



Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Discover Skipton



Skipton is a beautiful market town situated on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, the longest canal in Britain. With a Norman castle too, it's all you need for a great day out!



Little adventures on your doorstep



STAY SAFE:
Stay Away From the Edge

A little bit of history

The Springs Branch leaves the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in the centre of Skipton. It was built for Lord Thanet, who lived in Skipton Castle and owned the limestone quarries served by the branch. Stone was brought from the quarries by horse drawn trams and loaded into boats for the journey to Leeds.

Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Skipton

- ❑ **Check out** Skipton Castle, built in 1090. The Springs Branch winds round it and forms a moat.
- ❑ **Walk** along the canal and spot old warehouses, a water mill and the chute that was used to deliver limestone into the canal barges.
- ❑ **Sit** at the wharf, eat fish and chips and feed the ducks.
- ❑ **Take** a boat ride and discover more about the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.
- ❑ **Explore** the award-winning High Street with its independent shops and bustling market.

Information

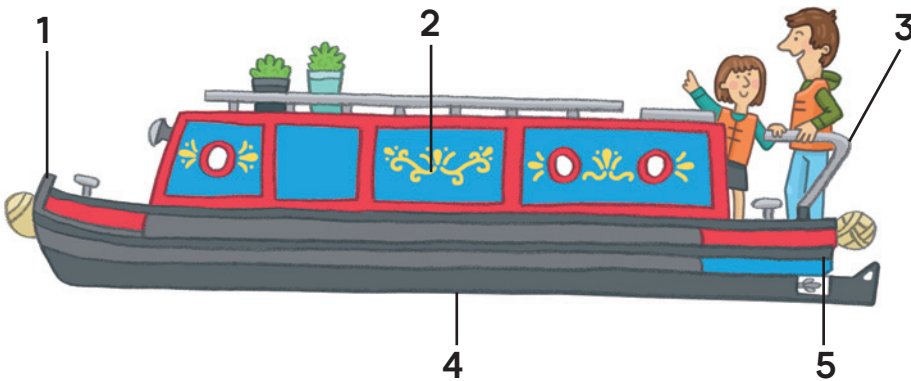
Coach Street Car Park
Coach Street
Skipton BD23 1LE

-  Parking (pay & display)
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Information
-  Picnic
-  Cycling
-  Boat trips
-  Path
-  Allow up to half a day 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.

Can you name the different parts of a narrowboat?



Answers: 1 bow; 2 cabin; 3 tiller; 4 hull; 5 stern

Go to canalriverexplorers.org.uk to discover lots of fun things to do with the family.

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