

Caring for Portland Basin

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 Portland Basin 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 Portland Basin, 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

Portland Basin was an important interchange between three canals. Ashton Canal delivered coal to nearby textile mills and made the return journey with cloth to Manchester. The Peak Forest Canal delivered cargo to the north west, and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal crossed the Pennines to the north east.

Portland Basin Warehouse (Ashton Canal Warehouse) was built in 1834 with three canal arms, instead of the usual two, which enabled barges to come right into the building to unload.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers



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Welcome to Portland Basin

The meeting point of canals and people.



We're the charity making life better by water

Portland Basin is the junction of the Peak Forest, Ashton and Huddersfield Narrow canals.



Portland Place Heritage Wharf,
Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 0QA

 Allow 2 hours
for your visit

Stay SAFE
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting
safely: canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety

 Map not to scale:
covers approx.
½ mile / 0.8km

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

5 things to do at Portland Basin

- 1** Visit Portland Basin Museum and find out more about the history of the basin and the three canals.
- 2** Enjoy a stroll along the scenic Peak Forest Canal.
- 3** Take a look at the traditional narrowboats that have been restored by the Wooden Canal Boat Society.
- 4** Picnic by the aqueduct and watch boats pass from the Peak Forest Canal over the River Tame and into Portland Basin.
- 5** Explore the canal from the water on a boat trip.

Did you know?

Portland Basin Warehouse (also known as Ashton Canal Warehouse) was one of the largest and most expensive canal storage buildings ever constructed.

