

## Caring for the Chesterfield 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 Chesterfield 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 Chesterfield 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

The 46-mile (74km) long Chesterfield Canal opened in 1777. It was one of the last canals designed by James Brindley, who died while it was being constructed.

The canal links the River Trent at West Stockwith in Nottinghamshire with Chesterfield in Derbyshire. There are two tunnels on the main canal – one 2.6km long at Norwood, and this short 140m one at Drakeholes.

Today the towpath along the canal is a long-distance footpath and cycle route.

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 Drakeholes

Where you can get closer to nature.



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While the Chesterfield Canal was built to transport coal, limestone and lead, today Drakeholes is a Site of Special Scientific Interest thanks to the abundance of wildlife. It also boasts a Green Flag Award meaning it is amongst the best green spaces in the UK.

**Visit us at:**  
Eel Pool Road, Doncaster, Yorkshire, DN10 5DF

 Allow 1–2 hours for your visit

### Find your way around

-  towpath
-  tunnel
-  pub
-  bench/picnic area
-  point of interest
-  nature reserve
-  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.



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## 5 things to do at Drakeholes

- 1 **Walk** along the canal towards Wiseton to see the Grade II listed Lady's Bridge, also known as Old Man or Man Face Bridge.
- 2 **Bring** a picnic and enjoy the benefits of spending some time by water.
- 3 **Look** out for the array of wildlife including damselflies and dragonflies.
- 4 **Stroll** along to the entrance of Drakeholes Tunnel where the towpath stops – before they had engines, boats had to be 'legged' through the tunnel.
- 5 **Take** a moment to pick up any litter and help us to keep our canals and towpath clean.

### Did you know?

The Chesterfield Canal is known as 'Cuckoo Dyke' after the cargo boats called 'cuckoos' that used to work on this waterway.



Courtesy of Chesterfield Canal Trust