



# Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Little adventures on your doorstep



## Explore Ripon Canal

This beautiful stretch of the Ripon Canal was derelict until restored and reopened in 1996. Now, bordered by trees and wildflowers, it runs like a pretty green ribbon through the city.

Map not to scale: covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km

**STAY SAFE:**  
Stay Away From the Edge

## A little bit of history

The River Ure becomes difficult to navigate upstream of Boroughbridge. So Ripon Canal, and other small sections of canal along the Ure, was cut so that boats could pass from Hull and York to Ripon. The main cargo was coal from Yorkshire and flax for the Knaresborough linen industry on the return industry.



Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### Five things to do at Ripon Canal

- Visit** one of the bird hides located along the canal. See how many birds you can spot and name in five minutes.
- Take** a boat trip and discover more about Ripon Canal.
- Walk** down the towpath and look for wildflowers.
- Spot** old canal buildings now converted into other uses.
- Visit** Ripon Cathedral. A church has been built on this site since 672AD.



### Information

Canal Wharf  
Ripon  
HG4 1AQ

-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Boat trips

••• Path

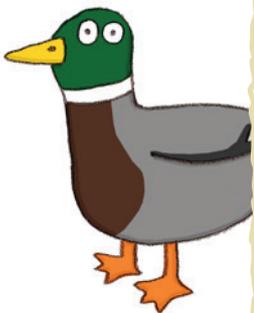
 Allow 1-2 hours  
for this visit

#### \* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

### Did you know?...

Our lock gates are handbuilt by skilled carpenters in our workshops in the West Midlands and Yorkshire, from FSC Green Oak. Each one is unique and can take up to a month to make. Once built they last for about 25 years.



Go to [canalriverexplorers.org.uk](http://canalriverexplorers.org.uk) to discover lots of fun things to do with the family.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped produce these.

