

Yorkshire 8 North East

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Wow nice plan!

Discover little adventures on your doorstep

Watch boats working through Bingley locks

Bring binoculars and look for damselflies and dragonflies

Take a boat trip from New Dock in Leeds and view the waterfront from the canal

Pack wellies and find puddles to splash in

Walk down the towpath and look for wildflowers

Bike along the towpath and watch boats go through the locks

Check out the waterside cafes [

Watch anglers fishing for roach, chub, tench and fearsome pike V

Check out Standedge Visitor Centre and discover more about the tunnel

Me

too!

Take binoculars and keep a look out for seals at Tees Barrage

WOAH! Can I come?



Tees Barrage & Stockton, Ripon, Skipton, Bingley, Saltaire, Leeds, Woodlesford Lock, Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge, Standedge Tunnel & Vistor Centre, Naburn, Pocklington, Sprotborough, Drakeholes





Are you looking for inspiring places to visit with the family? Then look no further than your local canal or river. This guide features a selection of our best waterside places to visit in Yorkshire & North East – whatever the weather! Each location includes a map, suggestions of fun-packed activities you can do and useful information on where to park, places to eat, toilets and boat trips.

Where will you explore today?



So many to choose from

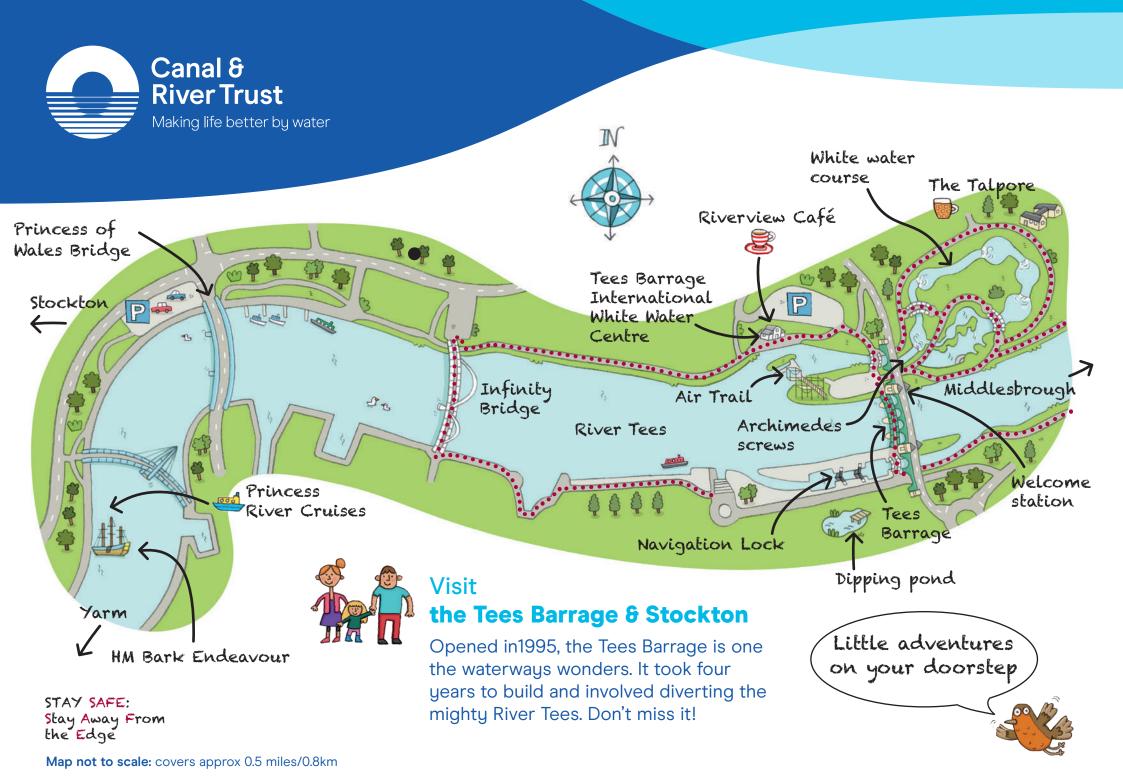
Have a look on our map and find a little adventure on your doorstep!



- 1. Tees Barrage & Stockton
- 2. Ripon
- 3. Skipton
- 4. Bingley
- 5. Saltaire
- 6. Leeds
- 7. Woodlesford Lock
- 8. Hebden Bridge
- 9. Sowerby Bridge
- **10.** Standedge Tunnel & Vistor Centre
- 11. Naburn
- 12. Pocklington
- 13. Sprotborough
- 14. Drakeholes
 - AINA Waterways -



* This map shows waterways managed by members of the Association of Inland Navigation Authorities (AINA). We have not featured places to visit on waterways managed by these organisations. There are other inland waterways that have not been shown, the information on this map is for guidance only, for accurate information please visit our website.



The Tees Barrage was built to improve the river's watersports facilities by making this stretch of the water non-tidal. Four massive floodgates control the flow of the river and prevent flooding. The Olympicclass White Water Centre built alongside it, hosts major watersports competitions. An awesome day out!





Five things to do at the Tees Barrage & Stockton

- **See** the Tees Barrage from the viewing platform and admire this great engineering feat. Don't miss the fish ladder that allows migrating fish such as salmon to navigate the barrage.
- Cycle to the beautiful Infinity Bridge and then to the replica of HM Bark Endeavour commanded by Lieutenant James Cook on his first voyage to Australia and New Zealand.
- Take binoculars and keep a look out for seals.
 - Learn a new water sport such as windsurfing, water and jet-skiing, sailing, rowing, canoeing or white-water rafting.
- □ **Climb** the 18m-high Air Trail the highest in the UK and the only one to be found alongside an Olympic standard white water course!

Information

Tees Barrage Tees Barrage Way Stockton-on-Tees **TS18 2QW**



Parking



Toilets +



Café



Pub



Picnic



Boat trips





Allow half to full day for this visit

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Did you know?...

It's best to feed ducks tasty treats like:

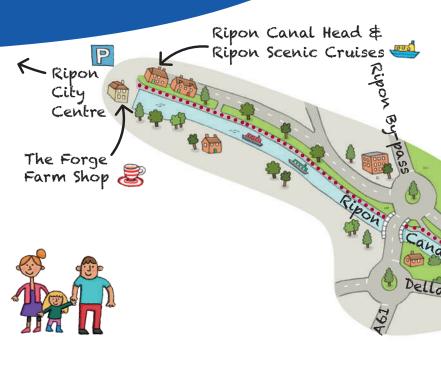
- porridge oats
- rice
- peas
- · chopped lettuce
- birdseed

Whilst they will gobble up white bread, crisps and chips its junk food for you and ducks!



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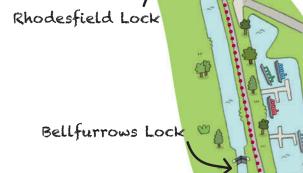
Little adventures on your doorstep

B6265 Boroughbridge Road

Old Lock Keeper's Cottage

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.



Boroughbridge

Bird sanctuary

Ripon Racecourse Marina

> STAY SAFE: Stay Away From the Edge

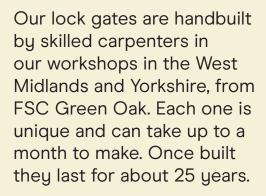
The River Ure becomes difficult to navigate upstream of Boroughbridge. So Ripon Canal, and other small sections of canal along the Ure, was cut so that boats could pass from Hull and York to Ripon. The main cargo was coal from Yorkshire and flax for the Knaresborough linen industry on the return industry.



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
- Take a boat trip and discover more about
- Walk down the towpath and look for wildflowers.
- Spot old canal buildings now converted into
- Visit Ripon Cathedral. A church has been built on this site since 672AD.

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Information

Canal Wharf Ripon HG4 1AQ



Parking



Toilets



Café



Boat trips



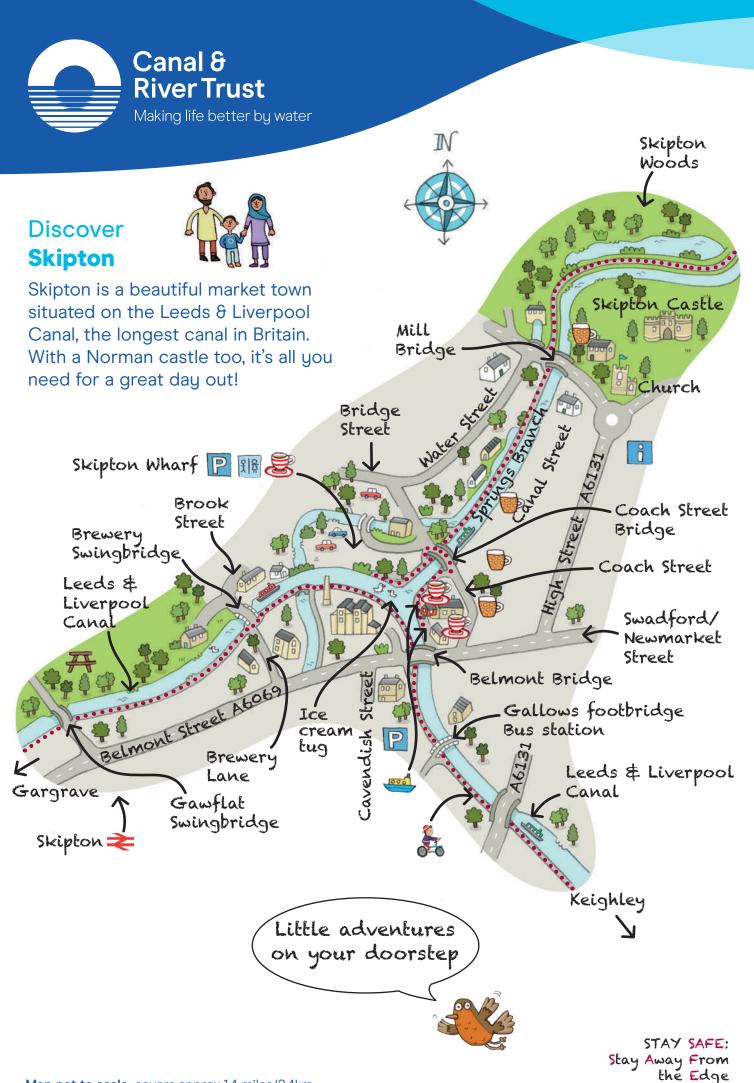


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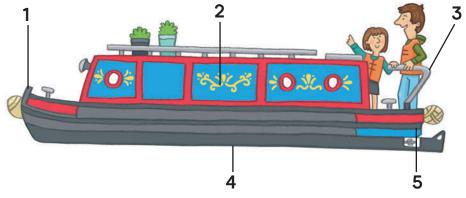
The Springs Branch leaves the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in the centre of Skipton. It was built for Lord Thanet, who lived in Skipton Castle and owned the limestone quarries served by the branch. Stone was brought from the quarries by horse drawn trams and loaded into boats for the journey to Leeds.



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
- ☐ **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.

Can you name the different parts of a narrowboat?



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

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Information

Coach Street Car Park Coach Street Skipton BD23 1LE



Parking (pay & display)



Toilets



Café



Pub



Information



Picnic



Cycling



Boat trips





Allow up to half a day for this visit

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Bingley Five Rise Locks built more than 200 years go, are one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Waterways'. The staircase locks open directly from one to another, lifting boats 18 metres (60 feet) up the valley along the Leeds 8 Liverpool Canal.



Five things to do at Bingley Five Rise Lock

- □ **Watch** boats working through the locks it can take 45 minutes to go up the locks and 30 minutes
- Take a break in the café. It was once the stables where horses that hauled boats in the early days of canals rested.
- □ **Cycle** along the towpath and catch a train back. □ **Walk** a short way down the valley and see Bingley Three Rise Locks (0.3 miles/0.5 km).
- Discover more about Bingley Five Rise Locks by downloading our Smartphone App, Interactive QR code trail or Geocashing trail. Look out for signs on site.

treats like:

- porridge oats
- rice
- peas
- chopped lettuce
- birdseed

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Information

Five Rise Locks, Beck Lane, Bingley **BD16 4DT**



Parking (in town)



Toilets



Café



Picnic



Cycling

Path



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Saltaire is named after Victorian industrialist Sir Titus Salt who sited his textile mills beside the Leeds θ Liverpool Canal and the River Aire (hence Salt-Aire). He built the village with stone cottages, schools, hospitals and churches for his workers. It was a far cry from the slums where mill workers usually lived.

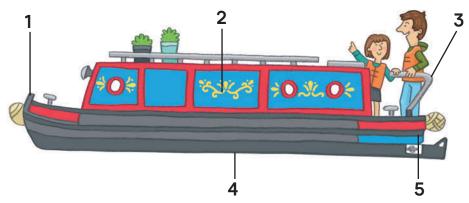


Five things to do at Saltaire

- Titus Salt didn't approve of pubs so Saltaire was a 'dry' village. Follow his spirit and take
- Bike along the towpath and watch boats go
- Have a picnic in Roberts Park on the banks of the River Aire. Keep a look out for otters which have
- Follow the Saltaire to Bingley QR trail. Look out

 Visit Salta Mark.
- Visit Salts Mill built in the grand Italianate style. Today it houses the largest collections of work by David Hockney, one of Britain's great modern painters.

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Information

Salts Mill Victoria Street Saltaire BD98 8AA



Parking



Toilets



Cafe



Pub



Information



Picnic



Play area



Cycling



- - Sculpture Trail



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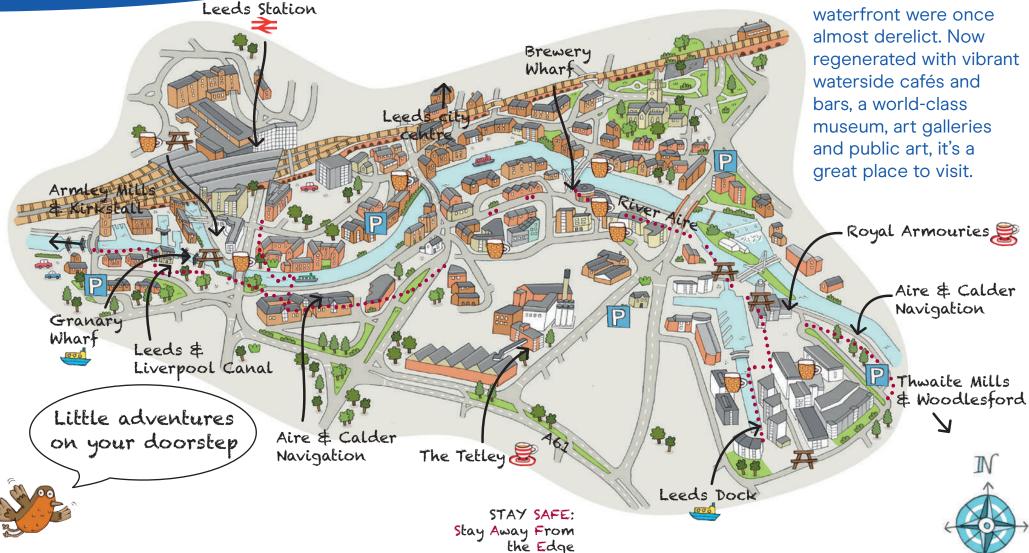






Discover **Leeds Waterfront**

Parts of Leeds waterfront were once almost derelict. Now waterside cafés and bars, a world-class museum, art galleries and public art, it's a great place to visit.



Leeds Dock, located on the Aire & Calder Navigation, was once a vast complex of store yards and warehouses busy offloading coal and goods from the barges that plied this wide canal. It was a nerve centre that provided a vital cross-Pennine link from Liverpool to the North Sea via the Aire & Calder Navigation and the Humber.



Five things to do at Leeds Waterfront

- ☐ **Take** a boat trip from Leeds Dock and view the
- ☐ **Visit** The Royal Armouries and discover a world-class collection of arms and armour. Look out for exciting
- Take a walk along the towpath to Thwaite Mills (2.7 km/1.7 miles), a water-powered mill which at various times milled rape oil for lubrication and lighting, and crushed wood for dyes and whiting for household products
- Take a look at The Tetley, a stunning art deco building that has great art exhibitions and family art activities
- □ **Pack** a picnic, choose a picnic bench overlooking the waterfront and soak up the atmosphere.

Information

The Tetleu **Hunslet Road** Leeds LS10 1JQ



Parking (all P&D)



Toilets (in pubs, cafes and attractions)



Café



Pub



Picnic bench



Boat trips (from Leeds Dock to Granary Wharf and back)

Path

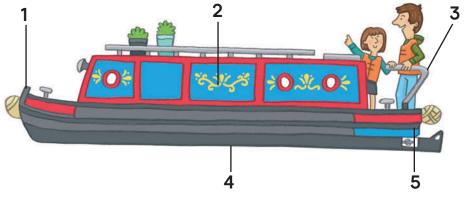


Allow 3 hours for this visit

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Located just five miles from Leeds, Woodlesford Lock on the Aire & Calder Navigation, is one of the best places to escape the city and enjoy country walks.



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Country Park

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Two Pointers RA Beechwood
Centre

Village green \$\frac{1}{2} \text{Midland Hotel}{\text{green}}\$ \$\frac{1}{2} \text{Locat facilities}\$

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Lemonroyd Lock and St Aidan's Nature Reserve

Aberford Road

Woodlesford Lock

Pottery Lane



The Aire & Calder Navigation was built to connect Leeds to the Humber and the North Sea. Unique to this navigation were 'Tom Puddings', huge open containers for carrying coal, linked together and pushed along by tugs. The waterway still carries commercial traffic but today, it makes its way through peaceful countryside.

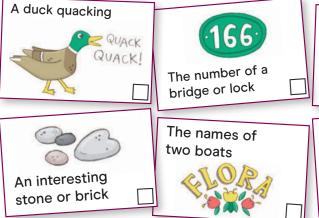


Five things to do at Woodlesford Lock

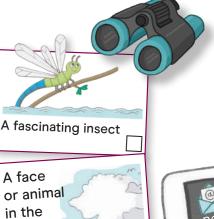
- Picnic Pack binoculars and track down exotic wooden wildlife such as elephant, antelope, giraffe, gorilla, deer and the very rare Gruffalo!
- Use the bird screen to watch a huge variety of bird life. Look out for sand martins on the riverbank, the blue flash of a kingfisher or spot a forked-tailed red kite circling in the sky.
- Visit Thwaite Mills, a water-powered mill which at various times milled rape oil for lubrication and lighting, and crushed wood for dyes and whiting for household products
- Keep a look about for working boats and barges Take a walk. There's a circular walk to Fishponds Lock (1.75 miles), or a towpath walk to Lemonroyd Lock (1.5 miles), or try part of the Leeds Country Way, a 62mile long circular walk divided into 4-6 mile sections.

What to Spot

Explore the waterside together. How many of these can you spot?



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Information

Woodlesford Lock Woodlesford West Yorkshire **LS26 8PU**



Parking (free & P&D)



Toilets (in hotel, pubs and cafés in village)



Café



Pub



Picnic bench

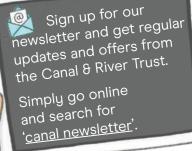




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clouds





Explore **Hebden Bridge**

Discover this lovely old textile mill town on the Rochdale Canal. The spectacular scenery and quirky, independent shops, galleries and cafés in Hebden Bridge, ensure a great day out.



Stay Away From

the Edge

Hebden Bridge was, and still is, famous for the production of corduroy. It was once known as 'trouser town'! Packhorses took the cloth from the mills to the canal, and from there to Sowerby Bridge or Lancashire. Many of the old mills still stand, but most are now converted into studios and workshops.

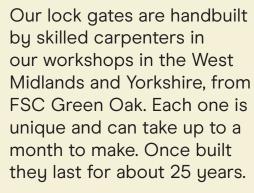


Five things to do at Hebden Bridge

- Take a boat trip and discover more about the
- Explore the many art galleries and independent shops in the town centre.
- Pick up a heritage trail and explore Hebden Bridge.

 Walk up to the old packhorse bridge that gives its
- Spot old mill buildings and workers' cottages stacked up the steep valley.

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Information

Albert Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8AH



Parking



Toilets



Café



Pub



Information



Picnic



Boat trip





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Sowerby Bridge =

Explore

Sowerby Bridge Wharf

Sowerby Bridge Wharf is where two waterways meet on the edge of the Pennines. Once a major industrial centre, now trendy pubs and cafes occupy many of the old canal buildings.

Sowerby Bridge Wharf was a vital link in the chain of waterways stretching from the Humber to the Mersey. Here, cargo was transferred from long boats called Mersey flats to the shorter Yorkshire keels because they were too big for the locks on the Calder & Hebble Navigation.

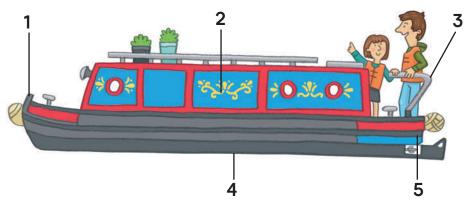




Five things to do at Sowerby Bridge Wharf

- Take a walk round the canal basin its one of the
- ☐ **Walk Over** to Tuel Tunnel Lock the deepest lock in Britain. Watch boats being raised nearly 6 metres (18 feet) and chat to our lock keeper.
- ☐ **Check out** the waterside cafes and spot how many have been converted from old canal warehouses.
- Spot Wainhouse Tower built for local dye works owner, John Wainhouse. The textile industry once boomed here with raw and processed cotton delivered to and from the mills by canal.
- ☐ **Boat building** has a long tradition here. You can still see colourful narrowboats being refitted and repaired on the Wharf.

Can you name the different parts of a narrowboat?



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

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Information

Stanley Street Sowerby Bridge HX6 2AJ



Parking



Toilets



Café



Pub



Picnic



Boat hire





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Discover

Standedge Tunnel

Standedge Tunnel is the longest, highest and oldest canal tunnel to be built in Britain. It's one of the wonders of the waterways.

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Standedge Tunnel was cut through the Pennines by hundreds of navvies working with nothing but picks, shovels and muscle power. It took 16 years, and after many financial and constructional difficulties, opened in 1811. More than three miles long, there's no towpath so boats were 'legged' through. Phew!



Five things to do at Standedge Tunnel

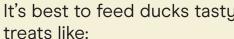
- Take a boat trip into the tunnel and find out what it must have been like to 'leg' boats through.
- ☐ **Check out** the Visitor Centre located in an old canal warehouse. Discover more about the tunnel and how it was built.
- ☐ **Visit** the Loft Space Creative hub.
- ☐ **Take a break** in the Watersedge Café and enjoy a
- ☐ **Keep an eye open** for wildlife in the Tunnel End

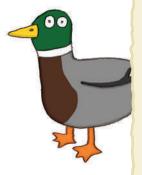
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- rice
- peas
- chopped lettuce
- birdseed

Whilst they will gobble up white bread, crisps and chips its junk







food for you and ducks!

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Parking +





Toilets



Café



Visitor Centre



Picnic bench



Play area



Boat trips



Path



Allow half a day for this visit

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Explore Pocklington Canal

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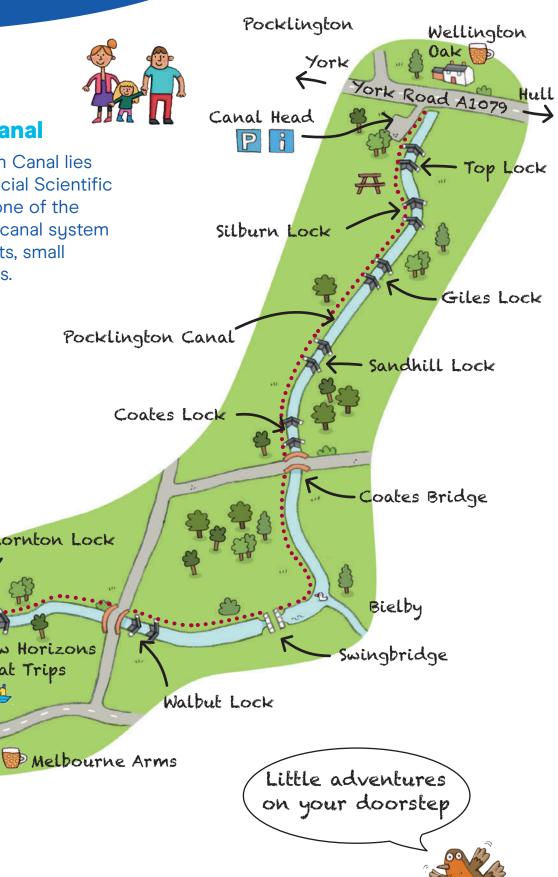
Most of Pocklington Canal lies within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It's one of the best places on the canal system to spot birds, insects, small mammals and plants.

Thornton Lock

New Horizons

Boat Trips

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STAY SAFE: Stay Away From the Edge

Swingbridge

Pocklington Canal is a broad canal that runs for almost ten miles (15.3 km) through nine locks. It was built to allow Yorkshire keels, which operated on the River Derwent, to use it. In the 1960s, the canal was in serious decline but thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers, much of it has been restored.

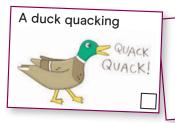


Millian Marian Five things to do at Pocklington Canal

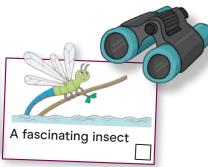
- Take a boat trip and discover more about the
- Look for swing bridges, quaint hump-backed bridges, restored and unrestored locks.
- Bring binoculars to look out for uncommon wildlife such as water voles and damselflies.
- Have a picnic on the banks of the canal and watch out for nesting birds in the reeds.
- Pack wellies and find puddles to splash in.

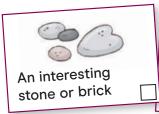
What to Spot

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Melbourne YO42 4QJ Pocklington YO42 1NW



Parking



Information (Sunday & bank holiday afternoons)



Picnic



Boat trips (Sunday & bank holiday afternoons)

Path



Allow 3-4 hours for this visit

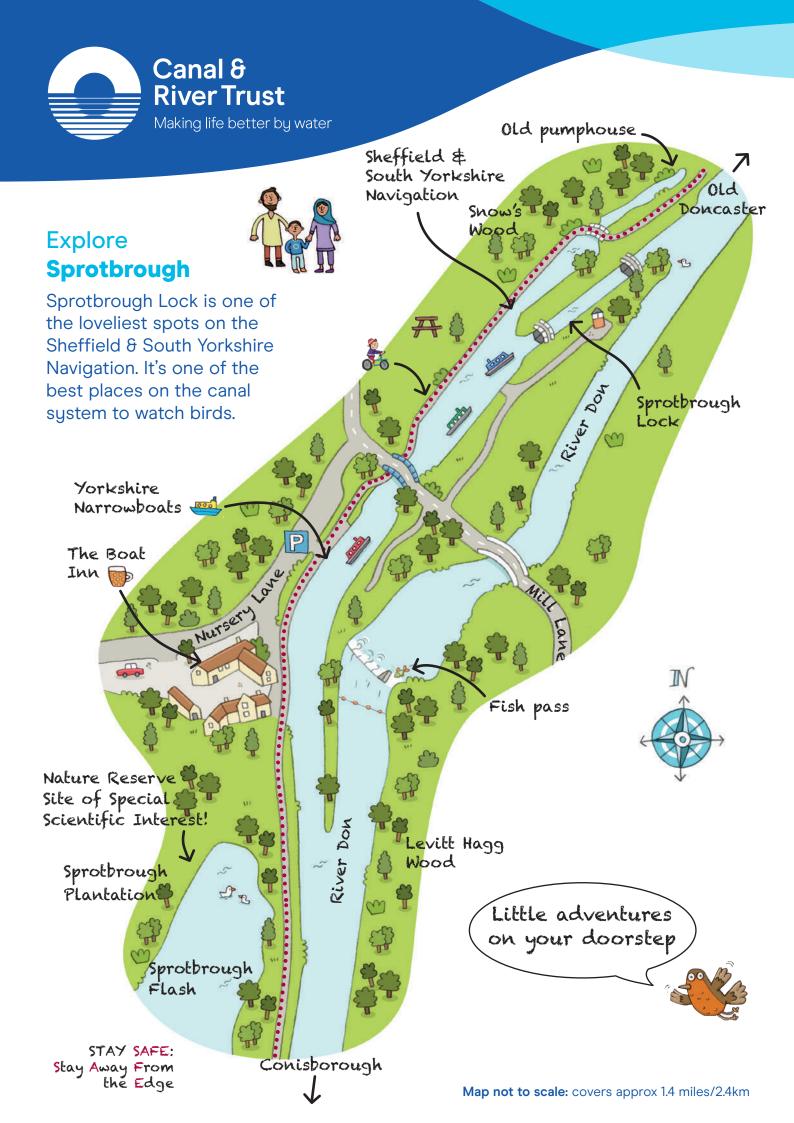
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The Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation runs from Sheffield to Keadby where it joins the River Trent. Sprotbrough Locks is a peaceful spot surrounded by woodlands and a nature reserve – a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It's a wonderful place to escape city life and enjoy country walks and easy bike rides.

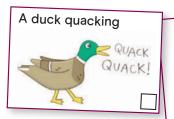




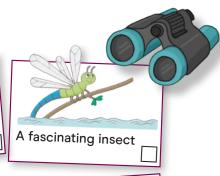
- ☐ **Bird spotting** is a must in summer. Pack binoculars and look out for birds attracted to the Sprotbrough
- ☐ **Take** a boat trip and discover more Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation.
- ☐ **Enjoy** a picnic on the banks and feed the ducks. □ **Watch** anglers fishing for roach, chub, tench and
- Watch boats pass through Sprotbrough Lock.

What to Spot

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Sprotbrough Locks Nursery Lane Sprotbrough Doncaster DN5 7NB



Parking



Pub



Picnic



Cycling



Holidays & taster cruises

Path



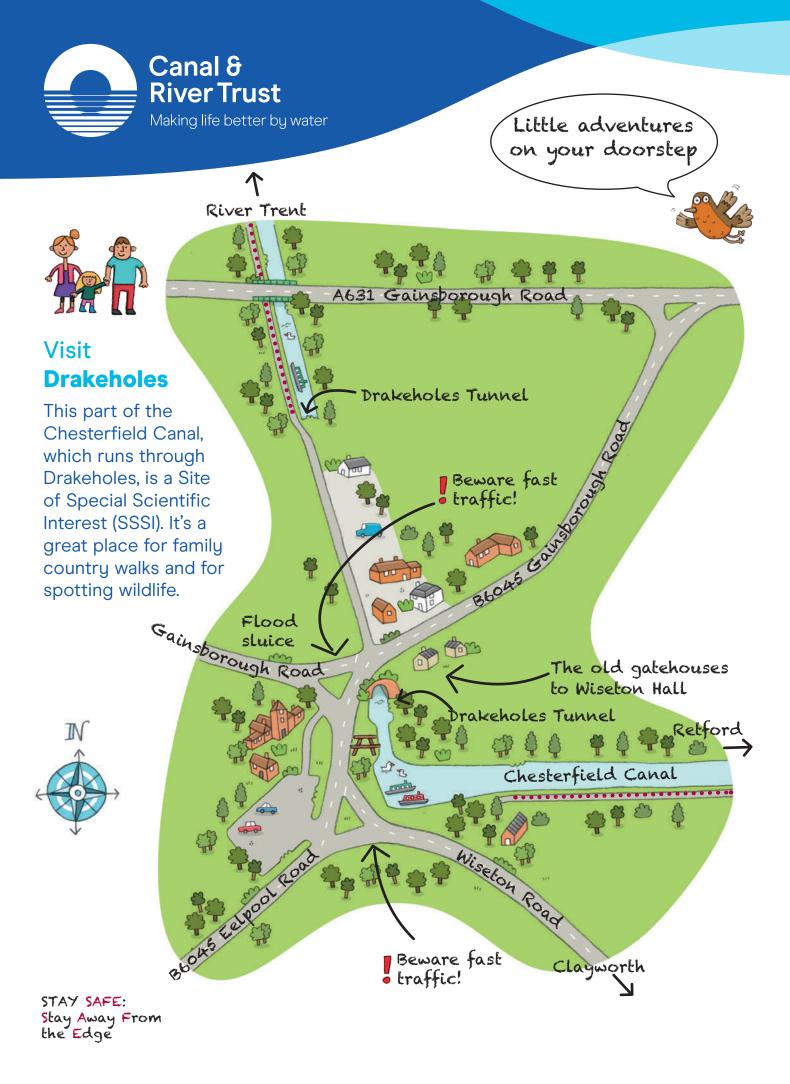
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The Chesterfield Canal carried bulky goods such as coal, limestone, lead, timber and local produce such as cheese between Chesterfield and the River Trent. On this canal, boats weren't painted with traditional 'rose and castles' patterns, and boatmen lived 'ashore' with their families rather than on boats.



Five things to do at Drakeholes

- ☐ **Look out for** the entrance to Drakeholes Tunnel. It was built without a towpath so the boats were
- ☐ **Take** a fishing net and go canal dipping.
- Look out for the colourful narrowboats. □ **Pack** a picnic, sit on the canal banks and enjoy the
- Bring binoculars and look for damselflies and dragonflies that thrive on the still waters of canals.

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Eel Pool Road Doncaster **DH10 5DH**



Parking



Toilets



Picnic





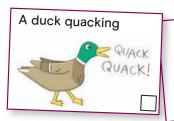
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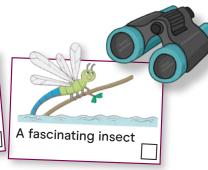
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The number of a bridge or lock







A face or animal in the clouds



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Explore

Naburn Locks

Part of the River Ouse navigation, Naburn Locks were once busy with barges transporting goods to and from York and Hull



The first lock at Naburn was built in 1757 - one of the earliest examples of canal engineering in the country. In Victorian times, a larger lock was built alongside the original one to allow large freight barges to pass through. It was opened with much ado by Queen Victoria's grandson, Prince Albert Victor.



Five things to do at Naburn Locks

- Take a walk on the banks of the River Ouse and watch out for red kites, kingfishers and herons
- ☐ **Check out** old canal buildings such as the forge, workshop, the lock keeper's cottage and the cast iron swing bridge
- **Explore** the Naburn nature trail and sensory garden ☐ **Take** a leisurely scenic boat trip to York along the
- Walk or bike up the towpath to Naburn village and discover the historic church and traditional pub.

Information

Naburn Locks Naburn York YO19 4RU



Parking



Toilets (at the locks)



Pub



Picnic



Boat trips

Path

Nature Trail

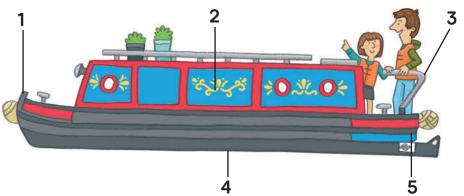


Allow 2 hours for this visit

* 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.

Can you name the different parts of a narrowboat?



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







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A place to walk, somewhere to feed the ducks or a place to simply be. Life by water is relaxing, friendly and healthy, it makes a difference to how we feel.

At Canal & River Trust we believe life is better by water. We care for these waterways so they exist for you to enjoy, for free, every day.

Discover, explore, enjoy.



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