

Have an adventure on this trail, which is also known as the Ashby de la Zouch canal, as the waterway weaves its way through a mostly agricultural backdrop.

Key Info

Start: Lime Kilns Pub, Watling Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3ED

Finish: Sutton Cheney Wharf, Wharf Lane, Sutton Cheney, Warwickshire CV13 0AL



Scan or visit
bit.ly/ashby-canal-trail
to find the map
in Mapometer and
download the GPX file

Distance: 2.5 miles

Time: 1-2 hours (approx)

Locks/Portages: None

OS Map: Explorer 232 Nuneaton and Tamworth

1 Put in near the pub and turn right, away from the A5 road bridge. You are heading through the outskirts of Hinckley.

2 After half a mile there is a branch in the canal. Keep left under the bridge.

3 After one mile pass Trinity Marina on your right, where there is also a Brewers Fayre pub.

4 Another quarter of a mile brings you under the A47 road bridge, emerging from the bridge you will see the Triumph motorcycle factory on your right.

5 Follow the canal, through peaceful countryside, past moored barges and under bridges.

6 As you go under Sutton Wharf Bridge (no. 34), Sutton Cheney Wharf comes into view and this marks the end of your six mile paddle.



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Ashby Canal opened in 1804 and is 31 miles long. It was built to connect the mining district of Moira with the Coventry Canal. Despite its being named after Ashby De La Zouche it never actually reached the town.

Sutton Cheney is close to the location of the Battle of Bosworth and the Bosworth Battle Heritage Centre.

Sutton Cheney Wharf has good facilities, with toilets close to the water's edge. There is a lawned area as you get out and a licensed cafe/restaurant serving hot/cold food.

The waterways in this trail are managed by Canal and Rivers Trust and require paddlers to hold a licence. If you are an existing British Canoeing member the good news is that your membership includes an annual licence for the waterways covered within this trail – please ensure you take your membership card with you on the water as this acts as your licence, if stopped with no licence, you will be at risk of being fined.



Ashby Canal: parking and start point
The full map can be found at bit.ly/ashby-canal-trail



The Lime Kilns pub, Ashby Canal

Safety and Licenses

We want you to enjoy a safe trip, so here are a few tips for staying safe and paddling responsibly.

Paddle Safe:

Be prepared and take the right kit:

- Wear a correctly sized buoyancy aid
- Mobile phone – in a waterproof case
- Whistle – to attract attention in case of emergency
- Map and / or route description
- Appropriate clothing for the weather conditions + spares in a dry bag
- Food, drink & sunscreen!

Paddle Responsibly:

Respect the natural environment and other users:

- Respect other waterway users #sharethespace
- Be environmentally aware, minimise your impact
- Ensure you have the correct licence if required
- Observe navigational rules – keep right and give other users space
- Check, Clean, Dry after every trip!

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