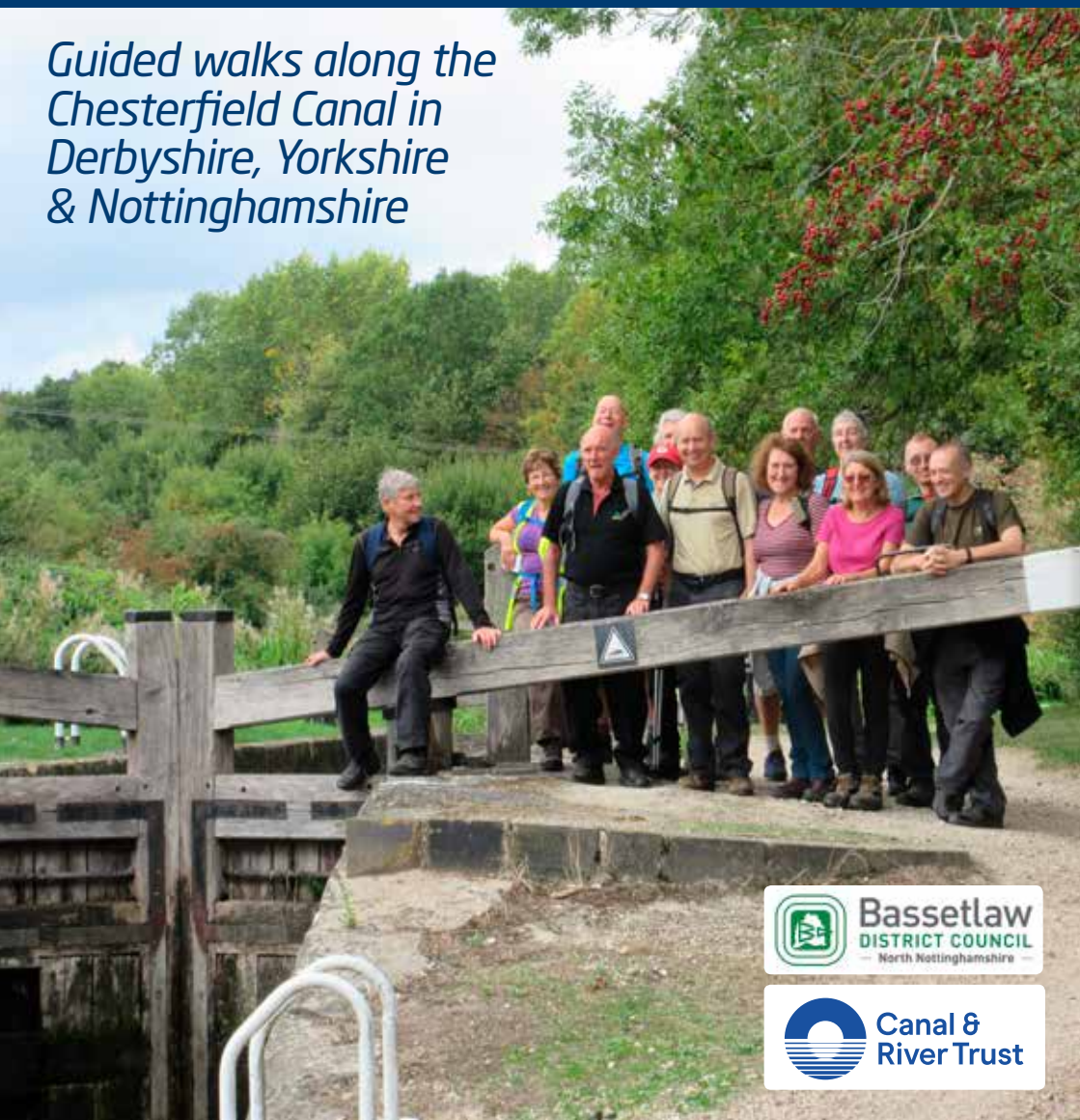




# *Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival*

*14th to 22nd September* **2019**

*Guided walks along the  
Chesterfield Canal in  
Derbyshire, Yorkshire  
& Nottinghamshire*



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# The Chesterfield Canal Trust

*Join us and help close the gap*



The Chesterfield Canal Trust is a charitable company run entirely by volunteers, incorporated in July 1997. It took over from the Chesterfield Canal Society which had been founded in 1976.

The aims of the Trust are to promote the full restoration and appropriate development of the Chesterfield Canal, and to campaign for the construction of the Rother Valley Link, a navigable waterway to join the Chesterfield Canal to the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation.



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Amongst other activities, we run four trip boats - Seth Ellis in Retford, Hugh Henshall in Worksop, Madeline at Hollingwood Hub and John Varley in Chesterfield. We also have an 90 year old ex-working boat called Python that attends waterways festivals and does canal clean-ups. Some volunteers have built Dawn Rose, the first new Cuckoo boat for 90 years, using traditional methods and hand tools.

Our promotional trailer, the James Brindley, travels far and wide informing people about the canal.

There are Volunteer Work Parties on the canal every weekend and often during the week. Our office is at Hollingwood Hub, which includes Katey's Coffee Shop.

We have well over 1,800 members, who receive copies of our award-winning magazine Cuckoo and regular E-Newsletters. In addition there are meetings, social events and lots of other volunteering opportunities. Membership is available via our website, which is a mine of information about the canal.



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## Welcome to the Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival 2019

**I have been researching and leading walks along the Chesterfield Canal for over twenty years. The canal is an absolute delight at any time of year, but early Autumn possibly sees it at its best.**

The Chesterfield Canal has featured in many Walking Festivals in the past, but last year the Trust decided run its own Walking Festival.

The results were amazing. We had over 50 walks and over 500 participants - so we decided to do it again this year.

We believe that this is the biggest Walking Festival along a single canal. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped us to put it together.

There are special interest walks, e.g. Nature, History, Architecture and Restoration. There are also opportunities to explore some of the attractive towns and villages in North Nottinghamshire.

We are delighted to be able to offer a Tree, Mushroom and Toadstool walk with Dr Patrick Harding, one of the country's leading experts in fungi.

We will be repeating our full-length walk of the canal (46 miles) in three days. This time we are going east to west - from the River Trent to the centre of Chesterfield.

There are opportunities to combine a walk (a good choice available, from 2 or 3 miles up to 7), with a cruise on our trip boats.

We are even offering the opportunity of a guided tour of Britain's last surviving working Railway Roundhouse at Barrow Hill.

So, feast your eyes on all the possibilities and we hope to see you on the canal in September.

**David Blackburn**

*Cuckoo Way Officer, Chesterfield Canal Trust*

**We are grateful to the following organisations for their help in setting up this Festival:**

Bassetlaw Leisure & Cultural Services, Canal & River Trust, Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre, Chesterfield Cultural Education Partnership, Chesterfield Ramblers, Creswell Heritage Trust, Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service, Don Catchment Rivers Trust, Dronfield Footpaths & Bridleways, Friends of Woodlands and Coachwood Green, Gainsborough Health Walks, Gringley History Club, Mayflower Pilgrims Nottinghamshire UK Limited, National Trust, Penistone Line Partnership, Retford & Worksop Boat Club, Retford Civic Society, Retford Ramblers, Retford U3A, Rotherham Metropolitan District Council, RSPB, Worksop Ramblers.

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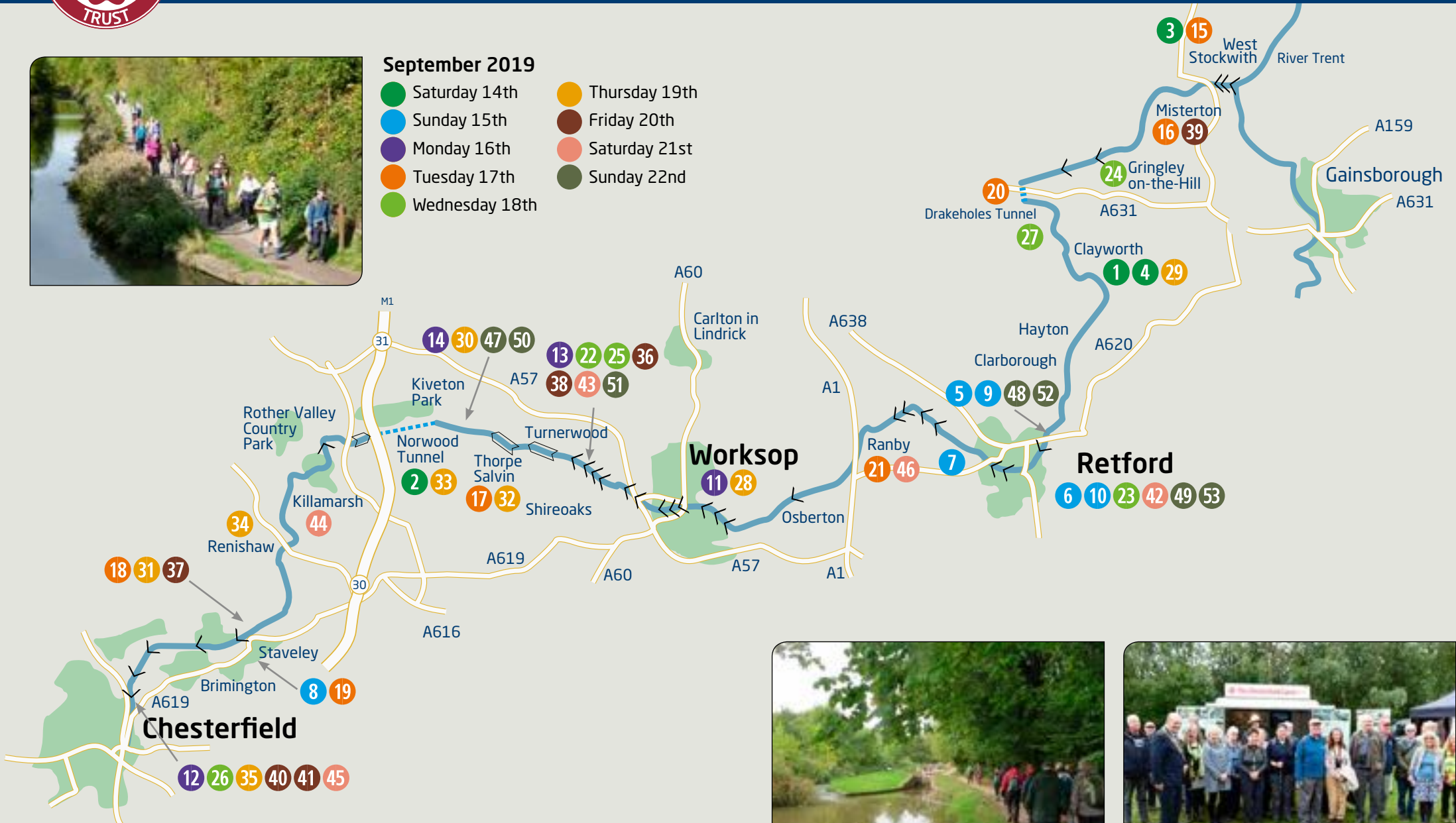
# Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival 2019

## Walk starting points



### September 2019

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|------------------|-----------------|
| ● Saturday 14th  | ● Thursday 19th |
| ● Sunday 15th    | ● Friday 20th   |
| ● Monday 16th    | ● Saturday 21st |
| ● Tuesday 17th   | ● Sunday 22nd   |
| ● Wednesday 18th |                 |



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## Boats & Boots

Combine a boat trip with a walk - what better way to explore an area? Each trip will include going up or down in at least one lock and the walks range from a two mile towpath saunter to a seven mile exploration of the local countryside. You may even have the opportunity to steer the boat - under strict supervision of course!

Our tripboat John Varley II will run from Tapton Lock in Chesterfield - Walks 40 and 41.

Hugh Henshall from Shireoaks (near Worksop) - Walks 22, 25, 36 and 38.

Seth Ellis from Retford - Walks 5, 9, 48 and 52.

These trips are very popular and the boat capacity is limited to just 12 on each trip, so early booking is advisable. We charge for these walks to cover the costs of the boats.



## Full length walk

We expect this walk to be very popular, so we can only accept bookings from those who wish to walk all three sections. We will not accept bookings for single sections.

Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink. There will be toilet stops along the way, but there will not be time to relax in cafés!

On Tuesday, 18th September, the group will cover the 15 miles from West Stockwith to Retford to through Misterton, Drakeholes and Clayworth.

On Wednesday, 19th September, the group will cover 16 miles from Retford to Kiveton Park through Ranby and Worksop. This will include the delightful Giant's Staircase of 22 locks in just over a mile.

On Thursday 20th September, the group will cover 15 miles from Kiveton Park to Chesterfield. This will include 9 miles along the restoration route through Killamarsh and Renishaw, and 6 miles along the restored canal and the River Rother.

We will be able to arrange lifts from the finish points



to the starts for a few walkers, but otherwise walkers are expected to organise their own transport. West Stockwith is on bus routes 97 and 98. Retford and Kiveton Park have rail stations.

## An exhibition of photographs

We know that many of you will have a camera with you on our walks and so we propose to hold an exhibition of photos taken during our Festival.

The exhibition will be held at the Trust's headquarters at Hollingwood Hub in Staveley initially, and hopefully in a few local libraries later.

Photographs can be taken on or off the canal and might include boats, buildings and structures, all kinds of wildlife, good views and scenery; in fact anything that catches your eye. See our website for all the Terms and Conditions.



## Bookings

**All walks must be booked in advance.**

You can book online via the Chesterfield Canal Trust website: [www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk](http://www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk). This will link you to the Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre's booking website.

You can also book by phone on 01246 345777 or in person at the Visitor Information Centre, which is next to the Crooked Spire in Rykneld Square, Chesterfield, S40 1SB.

All the walks are free except for Boats & Boots (5, 9, 48 & 52), Walks 2, 11 and 43, for which there will be a collection on the day by the walk leaders for their organisations, and Walk 7 which includes a meal. However, the Chesterfield Canal Trust will pay a fee to Chesterfield VIC for taking all the bookings. Walk leader will take a voluntary collection. The money will go to pay this fee. Any extra monies will go towards the Chesterfield Canal Trust's Restoration Fund.

## Numbers

Some walks have strictly limited numbers, e.g. 12 for all Boats & Boots, so it is a good idea to book early.

## Preparing for your walk

Walkers are expected to make their own transport arrangements. The start points of most walks are close to rail stations and/or bus services, see below.

Please try to arrive at least 15 minutes before the stated set off time to get registered and have a briefing. Walk leaders will not keep everyone else waiting if you are late.

Please wear suitable clothing, especially decent boots. Some paths, including towpaths, are likely to be muddy. It is always wise to wear several layers and to bring a waterproof jacket. A drink is also a good idea.

## Refreshments

Most walks start or finish near pubs or cafés. On long walks, it is a good idea to bring a packed lunch. This is a requirement of a few walks, notably the Full Length Walk - see the symbols at the bottom of the walk descriptions.

## Accessibility

The majority of walks are not wheelchair or pushchair friendly because they cross fields, stiles etc. The exceptions are the Children's Walk (45), and Boats & Boots - Walks 40 and 41. Toilets

## Toilets

Please note there will not be public toilets on the route of most of the walks.

## Public transport

There are rail stations in Chesterfield, Kiveton, Kiveton Park, Shireoaks, Worksop and Retford.

**Useful bus services are:**

90 from Chesterfield to Staveley via Tapton Lock and Hollingwood Hub.

78 from Chesterfield Station and Town Centre to Staveley Town Basin.

70 from Chesterfield to Sheffield via Staveley, Renishaw, Eckington and Killamarsh.

26 from Rotherham to South Anston, meeting the canal on Rotherham Road in Killamarsh and Kiveton Park. It also links up with Sheffield Supertram at Crystal Peaks.

7 from Shireoaks along the canal into Worksop.

42/43 from Worksop to Retford via Manton and Ranby.

97 from Retford to Gainsborough right along the canal via Clayworth, Claborough, Hayton, Wiseton, Gringley-on-the-Hill, Walkeringham, Misterton and West Stockwith.

98 from Gainsborough to Doncaster via Gringley-on-the-Hill, Misterton and West Stockwith.

## Walk gradings

### Gentle

Short walks on flat ground or very gentle gradients. No stiles.

### Easy

Walks for reasonably fit people. There may be gentle gradients and stiles.

### Moderate

Walks for people with a good level of fitness. There may be some steep gradients and stiles.

### Strenuous

Long walks, suitable for regular walkers with a good level of fitness. There may be gradients and stiles. The walk may be taken at a brisk pace.

## Symbols



Railway station nearby



Good public transport



Parking



Toilets



Dogs allowed on lead



Packed lunches



Café/pub at finish

## Derbyshire

Visitors are often surprised to find that the first part of the canal, close to Chesterfield Railway Station, actually uses the River Rother. It will shortly be linked to the huge new Waterside development by a new lock. After a short distance, the towpath passes weirs and a floodgate and the man-made canal - now fully restored for five miles - begins. There's a Visitor Centre and small café at Tapton Lock where a trip boat operates.

The canal follows an attractive green corridor, part nature reserve, which belies its industrial past. The Chesterfield Canal Trust has its headquarters at Hollingwood Hub, where there is a popular Coffee Shop overlooking the lock. It's the base for another trip boat.

At Staveley, a basin and new lock have been built, with further developments planned. Restoration work is under way for a short distance beyond. This is a hugely popular section with walkers and cyclists - well worth a visit.

**See Walks 12, 18, 26, 30, 31, 35, 37, 40, 41, 45.**

## The unrestored nine miles

Staveley to Kiveton Park presents several big challenges, but they are all resolvable and the Chesterfield Canal Trust aims to see restoration completed by 2027. Although there are only occasional signs of the canal, and very little water, the route can be followed along public rights of way and is an interesting and enjoyable walk.

The route crosses the River Doe Lea, then goes on to Renishaw, where some restoration has taken place, but there's no suitable water supply to keep it topped up. Next is Killamarsh, where a complex new route around the town is being considered, which will take the canal through a lake in Rother Valley Country Park. Flights of new locks, or possibly a boat lift, will be required before the hidden gem at Norwood - a former canal maintenance village and pub. From here, 13 locks will be restored to take the canal up to the long Norwood Tunnel. The plan is to use part of the tunnel, but also more locks and a cutting.

Next is Kiveton Waters, a restored colliery site where ponds have been constructed, currently used for fishing but ready and waiting to become a marina. A short distance further on lies the eastern portal of the Norwood Tunnel. The canal is fully restored from here to the River Trent.

**See Walks 14, 19, 30, 34, 44, 50.**



## Kiveton to Shireoaks

This section, mainly in rural South Yorkshire, really is a 'must see' - and one that's always worth returning to. A fully restored canal starts at the bricked up eastern portal of Norwood Tunnel. This is its highest point, so it is referred to as the summit pound.

The towpath follows this pound through woodland, then, at Thorpe Locks, begins a dramatic descent through 23 locks, some in staircases, down to Nottinghamshire and the colourful basin at Shireoaks. On the way it passes through the picturesque hamlet of Turnerwood, a photographer's dream. On either side there are attractive paths - to the Britain in Bloom award winning village of Thorpe Salvin on one side and lovely Lindrick Dale on the other.

This section is frequently referred to as one of the most beautiful stretches of canal in the country, and so we have included several opportunities in the programme for you to explore the area.

**See Walks 2, 13, 17, 22, 25, 2832, 36, 38, 43, 47, 51.**

## North Nottinghamshire

The canal is a real delight from Worksop to the River Trent - long quiet stretches with wide views over the rich farmland. Because the land is level, there are very few locks, however they are wider and capable of taking two boats side by side. Retford is a fine town, with its large market square dominated by the French style Town Hall. Attractive villages close to the canal, like Hayton and Claborough, are waiting to be explored. There are always plenty of boats to see around Clayworth.

Gringley-on-the-Hill has a fine old church and you can see for miles from Beacon Hill, one of the highest places in the county. West Stockwith has its pubs, Dutch style buildings and the large basin where the canal joins the mighty Trent.

**See Walks 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27, 23, 29, 39, 42, 46, 48, 49, 52, 53.**

## 1 Clayworth

The Chesterfield Canal meanders around the village, bringing with it an array of interesting wildlife and an insight to life on the water. We take a short diversion to the heart of the village to visit the picturesque St. Peter's Church; the home of the world famous Traquair Murals which are the largest pieces of ecclesiastic art work in the East of England. The church tower houses a ring of eight bells, the oldest dating back to 1629. Clayworth has changed very little over the years, with pretty cottages and two pubs in a traditional rural setting. It has much to offer, set alongside the sleepy canal and this super little walk captures traditional village life at its best.

<b>Distance:</b>	2½ miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	Corner of Town Street and Beck Lane, Clayworth, DN22 9AQ
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 730879
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	11.00 a.m.
Circular walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Mayflower Pilgrims Nottinghamshire UK Limited	



## 2 Harthill, Thorpe Salvin and Kiveton

We will head out from Harthill across the fields to Thorpe Salvin and then down to the canal. We will then follow the canal to Kiveton Park, returning via Kiveton Community Woodland to Harthill village.

<b>Distance:</b>	7½ miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	Woodall Lane car park, Harthill, S26 7YQ
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 492806
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	2.00 p.m.
Circular walk	
£3 collected on the day for Creswell Heritage Trust	
Walk led by Creswell Heritage Trust	



## 3 Historic Churches Walk

There will be the chance to visit four beautiful historic rural churches and support Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride (<https://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/nottinghamshire>). We will start at St Mary's Georgian church in West Stockwith before joining the canal at the basin. After walking to Misterton, visiting Grade I listed All Saints' Parish Church with its Piper window, we will rejoin the canal, heading to Gringley-on-the-Hill with the chance to visit St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church at the top of the hill. Back to the canal, we follow the towpath to St Peter's Parish Church in Clayworth to see the amazing Traquair Murals. An art exhibition is planned here, so you can relax at the end of your walk.

<b>Distance:</b>	8 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	St Mary's Church, Main Street, West Stockwith, DN10 4EY
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 790947
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.15 a.m.
<b>Finishing point:</b>	Finishing point: St Peter's Church, Town Street, Clayworth, DN22 9AD
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 726883
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.15 p.m.
Linear walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	



## 4 Clayworth

As Walk 1 above, but starting at 1.30 p.m. and finishing at 2.30 p.m.



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## 5 Boats & Boots from Retford on Seth Ellis

We will board the boat for a cruise up to the Gate Inn at Clarborough through a wide lock, then alight and continue along the canal for around half a mile before ascending to Lover's Walk. We will then go to Clarborough, passing St John the Baptist Church, which dates back to 1260. Another ascent will take us on to The Baulk for sweeping views west towards Retford, before heading back to the Hop Pole.

<b>Distance:</b>	4 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	The Hop Pole, 96 Welham Road, Retford, DN22 6UG
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 717818
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	12.30 p.m.
Circular cruise/walk	
£7 per person	
Walk led by Retford U3A.	



## 6 Retford Heritage Walk

Led by experienced guides from the Retford Civic Society, we will take in the magnificent Market Square with its range of Georgian buildings, Cannon Square, local Churches and other historic buildings before passing through the award-winning Kings' Park for a meander along the Chesterfield Canal which then crosses over the River Idle!

<b>Distance:</b>	2 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	Bay Tree Restaurant car park, 86 Carolgate, Retford, DN22 6A
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 706807
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	11.30 a.m.
Circular walk, no stiles but some steps	
Free of charge	



## 7 Babworth

The small, but quintessentially English hamlet of Babworth was the birthplace of the Pilgrim Fathers, who were the early settlers of Plymouth, Massachusetts and founders of the New World. All Saints Church dates back over 900 years and has significant connections to the Pilgrim story. The final stretch of our walk takes us over field edge tracks,

ancient woodland and by road, where we follow in the footsteps of Dick Turpin, before joining the Chesterfield Canal. We stop for a special 'Posh Picnic' supplied by baRnby's of Blyth (cost applies) before returning to Babworth.

<b>Distance:</b>	7½ miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	Babworth Church, Babworth, DN22 8EP
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 687809
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	1.30 p.m.
Walk includes 'Posh Picnic' supplied by baRnby's of Blyth costing £17.50 (£7 for children). This must be paid in advance.	
Walk led by Mayflower Pilgrims Nottinghamshire UK Limited	



## 8 Restoration Walk

We will walk the gap in the Chesterfield Canal that has yet to be restored. We will stop at regular intervals to talk about the proposed restoration plans. After booking, please ring 01246 477569 if you would like to arrange to leave cars at the finish.

<b>Distance:</b>	9 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	Staveley Town Basin, Eckington Road, Staveley, S43 3XZ
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 435751
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing point:</b>	Kiveton Waters, Hard Lane, Kiveton, S26 6NA
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 495824
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.00 p.m.
Linear Walk	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust	



## 9 Boats & Boots from Retford on Seth Ellis

As Walk 5 above, but starting at 1 p.m. and finishing at 3.30 p.m.

## 10 Retford Heritage Walk

As Walk 6 above, but starting at 2 p.m. and finishing at 3.30 p.m.

## 11 Mr Straw's Towpath Trek

Join us on this circular walk taking in some historic sites of Worksop and the section of Chesterfield Canal that runs through this historic market town. The walk sets off from the National Trust property Mr Straw's House, please note this is closed to visitors on Sundays and Mondays however the Tea Room will be open for a selection of hot or cold drinks and cake with toilet facilities available following the walk. We will walk the suburban streets of the town before taking in the more industrial areas that afforded the town its past wealth. Guides will be on hand to point out sites of interest as we take a leisurely stroll down memory lane.

<b>Distance:</b>	4 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	Mr Straw's House, 5 Blyth Grove, Warwick Villa, Worksop, S81 0JG
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 590801
<b>Starting time:</b>	9.30 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	11.30 a.m.
Circular walk, no stiles	
£5 collected on the day for the National Trust	
Walk led by National Trust	



## 12 Birdwatch at Bluebank

We will be looking for birds and other wildlife along the canal and Bluebank Loops. An easy pace over flat terrain, so suitable for all.

<b>Distance:</b>	1½ miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 387729
<b>Starting time:</b>	9.30 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	11.30 a.m.
Circular walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by RSPB Chesterfield Local Group	



## 13 Shireoaks

A stroll through the pit village of Shireoaks taking in the heritage, wildlife and current day recreational facilities. Starting at Shireoaks Marina, we will discover the history of Shireoaks, its colliery, canal, railway, mill, church and Shireoaks Hall, and the association with Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, later to become King Edward VII. There will be an opportunity for a coffee and (for the fitter of us) to walk through Woodlands up to Shireoaks Viewpoint to see the village and the three counties that surround it.

<b>Distance:</b>	3 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	Adjacent to Shireoaks Marina on Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 557809
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.30 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	12.30 p.m.
Circular walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Friends of Woodlands and Coachwood Green	



## 14 Kiveton Round

An easy stroll around the lanes and restored former Kiveton Colliery site, including the fishing ponds which will become a marina and the route that the restored canal will take. We will visit the old pit head hilltop before returning to the station.

<b>Distance:</b>	3 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	Kiveton Bridge Railway Station, S31 8QP
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 488829
<b>Starting time:</b>	1.30 p.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.30 p.m.
Circular walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	



## 15 Full length walk stage 1 West Stockwith to Retford

Please note that if you book this walk you must also do Stages 2 and 3 on Wednesday and Thursday.

This includes Misterton, some remote areas near Gringley, Drakeholes Tunnel and Clayworth. After booking, please ring 01246 477569 if you would like to arrange to leave cars at the finish.

<b>Distance:</b>	15 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Strenuous
<b>Starting point:</b>	West Stockwith Basin, Canal Lane, DN10 4ET
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 785945
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing point:</b>	Retford Town Lock, behind Retford Little Theatre, Wharf Lane, DN22 6EN
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 705807
<b>Finishing time:</b>	5.00 p.m.
Linear walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust	



## 16 Misterton

We will explore the local history, especially the Victorian and Edwardian boom years of the village, comparing the village now and then, using old photographs. We will finish at All Saints Parish Church which dates from the 13th century. The east window of the Holy Cross chapel was designed by John Piper and made by his glassmaker, Patrick Reyntiens, famous for their work on Coventry Cathedral's restored Baptistry window, one of the greatest stained glass windows in the world.

<b>Distance:</b>	2 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	Wharf Bridge, Wharf Road, Misterton, DN10 4EE
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 768944
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing point:</b>	All Saints' Church, DN10 4AL
<b>Finishing time:</b>	12 noon

Linear walk, no stiles  
Free of charge  
Walk led by Misterton residents, David Seymour, local historian, and Hazel Brand



## 17 Thorpe Salvin, Lindrick Dale and Turnerwood

Join us as we walk along one of the most beautiful parts of the canal, through woods, along a feeder channel and via the delightful hamlet of Turnerwood, before returning to the Parish Oven.

<b>Distance:</b>	6 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	The Parish Oven, Worksop Road, Thorpe Salvin, S80 3JU
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 523810
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	1.00 p.m.

Circular walk  
Free of charge  
Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



## 18 Hollingwood, Staveley and Poolsbrook Country Park

The walk will take in former industrial land, now green and restored, in an area where major developments are expected in next few years. We shall use the towpath on parts of the canal that are fully restored, undergoing restoration and areas awaiting attention. The walk includes a little used riverside path, a nature reserve and a country park.

<b>Distance:</b>	9 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	Hollingwood Hub, 22 Works Road, Hollingwood, S43 2PF
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 415746
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.30 p.m.

Circular walk, No stiles  
Free of charge  
Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



## 19 Staveley Health Walk

Come and join Chesterfield Borough Council's Staveley Health Walkers for a sociable stroll around the local area. We will start at Staveley Hall for a stroll down to the canal basin, then take the Cuckoo and Trans-Pennine trails to walk back up into Staveley, returning to Staveley Hall for refreshments and chat in the café. Suitable for those who are new to walking, would like to start to be more active or would just like some fresh air in good company. Some slopes and a few steps

<b>Distance:</b>	2½ miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	Staveley Hall, Staveley, S43 3TN
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 433749
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.15 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	11.30 a.m.

Circular walk, no stiles  
Free of charge  
Walk led by Chesterfield Borough Council



## 20 Wildlife Walk

Drakeholes to Clayworth and back again. The towpath along this stretch is grass/soil, the surface can be uneven in places. The walk is through the Chesterfield Canal SSSI designated for its unique brackish aquatic flora. We will be on the lookout for wildlife along this beautiful, rural, stretch of canal.

<b>Distance:</b>	6 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	Drakeholes Tunnel Depot, Wiseton Road, Drakeholes, DN10 5DF
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 706903
<b>Starting time:</b>	11.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	2.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles  
Free of charge  
Walk led by Canal & River Trust



## 21 Ranby, Babworth and the Pilgrim Fathers

A circular walk, mostly on footpaths, taking in the historic Babworth Church, strongly associated with the Pilgrim Fathers, before crossing the East Coast Main Line in Retford and returning to Ranby along the canal towpath.

<b>Distance:</b>	10 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	Chequers Inn, Blyth Road, Ranby, DN22 8HT
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 651809
<b>Starting time:</b>	11.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.00 p.m.

Circular walk,  
Free of charge  
Walk led by Retford U3A



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## 22 Boats & Boots - Lost Canals

After a short trip on Hugh Henshall, we will use tracks, field paths and the towpath to discover the site of the former Oneslide Cut, an old hall with its own ornamental canal and a local quarry which is now a nature reserve, before returning via a long disused canal for a longer cruise on Hugh Henshall.

**Distance:** 2½ miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** Adjacent to Shireoaks Marina on Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ  
**Grid reference:** SK 557809  
**Starting time:** 9.15 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 12.45 p.m.  
 Circular walk, including 1½ hours on the boat  
 £10 per person  
 Walk led by the Chesterfield Canal Trust



## 23 Full length walk stage 2 Retford to Kiveton Park

Please note that if you book this walk you must also do Stages 1 and 3 on Tuesday and Thursday.

This includes the delightful Giant's Staircase of 22 locks in just over a mile.

**Distance:** 16 miles  
**Grading:** Strenuous  
**Starting point:** Retford Town Lock, behind Retford Little Theatre, Wharf Lane, DN22 6EN  
**Grid reference:** SK 705807  
**Starting time:** 10.00 a.m.  
**Finishing point:** Dog Kennel Bridge, next to Kiveton Park Station, Red Hill, S26 6NP  
**Grid reference:** SK 507824  
**Finishing time:** 5.00 p.m.  
 Linear walk, no stiles  
 Free of charge  
 Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



## 24 Gringley History Walk

We will explore the Parish Church, Gringley Hall (once used as TB hospital), the school, the former Methodist Church and School Room, the site of a Government Borstal and the canal from Gringley Top Lock to Shaw Lock, returning to Finkle Street and Beacon Hill, with views of the surrounding area, including Lincoln Cathedral, High Street, Horsewells and the Blue Bell Pub.

**Distance:** 4½ miles  
**Grading:** Moderate  
**Starting point:** Gringley Parish Church, High Street, Gringley-on-the-Hill, DN10 4RF  
**Grid reference:** SK 736907  
**Starting time:** 10.00 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 12.30 p.m.  
 Circular walk, no stiles  
 Free of charge  
 Walk led by Gringley History Club



## 25 Boats & Boots - Lost Canals

After a long cruise on Hugh Henshall, we will use tracks, field paths and the towpath to discover a long disused canal that served a local quarry which is now a nature reserve. We will go on to an old hall with its own ornamental canal, before visiting the site of the former Oneslide Cut and returning via a short trip on Hugh Henshall.

**Distance:** 2½ miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** The bridge over the canal next to Shireoaks Railway Station, Shireoaks Common, Shireoaks, S81 8LW  
**Grid reference:** SK 555811  
**Starting time:** 10.30 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 2.00 p.m.  
 Circular walk, including 1½ hours on the boat  
 £10 per person  
 Walk led by the Chesterfield Canal Trust



## 26 Canal, River and Railway

We will walk along the canal and the River Rother finishing up at Barrow Hill Engine Shed, Britain's last surviving working railway roundhouse, where an optional guided tour will be available for £3. We will see lots of beautiful flora and fauna as well as the industrial heritage of this remarkable area. An expert birdwatcher will accompany us.

**Distance:** 4 miles  
**Grading:** Moderate  
**Starting point:** Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB  
**Grid reference:** SK 387729  
**Starting time:** 11.15 a.m.  
**Finishing point:** Barrow Hill Roundhouse, S43 2PR  
**Grid reference:** SK 413754  
**Finishing time:** 1.00 p.m.  
 Linear walk, no stiles, some steps  
 Walk led by Chesterfield Cultural Education Partnership



## 27 Drakeholes and Wiseton

We will walk to the hidden gem which is Drakeholes and then along the towpath, passing under the amazing Man Face Bridge. Further on we will leave the canal and explore the delightful hamlet of Wiseton, passing its grand house, before returning via the towpath.

**Distance:** 4 miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** The Manor House Nursery, Gainsborough Road, Everton, DN10 5BW  
**Grid reference:** SK 696907  
**Starting time:** 1.30 p.m.  
**Finishing time:** 3.00 p.m.  
 Circular walk  
 Free of charge  
 Walk led by Gainsborough Health Walks





## 28 Top Pound and Giant's Staircase

We will meet at Worksop Railway Station and catch the train to Kiveton Bridge. From there we will walk over the Norwood Tunnel and along the canal past 32 locks back to Worksop.

<b>Distance:</b>	7 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	Worksop Railway Station, S81 7AG
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 586798
<b>Starting time:</b>	9.30 a.m.
<b>Finishing point:</b>	Worksop Town Centre, S80 1DX
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 585792
<b>Finishing time:</b>	2.00 p.m.
Linear walk, no stiles	
Free of charge, but train fare needed	
Walk led by Worksop Ramblers	



## 29 Idle Valley Nature Reserve

We will walk along the canal towpath and through Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Idle Valley Nature Reserve, with plenty of opportunity to watch the birds along the way. The Reserve covers an area of 430 hectares and is one of the largest sites for nature conservation in the East Midlands. It is particularly important for wetland birds and is well used by both resident and migratory species, with 251 species having been recorded so far. We will encounter a variety of different habitats including open water, woodland and scrub.

<b>Distance:</b>	6 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy (slow - bird watching)
<b>Starting point:</b>	Retford & Worksop Boat Club, Clayworth Common, Clayworth, DN22 9AJ
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 731877
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.00 p.m.
Circular walk	
Free of charge	
Walk leaders are members of Chesterfield Canal Trust, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and RSPB	



## 30 Full length walk stage 3 Kiveton Park to Chesterfield

Please note that if you book this walk you must also do Stages 1 and 2 on Tuesday and Wednesday.

This includes 9 miles along the restoration route through Killamarsh and Renishaw and 6 miles along the restored canal and the River Rother.

<b>Distance:</b>	15 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Strenuous
<b>Starting point:</b>	Dog Kennel Bridge, next to Kiveton Park Station, Red Hill, S26 6NP
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 507824
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing point:</b>	Waterside gates, Holbeck Close, Chesterfield, S41 7XH
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 387715
<b>Finishing time:</b>	5.00 p.m.
Linear walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust	



## 31 Canal, Coal and Canon Balls

From Hollingwood Hub we shall walk a few metres to discuss the point where the Hollingwood Common underground canal started and its uses. A short section of road walking will take us to Ringwood Park then on to Westwood to access the disused rail bed, extending between Arkwright and Poolsbrook, at Bower Plantation. A short walk along the rail bed will take us to the approximate location of the old Adelphi Iron Works where its connection with the canal will be discussed. On then to Duckmanton, Poolsbrook and Woodthorpe before dropping down to the Norbriggs Cutting to discuss this section's connection with the canal. We shall then return to Hollingwood Hub via the canal towpath.

<b>Distance:</b>	10 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	Hollingwood Hub, 22 Works Road, Hollingwood, S43 2PF
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 415746
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.0 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	4.00 p.m.
Circular walk	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Chesterfield Ramblers	



## 32 Mushrooms, Toadstools and Trees Identification and more!

Come on a delightful stroll through Hawk's Wood and Old Spring Wood to see what the fruits of autumn have to offer. The walk will be led by Dr Patrick Harding, one of the country's leading experts in mushrooms & toadstools and the author of eight books about wild flowers, trees, fungi and herbal medicine.

<b>Distance:</b>	3 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	The Parish Oven, Worksop Road, Thorpe Salvin, S80 3JU
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 523810
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.30 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	1.00 p.m.
Linear walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Dr Patrick Harding	



## 33 Harthill Reservoirs

A pleasant, attractive walk around Harthill Reservoirs, known locally as "The Ponds". There are three ponds and you can walk around just one, or two or all three of them. The ponds are feeder reservoirs for the Chesterfield Canal. Easy walking and the first pond has a solid path suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

<b>Distance:</b>	1-3 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	The public car park, Woodall Lane, Harthill, S26 7YQ
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 492806
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.30 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	11.30 - 12.30 p.m.
Circular walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust	



## 34 Brindley Loops

We will follow the forgotten original Brindley Loops which were cut off in the late 1800s by the creation of new railways. We will stop at industrial heritage sites along the way. Look out for nature and learn how the River Rother is being restored to create a more wildlife-rich river.

<b>Distance:</b>	2.5 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Easy
<b>Starting point:</b>	The public car park just south of the Sitwell Arms Hotel, Main Road, Renishaw, S21 3WF
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 444781
<b>Starting time:</b>	1.00 p.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	2.30 p.m.
Circular walk, several stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Don Catchment Rivers Trust	



## 35 Bluebank Bat Walk

Bring your torch and come along and turn bat detective. We will walk the canal towpath looking for signs and sounds of these fascinating night flying creatures. Bat detectors provided. Walkers are welcome to join us for refreshments in the pub after the walk.

<b>Distance:</b>	2 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	Car park next to the Mill Pub, Station Road, Brimington, S43 1LT
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 392737
<b>Starting time:</b>	7.30 p.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	9.00 p.m.
Circular walk, no stiles	
Free of charge	
Walk led by Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service	



### 36 Boats & Boots from Shireoaks

We will walk up the towpath from Shireoaks to Turnerwood and then follow the canal's feeder channel along Anston Brook to South Anston. Returning to the canal at Thorpe Bridge, we will go down the towpath to Turnerwood to board the boat for a cruise back through eight locks to Shireoaks.

**Distance:** 7 miles  
**Grading:** Moderate  
**Starting point:** Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ  
**Grid reference:** SK 557809  
**Starting time:** 10.00 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 2.30 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk

£7 per person

Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



### 37 Hollingwood and Poolsbrook Circular

Starting from Hollingwood Hub, we follow the canal to Staveley Town Basin. Then we pick up the Arkwright Trail before turning off to Poolsbrook Country Park. Here we take a coffee break using the café and toilet facilities. Those wishing to go the extra mile can walk around the lake returning to collect anyone enjoying an extended break before retracing our steps. We turn off the trail to walk past Staveley Church picking up a path down to the canal via Constitution Hill bridge to return to Hollingwood Hub.

**Distance:** 7 miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** Hollingwood Hub, 22 Works Road, Hollingwood, S43 2PF  
**SK 415746** SK 415716  
**Starting time:** 10.00 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 1.15 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

Walk led by Dronfield Footpaths and Bridleways



### 38 Boats & Boots from Shireoaks

We will cruise through eight locks up to Turnerwood where we will alight and follow the canal's feeder channel along Anston Brook to South Anston. We will then return to the canal at Thorpe Bridge and walk down the towpath to Shireoaks.

**Distance:** 7 miles  
**Grading:** Moderate  
**Starting point:** Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ  
**Grid reference:** SK 557809  
**Starting time:** 11.00 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 3.30 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk

£7 per person

Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



### 39 Misterton and West Stockwith

Joining the canal at Wharf Bridge, we will walk along the towpath to West Stockwith Marina, where the canal meets the River Trent. We will follow the Trent to the River Idle, taking its bank to Misterton Soss and thence back via the canal.

**Distance:** 3½ miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** The Pantry, 27 Grovewood Road, Misterton, DN10 4EF  
**Grid reference:** SK 769940  
**Starting time:** 1.30 p.m.  
**Finishing time:** 3.00 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

Walk led by Gainsborough Health Walks



### 40 Boats & Boots from Tapton Lock

We will board the boat and cruise through two locks to the Bluebank Pools Local Nature Reserve. Here you disembark for a lovely stroll back to the Visitor Centre. Watch for wildlife and enjoy the canal from the water and towpath.

There is space for two wheelchairs on the boat and the towpath is wheelchair friendly.

**Distance:** 2 miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB  
**Grid reference:** SK 387729  
**Starting time:** 2.00 p.m.  
**Finishing time:** 4.00 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk, no stiles

£7 per person

Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



### 41 Boats & Boots from Tapton

Take a walk along this beautiful stretch of canal to the Bluebank Pools Local Nature Reserve. Then board the boat for your return cruise through two locks to the Visitor Centre. Watch for wildlife and enjoy the canal from the water and towpath.

There is space for two wheelchairs on the boat and the towpath is wheelchair friendly.

**Distance:** 2 miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB  
**Grid reference:** SK 387729  
**Starting time:** 2.00 p.m.  
**Finishing time:** 4.00 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk, no stiles

£7 per person

Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust





## 42 Railway Ramble

Take the train to Retford for a delightful linear walk following the Cuckoo Way beside the canal from Retford to Worksop. A shorter option is to leave after 5 miles at Ranby to catch a bus to Retford or Worksop.

<b>Distance:</b>	10 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	Retford railway station, Station Road, Retford, S81 8NQ
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 701803
<b>Starting time:</b>	9.45 a.m.
<b>Finishing point:</b>	Worksop railway station, S81 7AG
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 586798
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.00 p.m.

Linear walk, no stiles

Free of charge

Walk led by Penistone Line Partnership  
(01522 534655)



## 43 Shireoaks, Lindrick Dale and Turnerwood Heritage Walk

From Shireoaks Marina, we will walk into the village and pick the canal up for a short section. After crossing fields to woodland and Lindrick Dale, we will take a footpath back to the canal taking in Turnerwood Locks. Just before we get back to Shireoaks, we will again leave the canal for the village, then back to the canal to return to the marina.

<b>Distance:</b>	5 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 557809
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	1.00 p.m.

Circular walk

£3 collected on the day for Creswell Heritage Trust

Walk led by Creswell Heritage Trust



## 44 The Canal around Killamarsh

Before setting off we shall take a look at an exhibition of plans for the restoration of the canal in the area. The walk will include unrestored lengths of towpath, potential new routes around obstructions and a section of the River Rother where the Trust has aspirations for a brand new canal to the centre of Rotherham. We shall visit Rother Valley Country Park, the hidden gem of Norwood locks and take a look at the historic Norwood Tunnel.

<b>Distance:</b>	7 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Moderate
<b>Starting point:</b>	Killamarsh Leisure Centre, Stanley Street, Killamarsh, S21 1EL
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 457811
<b>Starting time:</b>	10.30 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.00 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



## 45 Children's Walk from Tapton Lock

Join one of our rangers for this discovery walk from Tapton Lock. We'll have fun activities, discover what lives in the water and learn a bit about how the canal works. Children need to make sure that they bring an adult for this family friendly walk.

<b>Distance:</b>	2 miles
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 387729
<b>Starting time:</b>	11.00 a.m.
<b>Finishing time:</b>	1.00 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

Walk led by Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service



## 46 An introduction to Geocaching

A steady stroll along the Chesterfield Canal from Ranby to Lady Bridge on Sutton Lane and back. This walk is for people who would like to experience the hobby of Geocaching with some experienced players. Geocaching is for all ages from 1 to 100. You will need a pen, some tweezers and possibly a smartphone with 3G access though none of these items are compulsory.

<b>Distance:</b>	6 miles, or 3 miles if you stop at Lady Bridge (DN22 8JS)
<b>Grading:</b>	Gentle
<b>Starting point:</b>	Ranby Oaks bench on Blyth Road, DN22 8HZ (opposite Ranby Village Hall)
<b>Grid reference:</b>	SK 649812
<b>Starting time:</b>	12 noon
<b>Finishing time:</b>	3.00 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge



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## 47 South Anston, Lindrick Dale and Shireoaks

This is part of the canal that starts to climb uphill towards Kiveton. We all know that canals need assistance to go up hill and this section of the canal doesn't disappoint with no fewer than 23 locks. The canal also meanders through some very pretty sections of woodland. We leave the canal and head towards South Anston and the beautiful Anston Stones Wood. These woods cover 83 acres and are described as the finest limestone native woodland in the North of England. Crossing the A57 we head for Lindrick Dale using footpaths over the golf course, before heading back to the canal and down to Shireoaks.

**Distance:** 8 miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ

**Grid reference:** SK 557809  
**Starting time:** 9.30 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 1.30 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

Walk led by Worksof Ramblers



## 48 Boats & Boots from Retford

We will board the boat for a cruise up to the Gate Inn at Claborough through a wide lock, then alight and continue along the canal for around half a mile before ascending to Lover's Walk. We will then go to Claborough, passing St John the Baptist Church, which dates back to 1260. Another ascent will take us on to The Baulk for sweeping views west towards Retford, before heading back to the Hop Pole.

**Distance:** 4 miles  
**Grading:** Easy  
**Starting point:** The Hop Pole, 96 Welham Road, Retford, DN22 6UG

**Grid reference:** SK 717818  
**Starting time:** 10.00 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 12.30 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk

£7 per person

Walk led by Retford U3A.



## 49 Retford Heritage Walk

Led by experienced guides from the Retford Civic Society, we will take in the magnificent Market Square with its range of Georgian buildings, Cannon Square, local Churches and other historic buildings before passing through the award-winning Kings' Park for a meander along the Chesterfield Canal which then crosses over the River Idle.

**Distance:** 2 miles  
**Grading:** Gentle  
**Starting point:** Bay Tree Restaurant car park, 86 Carolgate, Retford, DN22 6AS

**Grid reference:** SK 706807  
**Starting time:** 10.00 a.m.  
**Finishing time:** 11.30 a.m.

Circular walk, no stiles but some steps

Free of charge



## 50 Restoration Walk

We will walk the gap in the Chesterfield Canal that has yet to be restored. We will stop at regular intervals to talk about the proposed restoration plans. After booking, please ring 01246 477569 if you would like to arrange to leave cars at the finish.

**Distance:** 9 miles  
**Grading:** Moderate  
**Starting point:** Kiveton Waters, Hard Lane, Kiveton, S26 6NA

**Grid reference:** SK 495824

**Starting time:** 10.00 a.m.

**Finishing point:** Staveley Town Basin, Eckington Road, Staveley, S43 3XZ

**Grid reference:** SK 435751

**Finishing time:** 3.00 p.m.

Linear walk

Free of charge

Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



## 51 Norwood Tunnel and the Giant's Staircase

We will start with a short train ride from Shireoaks to Kiveton Park. We will then visit the Eastern Portal of the Norwood Tunnel before walking along the top pound and then descending the Thorpe Lock flight. After a short stop for refreshments at Turnerwood, we will explore the Brancliffe Feeder. After returning to Turnerwood, we will make our way back to Shireoaks.

**Distance:** 8 miles  
**Grading:** Moderate  
**Starting point:** Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ

**Grid reference:** SK 557809

**Starting time:** 10.50 a.m.

**Finishing time:** 3.50 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge, but train fare needed

Walk led by Chesterfield Canal Trust



## 52 Boats & Boots from Retford

As Walk 48 above, but starting at 1 p.m. and finishing at 3.30 p.m.

## 53 Retford Heritage Walk

As Walk 49 above, but starting at 2 p.m. and finishing at 3.30 p.m.





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