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| Chesterfield Canal Tapton Lock to Staveley | 1–3 Mile 1–5 Km | Tapton Lock & Staveley | OS 120 Mansfield & Worksop |

The Chesterfield Canal once a working canal is widely recognised as one of the most beautiful and varied waterways in England runs for 46 miles from the River Trent to the middle of Chesterfield, linking Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and Derbyshire. The canal can be walked on the towpath known as The Cuckoo way and goes through tranquil countryside and scenic views.

Recently the Hollingwood Hub canal basin and also the home of the Chesterfield Canal Trust has been completed and the £310 million waterside development in Staveley Chesterfield is well underway.

Since 1989, 12 miles of the canal have been restored along with 36 locks and 11 bridges. The latest section was opened early in 2012 with the flooding of the new Staveley Town Basin and there is only eight miles left to restore. The Chesterfield Canal Trust is currently running a campaign to achieve is.

This stretch of the Chesterfield Canal is described in various sections starting at Tapton Lock, through Brimington, Hollingwood Hub and finishing at Staveley.

Also see the Canal stretch from Kiveton to Worksop.

• Facilities – At Tapton Lock on the outskirts of Chesterfield is a Visitors Centre and Café selling hot meals and snacks, and you can go on narrow boat trip.

At the village of Brimington are a few shops and a park.

At Hollingwood is a new Canal Basin with a purpose built coffee shop, meeting rooms and garden, which is being developed – the Hollingwood Lock House has also been restored.

At Staveley they are in the process of constructing a new canal basin and Marina, and there are lots of cafes and public houses in Staveley.

You can park near Tapton Lock Visitors Centre – Hollingwood – and in Staveley – you can also park on the nearby roads and lanes near the canal, please look at your map.

• Café – At Tapton Lock Visitors Centre is a café open most of the year round selling refreshments and some hot food

At Hollingwood Hub is Nona's coffee shop open Wed to Sun and in winter at the weekends.

At Staveley there are lots of cafes and public houses and Poolsbrook Country Park is close by [see this on my website],



Tapton Lock Visitors Centre & Café

- Toilets There are toilets at Tapton Lock Visitors Centre, Hollingwood Hub café and the various cafes and public houses on route and in Staveley.
- Path The majority of the towpath is a good surface for wheelchairs and made up of rolled-in crushed stone, there are a few odd slopes, hard grass/soil areas and cobbled brick areas, a pusher will be required for manual wheelchairs,

Note under some bridges the surface is sometimes a cobbled brick area and the archway of the bridges requires you to take care when travelling through.

Also in the winter months the paths can be muddy.

You can do sections of the walk from Tapton Lock, Hollingwood Hub and Staveley.



Canal Crushed Stone Towpath

• Information – There is excellent information on the Chesterfield Canal website and at Chesterfield Tourist Information Office you can obtain a leaflet on the canal. Also you can look at various pictures on the google website.

Tel. No. – Chesterfield Tourist Information Office – 01246 345778 Tapton Lock Visitors Centre - 01246 551035

Website – Chesterfield Canal

Chesterfield Canal - www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk

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Hollingwood Hub - www.chesterfield-canal

• **Directions** – Tapton Lock Visitors Centre is near to Chesterfield on the A61 look for the A619 to Brimington and the Visitors Centre is ½ mile - look for the signs.

Staveley is close to the M1 J30 – look for the A619 to Staveley and the Staveley Basin on the canal is not far from the centre of the town.

Hollingwood Hub Visitors Centre is 4 mille from the centre of Chesterfield. From Staveley continue on the A619 and then at Brimington look for a right turn to Hollingwood and down Troughbrook Road, the car park is on the other side of the canal on Station Road. – see map.

Places to visit nearby – Chesterfield – Poolsbrook Country Park



Tapton Lock Visitors Centre



Narrow Boat



Hollingwood Hub Café



Canal Towpath



Path



Staveley Basin



Location Route