

Leeds and Liverpool Canal

Fact Sheet

The Leeds and Liverpool Canal runs from Liverpool in the west to the Aire and Calder Navigation at Leeds.

History

During the 18th century, as the Industrial Revolution progressed, towns were keen to be connected to larger cities, coalfields and industrial centres so that trade could expand. Many canals were built to speed up transport.

In the middle of the 1700's Yorkshire was the centre of Britain's woollen industry. Factory owners knew that if they could get their wool to the port of Liverpool they would be able to ship it to Africa and America. Merchants in Liverpool wanted to build a canal going east so that they could get coal from Wigan.

The building of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal suffered many problems. It took 46 years to complete and it cost five times more than the original budget!

Building started in 1768 and was finally opened in 1816.

Bingley Five Rise Locks

Bingley Five-Rise Locks is a world famous staircase lock on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Length:

205 km (127 miles)

Building cost

£1.2 million

Engineer:

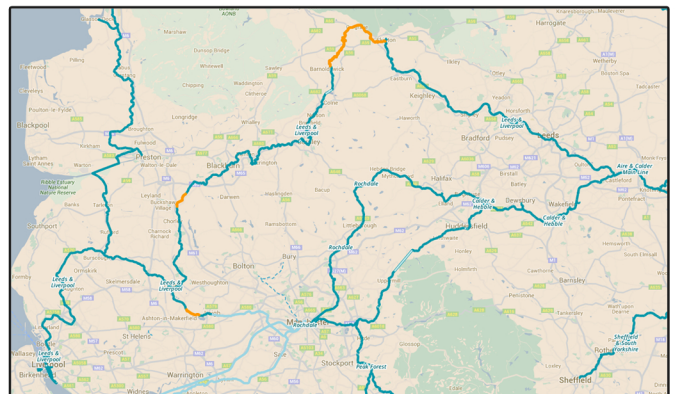
James Brindley

Locks:

92

Tunnels:

2



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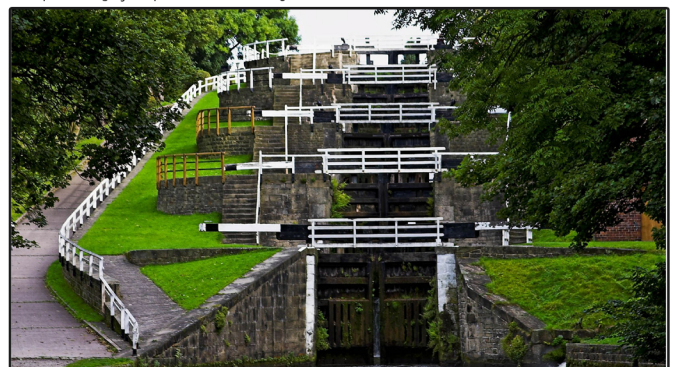


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