

Trail Trips - Rother Valley Ride - Rother Valley Country Park to Tapton Lock

Rother Valley Country Park to Tapton Lock - 24 miles (38.6km)

Suitable for walkers and cyclists - the route is suitable for families who can shorten the trip accordingly by turning back to Rother Valley at Staveley. The route can also be adapted by continuing from Tapton Lock through Chesterfield back to Staveley via Brimington Common and Poolsbrook Country Park

TPT Map 2: CENTRAL Derbyshire and Yorkshire



Visitor centre courtyard at Rother Valley Country Park



View across the lake



Turn left, then left again to join the Trail half way round the lake

Start the route at Rother Valley Country Park visitor centre which is just off the M1 (J31). Leave the visitor centre which is on the east of the lake, where the route to the Trans Pennine is well sign posted (Chesterfield). Travel half way around the lake and join the Trans Pennine Trail (NCN67) by turning left (south) at the sign and interpretation board and then under the bridge and immediately left again onto the Trail. Follow the TPT sign for Chesterfield/Killamarsh.

Once on the Trail and travelling towards Chesterfield you will pass through Killamarsh and then Renishaw. The Trail at this point is straightforward until you arrive in Staveley where the route splits. To get to Tapton Lock you must take the right fork. Going left at this point will take you to Chesterfield via Poolsbrook Country Park but to get to Chesterfield via Tapton Lock go right.

At Staveley take the Chesterfield Canal towpath on to Tapton Lock. The route is well sign posted and also follows the Cuckoo Way.

At Tapton Lock there is a picnic area and you can get hot and cold drinks or ice cream and confectionary. The visitor centre is well worth a visit to view the Chesterfield canal exhibition.



Take the trail south on the Trail towards Killamarsh



Proceed through Renishaw Tunnel



Scenic Trail to Staveley

TPT route maps can be obtained from the Trans Pennine Trail office if required:

**Trans Pennine Trail, c/o Economy Culture and Housing,
PO Box 597, Barnsley. S70 9EW Tel. 01226 772574
info@transpenninetrail.org.uk www.transpenninetrail.org.uk**



On the approach to Staveley take the right fork, following the way marker



At Staveley join the canal towpath signed TPT and Cuckoo Way



The Trail follows the Chesterfield Canal

A ride or walk on the canal towpath can be full of surprises. There is a good population of water voles on the canal along with a variety of birdlife including breeding swans and the elusive kingfisher!

Just down the Trail from Tapton Lock is the town of Chesterfield with its St Mary's and All Saints Parish Church which is famous for its crooked spire. The town has all amenities and is well worth a visit, especially the Chesterfield Open Market which is one of the the largest open air markets in the country and held every Monday, Friday and Saturday.



Hollingwood Lock

If you don't want to turn around and go back to Rother Valley the same way you can continue on the Chesterfield Loop back to Staveley via Brimington Common and Poolsbrook Country Park where the scenery is very different to the outbound journey and is approximately one and a half miles further.

Getting there: To get to the Rother Valley Country Park from the north or south take the M1 motorway leaving at J31 and take the A57 on Aston Way heading towards Sheffield. At the roundabout take the first exit onto the A618 Mansfield Road, turn left at Waleswood Road and the park is on the left. The Country Park is well signed on the way. Rother Valley is easily accessible from all parts of Sheffield via Beighton or Eckington to the west and also from Worksop to the east and Rotherham to the north



Keep your eyes peeled for the local biodiversity on the way to Tapton Lock

Useful information: There is a café and shops at the Rother Valley visitor centre where there is a small daily car parking charge. There are also toilet facilities within the complex. Worth noting is the amount of water sports available at Rother Valley, although this could be for another day!



Local views on leaving Staveley



Tapton Lock Visitor Centre



Sculptures on return loop



Different scenery on return journey

Trans Pennine Trail

