

Caring for Standedge Tunnel

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 Standedge Tunnel and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

Construction work began on Standedge Tunnel in 1794. It was due to take five years to complete but was beset by problems. Eventually, 17 years later in 1811 the tunnel opened.

To keep costs down, the tunnel was built without a towpath. Horses towing the boats were walked over the hill above the tunnel. Empty boats were punted through with poles while fully laden boats were 'legged' through.

The tunnel was closed to all boat traffic in 1943. Following years of restoration work by volunteers from Huddersfield Canal Society, it re-opened in 2001.

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



The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Standedge Tunnel, 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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Welcome to Standedge Tunnel

An achievement of engineering.



We're the charity making life better by water

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  walk trail
-  aqueduct
-  tunnel
-  café
-  pub
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-  bench/picnic area
-  play area
-  nature reserve
-  information
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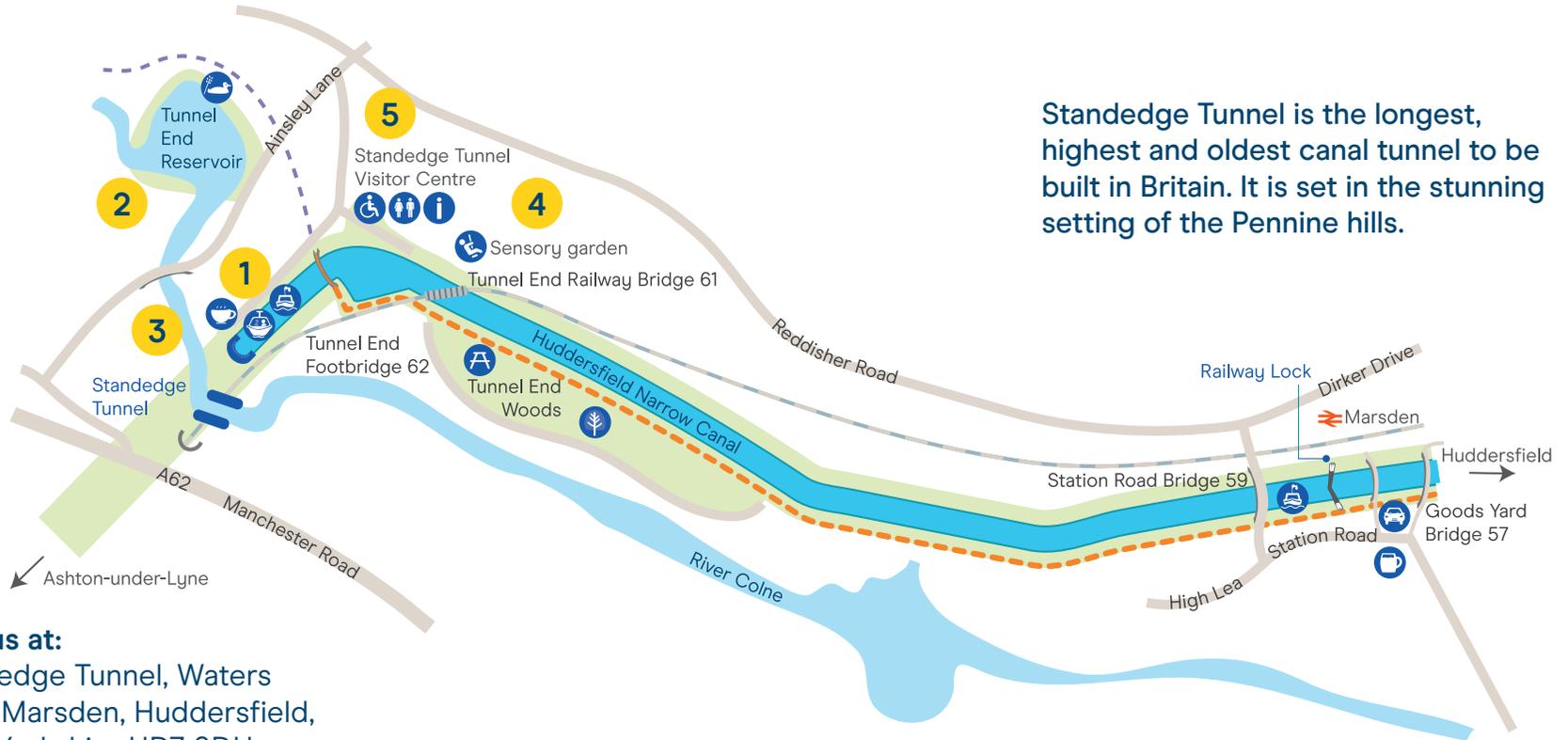
Visit us at:
 Standedge Tunnel, Waters Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD7 6DH

 Allow half a day for your visit

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Stay Away From the Edge!
 For more information on visiting safely:
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 Map not to scale:
 covers approx.
 ½ mile / 0.8km

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



Standedge Tunnel is the longest, highest and oldest canal tunnel to be built in Britain. It is set in the stunning setting of the Pennine hills.

5 things to do at Standedge Tunnel

- 1** **Explore** the tunnel on a guided boat trip.
- 2** **Take** a stroll around Tunnel End Reservoir nature trail.
- 3** **Relax** in the cafe and watch the boats go by and feel the benefits of being by water.
- 4** **Visit** the sensory garden created by our friendly volunteers who help look after the site.
- 5** **Travel** by train to Marsden and take a relaxing stroll along the towpath to Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre (15 minute walk).



Did you know?

To save on costs, it was decided to build the tunnel without a towpath. Instead, canal boats were legged through the tunnel. It would take professional leggers one hour and twenty minutes to take an empty boat through the tunnel, and three hours with a full load.