



Huddersfield
from Ashton-under-Lyne to

The Everest of Canals



2017 Explorer Cruise at Tunnel End

Huddersfield Narrow Canal

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Discover

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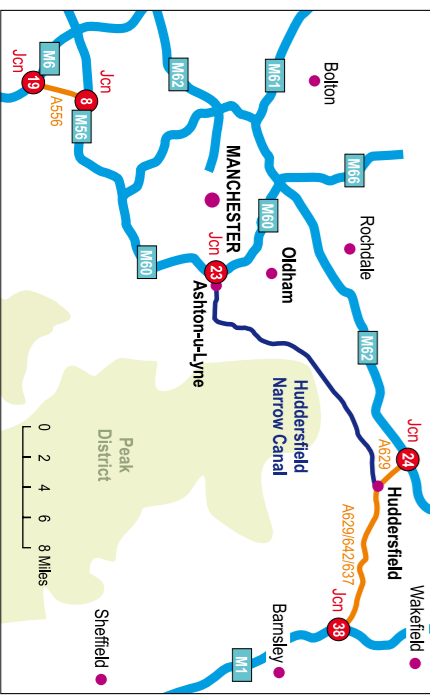
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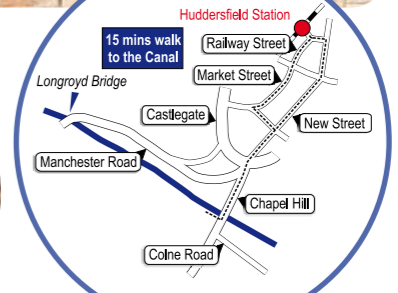
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How to get there



Huddersfield

The Broad Canal joins the Narrow at Lock 1E with a towpath to Queen Street South; there is no towpath access to Chapel Hill. Instead, turn left on Queen Street South and then right on to Colne Road which leads to Chapel Hill. Walkers arriving at Huddersfield Station are recommended to follow either route shown and join the canal at Chapel Hill.



- Huddersfield Narrow Canal with Lock and number
- BOAT TRIPS
- Still Waters 07482 188026
- Pennine Moonraker 0161 652 6331
- Standedge Visitor Centre 01484 844298
- Marsden Shuttle 01457 871800
- Convenient Parking
- Railway with Station
- Main Road

Interpretation Panels

From Tunnel End to Milnsbridge you'll find interactive interpretation panels that explain the history of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. They feature rubbings and maps of the valley. Accompanying leaflets are available free from Standedge Visitor Centre and Tourist Information Centres.



Slaithwaite

Visit Slaithwaite to see the country's only working guillotine gate on a narrow canal. On odd numbered years, during a week in February, the famous Slaithwaite Moonraking Festival is celebrated.



Marsden

Once a centre of industrial unrest during the Luddite movement, when textile workers revolted against 'modern' machines, Marsden now hosts annual events including the Jazz Festival, Imbolc Fire Festival and Cuckoo Day. For further information: Marsden Library and Information Centre Tel: 01484 414868.



Standedge Visitor Centre

A unique spot in the heart of the Pennine countryside, Standedge Tunnel is the longest canal tunnel in the UK and makes a perfect family day out. As one of the Seven Wonders of the Waterways visitors can explore deep into the Tunnel on one of the family friendly guided boat trips, stop for a bite to eat in the café and let the kids jump, climb and explore around our playground and wildlife garden. Please see: www.standedge.co.uk for more information and a full list of family events. Tel 01484 844298.



Moors and Walks

The canal towpath is an ideal route for exploring the Tame and Colne Valleys and links into a host of other walking routes including the Tame Valley Way, Oldham Way and Colne Valley Circular Walk. For detailed information, contact: **Tameside** Tel: 0161 342 8355 www.tameside.gov.uk **Oldham** Tel: 01457 870336 www.visitoldham.com **Kirklees** Tel: 01484 223200 www.kirklees.gov.uk



Standedge Tunnel

At 3.2 miles long, this wonder of the region's waterways is the longest, highest and deepest canal tunnel in the UK and took 16 years to construct, officially opening in April 1811 and thereby completing the through navigation from Ashton-u Lyne to Huddersfield. A £5 million restoration scheme re-opened the Tunnel to navigation and boats are regularly chaperoned through on their trans-Pennine journey along the canal.



Marsden Shuttle

Volunteers from the Huddersfield Canal Society operate a shuttle service between Marsden Station and the Visitor Centre most weekends and Bank Holidays from Easter to the end of October with some additional days in school holidays. The boat is available for hire for your special occasions. For up to date details of when it is running view the online calendar by entering goo.gl/AP2pur in your browser or call 01457 871800.



Heritage along the way

Built at a time when so-called 'Canalmania' was sweeping the country at the turn of the 18th Century, the Narrow Canal has preserved many original structures and features. There is so much to see: Benjamin Outram's cast iron aqueduct at Stalybridge, John Fisher's culvert at Longroyd Bridge, magnificent mill buildings, stone bridges and aqueducts, milestones, and a host of datestones and mason marks.

HOW TO GET THERE

The Huddersfield Canal is easy to reach by public transport. There are regular buses and trains on the Manchester to Huddersfield Line. Contact Metro on 0113 245 7676 or at www.wymetro.com for information on the Kirklees area, or Transport for Greater Manchester on 0871 200 2233 or at www.tfgm.com for information on travel in Oldham and Tameside. The area is easily accessible from the national motorway network - M6/M60 to the West, M62 to the North and M1 to the East of the district.

How Far?

Ashton-under-Lyne (Portland Basin)
 ↓ 3km
 Stalybridge
 ↓ 4.5km
 Mossley
 ↓ 3.8km
 Greenfield
 ↓ 1km
 Uppermill
 ↓ 3.8km
 Diggle
 ↓ 8km
 Standedge Moor (most direct route)
 ↓
 Marsden
 ↓ 5km
 Slaithwaite
 ↓ 4.8km
 Milnsbridge
 ↓ 2.3km
 Huddersfield (Longroyd Bridge)

Portland Basin

Step back in time and experience the lifestyle, industries, crafts and trades of previous generations of Tamesiders at **Portland Basin Museum** on Portland Place, Ashton-u-Lyne, OL7 0QA. Tel: 0161 343 2878

Canal Boat trips are run by: Tameside Canal Boat Trust. Tel: 07482 188026

East Manchester Community Boat Project. Tel: 0161 351 0241



Wildlife

The Canal is a haven for wildlife and though Mallards and Canada Geese are common; you may be lucky enough to see a dazzling Kingfisher! Dragonflies as well as a host of butterflies and other insects are drawn to the Canal and at dusk, bats may be seen patrolling the waters. Water voles are sometimes seen.



Diggle

The Diggle Flight of Locks, restored by the Canal Society in 1996, is the most impressive group of locks on the Canal, making the final climb to the summit against a stunning moorland backdrop.



Uppermill

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Discover Saddleworth's heritage at the **Saddleworth Museum and Gallery**, through modern museum exhibitions and there's a free community gallery. High Street, Uppermill, OL3 6HS. Tel: 01457 874093. Very popular with children is the **Brownhill Countryside Centre**, Wool Road, Dobcross, OL3 5PB. It has a nature garden, picnic area and general countryside information on the Tame Valley and surrounding area. Tel: 0161 770 5888. Canal boat trips are run by: **Saddleworth Canal Cruises**. Tel: 0161 652 6331 07711 180496



Diggle

'Transshipment Warehouse'

This historic building was constructed by the Canal Company, originally as a Lime Shed, in 1820 with Thomas Garrett as one of its first Lime Dealers. It was saved from dereliction by the Saddleworth Historical Society during 1979. It is now owned and occupied by the Huddersfield Canal Society who work to promote the Narrow Canal's use for the enjoyment of all.



Greenfield

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The mixed development at the Knoll Mill / Frenches Wharf site is significant for the Canal in that it includes a new marina, providing moorings for up to 18 boats. A liftbridge at the entrance ensures the towpath is still accessible.



Trees & Flowers

Walking the towpath is an ideal way to see many types of Britain's trees, typically Willow and Alder. The Canal supports a variety of water plants and the towpath boasts a wealth of wild flowers in the Spring and Summer.



Huddersfield Narrow Canal Timeline

April 1794 Act of Parliament passed authorising construction of the Canal
 April 1811 Official opening of the Canal
 December 1944 Canal abandoned by Act of Parliament, prohibiting boats using the Canal
 April 1974 Huddersfield Canal Society formed to promote restoration of the Canal
 March 1986 £1.2m abolition grant to the Society from Greater Manchester Council
 July 1988 British Waterways (No. 2) Act - allowing boats to use the Canal again
 December 1996 Major grants received from English Partnerships and Millennium Commission
 May 2001 Huddersfield Narrow Canal re-opens to complete through navigation
 September 2001 Huddersfield Narrow Canal officially re-opened by HRH Prince Charles
 April 2011 Celebrations marking the Bicentenary of the Canal's official opening
 July 2012 British Waterways becomes a charity as the Canal & River Trust
 April 2014 The Canal Society celebrates 40 successful years
 June 2017 Pennine Explorer Cruise - convoy of 12 boats navigate the Canal

Stalybridge

The Huddersfield Narrow Canal passes through the heart of Stalybridge where great views of the Pennine foothills beckon travellers to the east. New developments are embracing the canal-side environment such as at Armentières Square where new apartments, shops and cafés are set to take advantage of this attractive space in the town centre. The Stalybridge Festival weekend is held on the fourth Saturday and Sunday of June each year incorporating the Carnival Parade on the Sunday which has now been held for over 40 years. The Society supports this event and organises a Boat Gathering to complement it, please ring the Society on 01457 871800 for details.



ASHTON-U-LYNE



Ashton Canal
 Peak Forest Canal

