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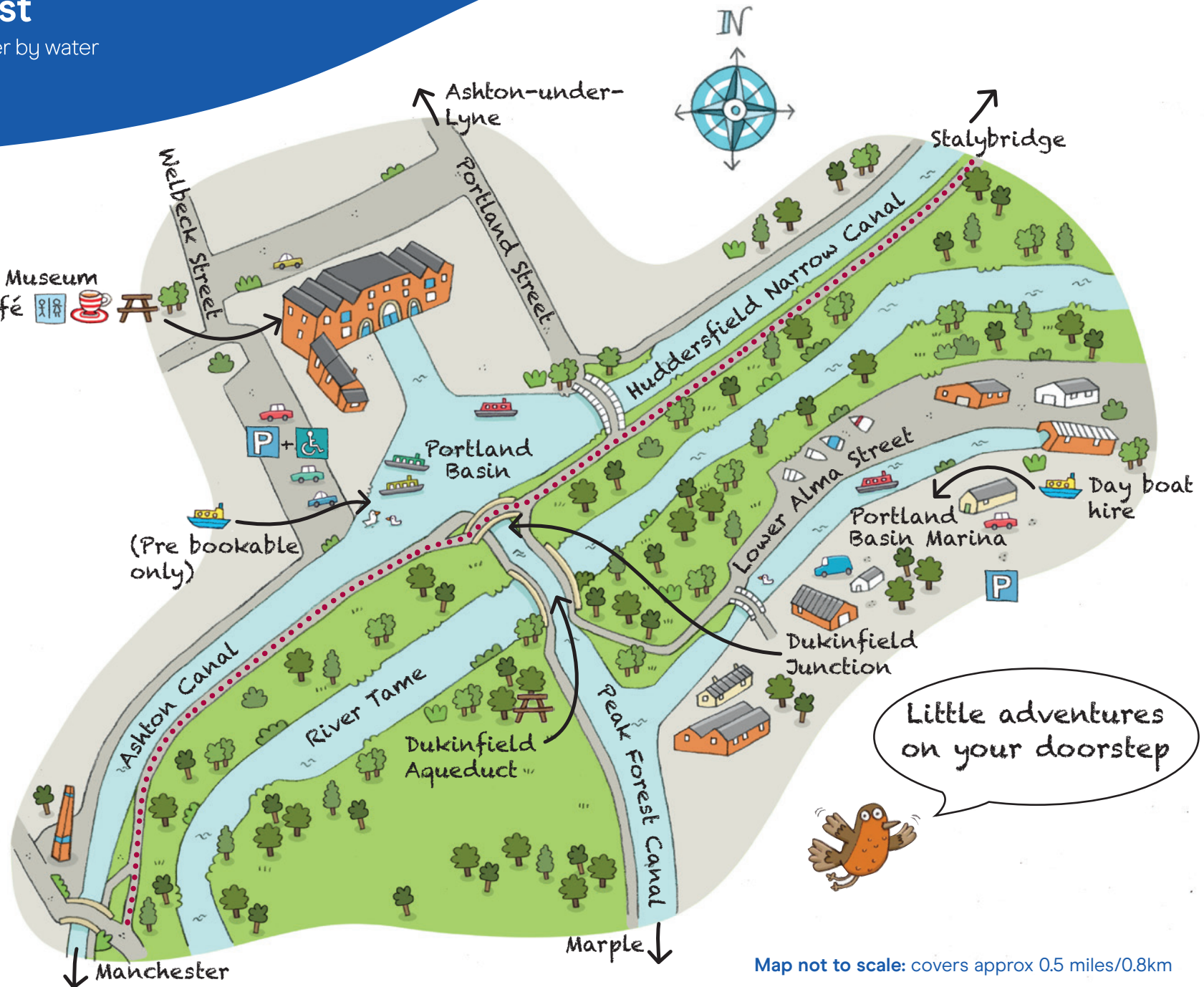
Making life better by water

Explore Portland Basin

Portland Basin is the junction of the Peak Forest, Ashton and Huddersfield Narrow canals. It's a great place where canals, boats and people meet.



STAY SAFE:
Stay Away From
the Edge



Map not to scale: covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km

A little bit of history

Portland Basin was an important interchange between three canals. Ashton Canal delivered coal to nearby textile mills and made the return journey with cloth to Manchester. The Peak Forest Canal delivered cargo to the north west, and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal crossed the Pennines to the north east.

Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Portland Basin

- ☐ **Visit** the highly rated Portland Basin Museum housed in a Victorian warehouse. There are lots of family friendly activities including an under 5s play area, craft activities and trails. And it's FREE!
- ☐ **Walk** along the scenic Peak Forest Canal towards Marple.
- ☐ **Walk** round Portland Basin and chat to visiting boaters.
- ☐ **Spot** six restored old wooden narrowboats decorated with traditional patterns, rope work and lettering.
- ☐ **Picnic** by the aqueduct and watch boats pass from the Peak Forest Canal over the River Tame and into Portland Basin.

What to Spot

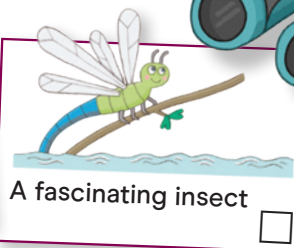
Explore the waterside together.
How many of these can you spot?

A duck quacking


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166

The number of a bridge or lock

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A fascinating insect

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An interesting stone or brick

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The names of two boats


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A face or animal in the clouds


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Information

Portland Place
Heritage Wharf
Ashton-under-Lyne
OL7 0QA

Parking +

Toilets

Café

Picnic bench

Boat trips

... Path

Allow 2-3 hours for this visit

* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

Go to canalriverexplorers.org.uk to discover lots of fun things to do with the family.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped produce these.