



A series
of circular walks
exploring the
countryside from
Portland Basin

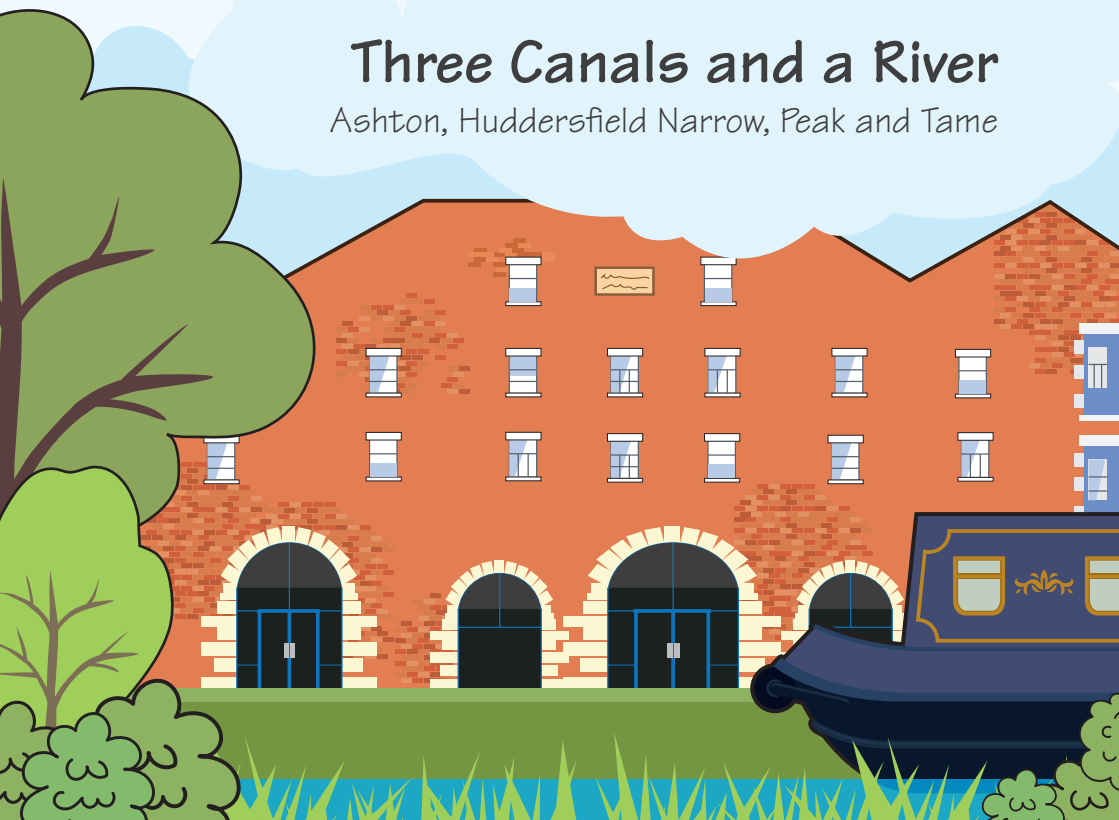
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Let's go...

Walking!

Three Canals and a River

Ashton, Huddersfield Narrow, Peak and Tame



START

Portland Basin Museum

Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne
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- 1 From Portland Basin Museum go down the cobbled street, cross the white canal bridge and turn left taking the towpath towards Cavendish Street.
- 2 Turn left to cross the road at the zebra crossing into Asda car park. Go through the car park and head for the right hand side of the supermarket. The path then goes alongside the railway arches and the River Tame.

- 3 Re-join the Ashton Canal. Turn right and go under the bridge. After the Sea Cadet headquarters, Notice the blue plaque on a small stone building. It recognises Eli Whalley, whose firm was founded in the 1890's and was the last in the country to mass produce donkey stones.

At this point the Huddersfield Narrow Canal begins its 20 mile journey to Huddersfield.



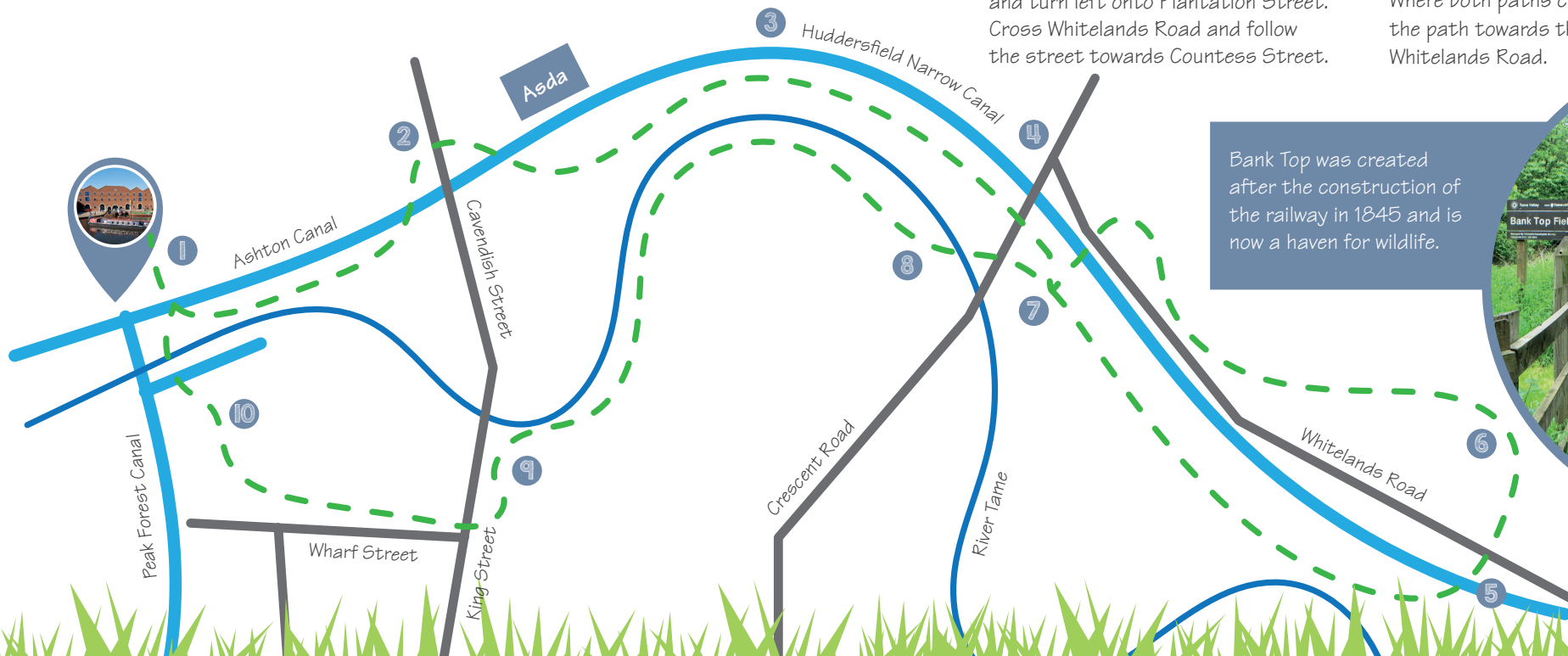
Find out more about Donkey Stones in Portland Basin Museum.



The Huddersfield Narrow Canal was completed in 1811. It was to provide a more direct route from Manchester to Leeds. Today it is a haven for wildlife.

- 4 Go through tunnel 111 under bridges 110, 109 and 108.
- 5 Leave the canal at bridge number 107, (lock 2W), up the cobbled steps and turn left onto Plantation Street. Cross Whitelands Road and follow the street towards Countess Street.

- 6 As the cobbled section begins, turn left onto a path which leads up to Bank Top Field. Go through the stile on the left, then take either path alongside the field. Where both paths converge, go down the path towards the stile and Whitelands Road.



Bank Top was created after the construction of the railway in 1845 and is now a haven for wildlife.



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Turn left and cross the road and go along Minerva Road. At the end of the terrace, take the steps down to Whitelands Terrace.

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Cross the road and the river bridge and turn right onto Coopers Ride. Follow the path with the River Tame on your right.



The River Tames flows for 21 miles from above Denshaw in Saddleworth to its confluence with the Goyt in Stockport, where it becomes the River Mersey.

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When you reach Cooper Street, turn right towards King Street. Turn left up the hill to the traffic lights. Cross the road and go down Wharf Street.

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After passing Railway Street on the left and J Bown and Co on the right and just before the bend in the road turn right under the railway bridge. Go straight along the path between the two brick walls. Cross the arm of the canal which goes to the Portland Basin Marina.

Follow the path for the aqueduct over the River Tame and the 1835 Weavers Rest Bridge and back to the museum.

This is one of a series of walks designed to show you the world which is to be explored outside Portland Basin.

Look out for...

The Heart of the Tame Valley

A four mile circular walk along canal towpaths and riverside paths.

History and Heritage

A two mile circular walk discovering the industrial past of Ashton.

