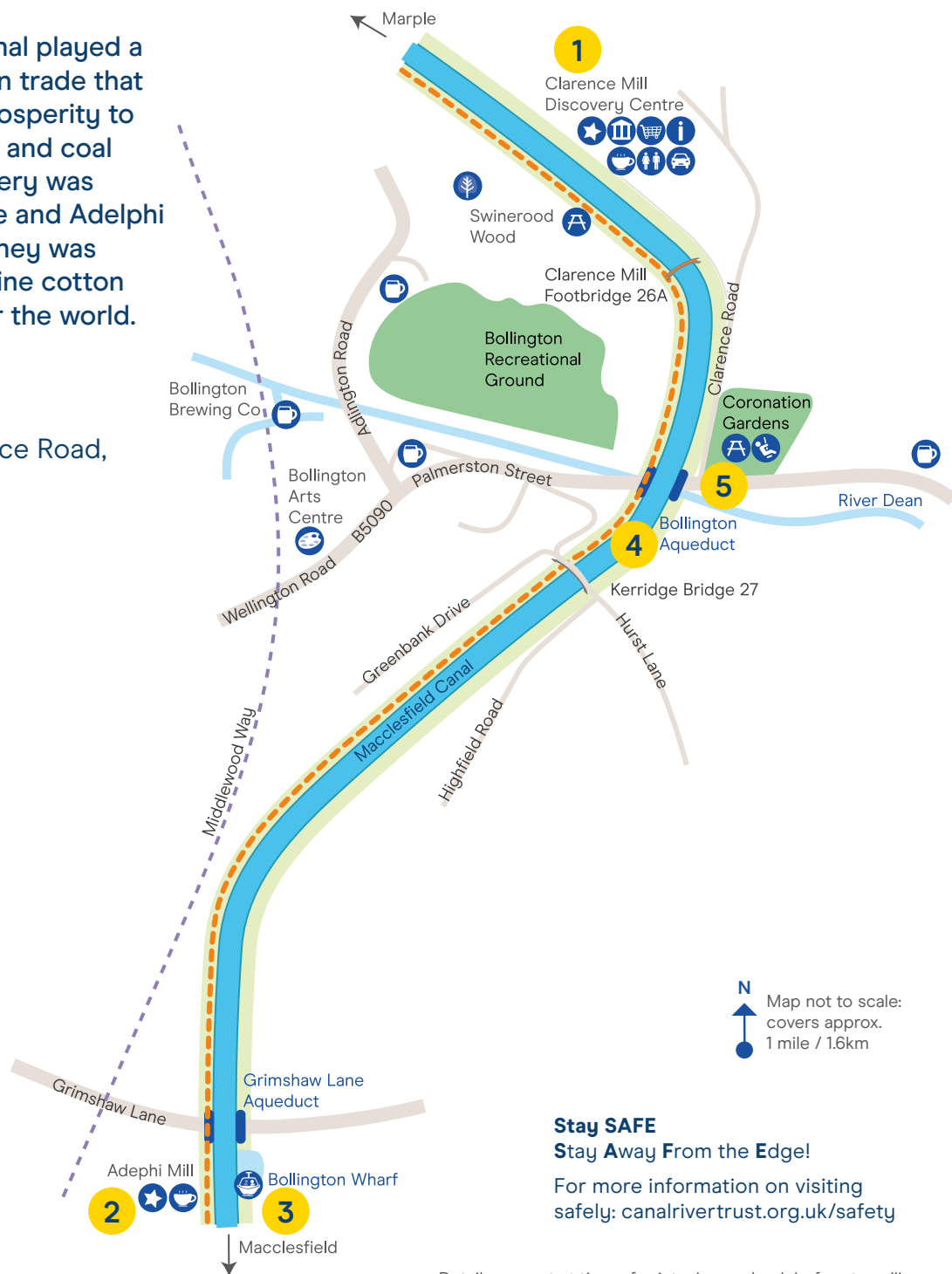
The Macclesfield Canal played a vital role in the cotton trade that brought fame and prosperity to this area. Raw cotton and coal to power the machinery was delivered to Clarence and Adelphi Mills. The return journey was made with the very fine cotton and exported all over the world.

**Visit us at:**  
Clarence Mill, Clarence Road,  
Bollington SK10 5JZ

 Allow 2 hours  
for your visit

### Find your way around

-  towpath
-  walk trail
-  aqueduct
-  café
-  pub
-  toilets
-  shopping
-  bench/picnic area
-  play area
-  point of interest
-  museum
-  art centre
-  information
-  trip boat
-  woodland
-  parking



**Stay SAFE**  
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely: [canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

## 5 things to do at Clarence Mill & Adelphi Mill

- 1** Visit Bollington Discovery Centre to find out more about the Macclesfield Canal which opened in 1831 and Clarence Mill (built 1834).
- 2** Cycle along the towpath to see Adelphi Mill (built 1856).
- 3** Hire a boat at Bollington Wharf and enjoy a cruise along the canal.
- 4** Take a look at Bollington Aqueduct built by Thomas Telford, the famous canal engineer.
- 5** Enjoy a waterside picnic and admire the impressive industrial heritage.

### Did you know?

Local cotton spinner, Martin Swindells built the Adelphi Mill for his two sons, hence the name 'Adelphi' which is the Ancient Greek word for brothers.

