











Boaters' Guides

A note about the data

These guides list information we currently have on our facilities, dimensions and navigation guidance, based upon local knowledge and expertise. Whilst we anticipate that this data is reasonably accurate, we cannot guarantee its precision. Therefore, this data should only be used as a helpful guide and you should always use your own judgement taking into account local circumstances at any particular time. If you spot something wrong, please let us know canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us

Key to facilities

-  Winding hole (length specified)
-  Winding hole (full length)
-  Visitor mooring
-  Information and office
-  Dock and/or slipway
-  Slipway only
-  Services and facilities
-  Water point only

Rochdale Canal



Navigation notes

Rochdale Canal

Littleborough to Failsworth: Designated as a Special Area for Conservation (a European-level legal protection for the rare aquatic plants).

Maximum Dimensions

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 2.91m (9ft 5")
Draught: 1.19m (3ft 9")
Headroom: 1.83 (6ft)

Locks & bridges

Ashton Canal

Lock 1 through to lock 18: We advise that passage should commence before 10am on this flight.

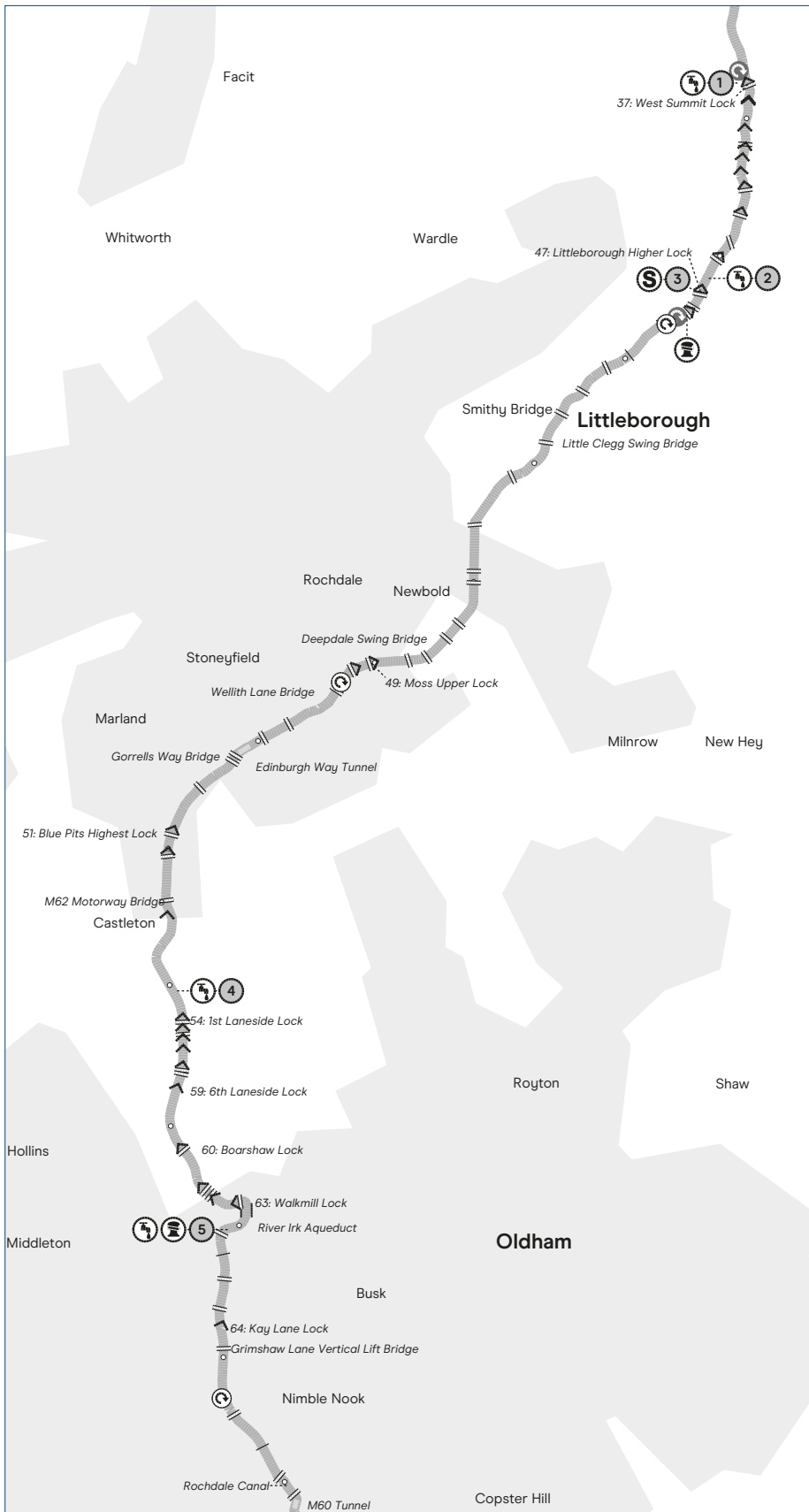
Rochdale Canal

Lock 69, Newton Heath Lock: Hydraulically operated tailgate on towpath side.

Lock 70, Pinfold Lock; and
Lock 71, Shaws Lock; and
Lock 79, Coalpit Middle Lock; and
Lock 80, Coalpit Lower Lock:
Mechanically operated tailgates, read instructions before use.

Lock 84, Dale Street Lock:
Secure Mooring just above.

Lock 85, Piccadilly Lock; and
Lock 90, Albion Mill Lock; and
Lock 91, Deansgate Lock; and
Lock 92, Dukes Lock:
Mechanically operated tailgates, read instructions before use.



Locks & bridges

Lock 40, Punchbowl Lock; and Lock 41, 1st Below Punchbowl Lock; and Lock 47, Littleborough Higher Lock: Due to historical movement, Locks 34, 40, 41 and 47 are not full width. These are clearly identified by on site signage.

Little Clegg Swing Bridge; and Deepdale Swing Bridge:

These bridges provide access to people's homes. Please close the bridge and lock it securely behind you.

Wellith Lane Bridge: The new channel west of the bridge (approximately half a mile east of the A627 Edinburgh Way tunnel) is 20ft wide. There is a tight curve at the eastern end. Care should be taken with all boats.

Gorrells Way Bridge: The section under the A627 is made up of a narrow channel; a passing place; and a 121-yard tunnel. As there are short sightlines throughout, boaters should be cautious. The channel and tunnel are 16ft 6in wide, so wide boats must give way in the passing place between the two.

Lock 51, Blue Pits Highest Lock: Offside lock gates are mechanically operated.

M62 Motorway Bridge: This culvert has a floating towpath, which restricts the channel to narrowboats only. Broad craft up to 13ft 7in wide should pre book their passage at least 72 hours in advance by contacting customer services on 03030 404040.

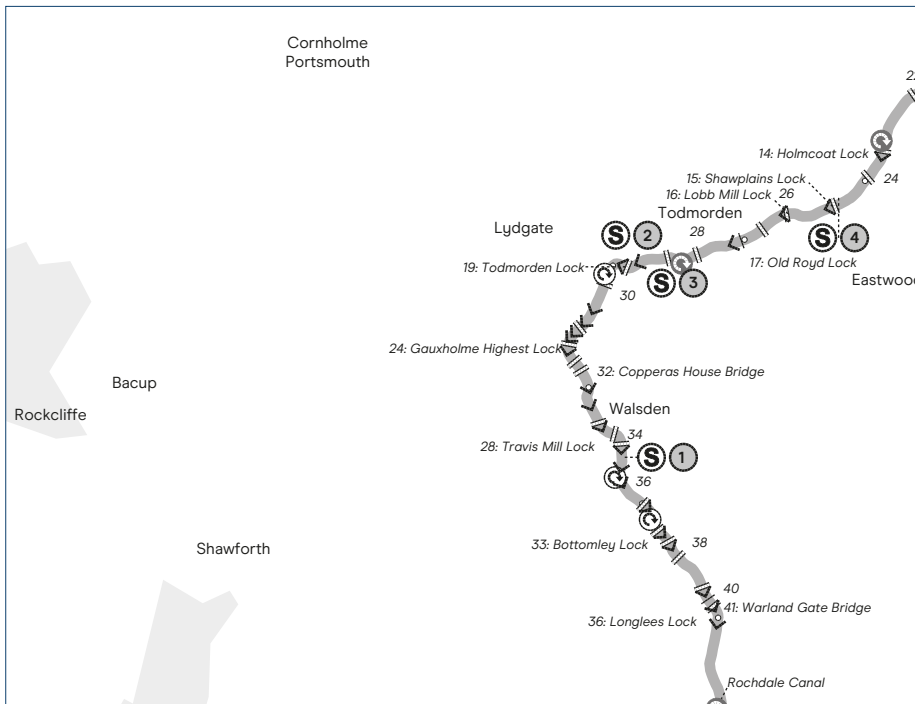
Grimshaw Lane Vertical Lift Bridge: Canal & River Trust key required. Follow the instructions on the control pedestal. It is not possible for a solo boater to safely operate this structure.

📍 Services & facilities

- 1 West Summit Lock:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 2 Littleborough:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required. Wheelchair access
- 3 Littleborough Higher Lock 47:** Water, Elsan disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 4 Slattocks Top Lock (Lock House):** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 5 Rose of Lancaster Middleton:** Water.

🚶 Visitor moorings

- 5 Rose of Lancaster Middleton:** Car parking.



Locks & bridges

Bridge 41, Warland Gate Bridge:

These bridges provide access to people's homes. Please close the bridge and lock it securely behind you.

Lock 35, Warland Upper Lock:

Locked when not in use.

Lock 34, Warland Lower Lock:

Due to historical movement, Locks 34, 40, 41 and 47 are not full width. These are clearly identified by on site signage.

Lock 19, Todmorden Lock:

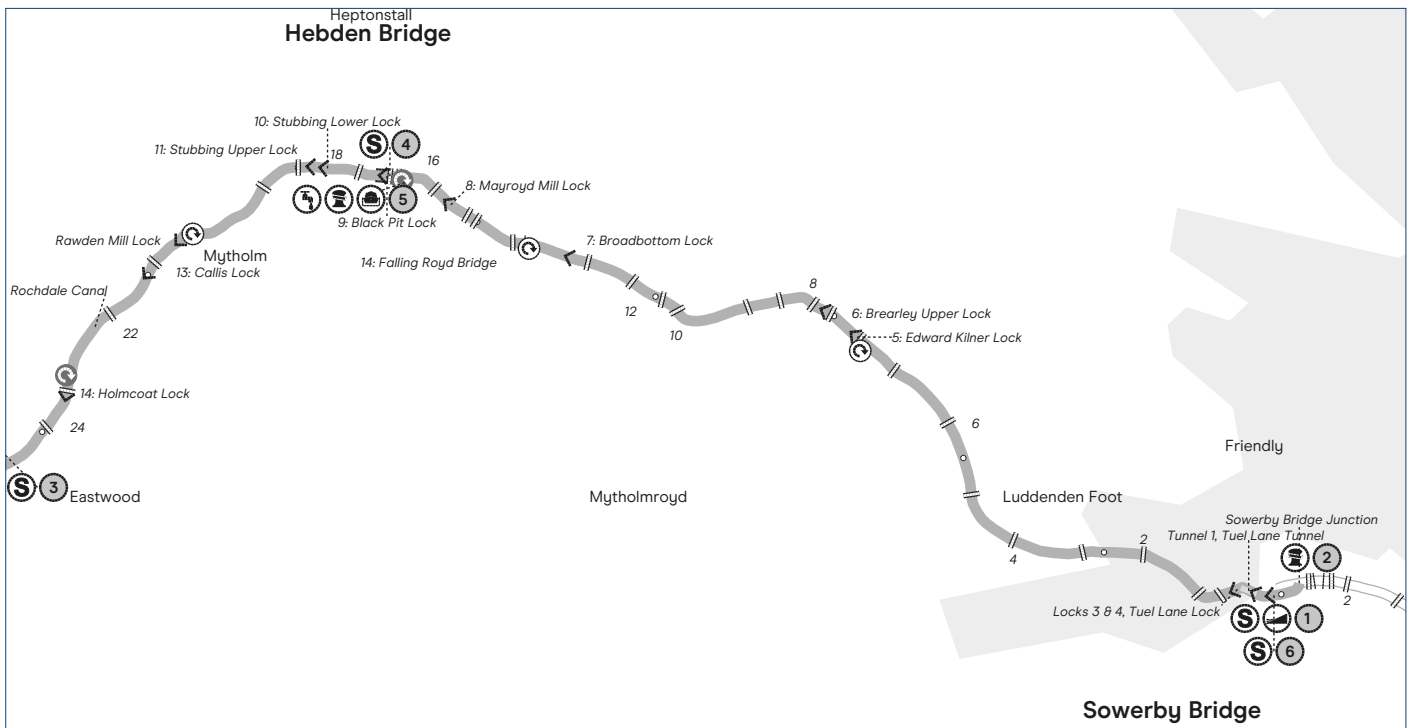
Canal & River Trust key required to operate guillotine tail gate.

Bridge 32, Copperas House Bridge: Lowest bridge on the canal proceed with caution.

Lock 23, Gauxholme Middle Lock: Please leave empty.

Services & facilities

- 1 Nip Square Lock 29:** Water, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 2 Todmorden:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 3 Baltimore Marina:** Water, Elsan disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 4 Pickwell & Arnold Boatyard:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Below Shaw Plains Lock 15. Boatyard facilities available.



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Locks 3 & 4, Tuel Lane Lock: Operated by a resident lock-keeper. Passage will only be permitted between April & October 7 days a week between 8am and 5pm. Winter passages should be booked at least 72 hours in advance by contacting customer services on 03030 404040. Do not attempt to operate the lock yourself. Follow signage and lock-keeper's instructions. Do not enter the tunnel whilst boats are in the lock, or the lock is emptying. Turbulence from this can cause a serious accident.

Bridge 14, Falling Royd Bridge: Take care through this tunnel, which has a curve preventing you seeing one portal from the other. Sound your horn and proceed very slowly, keeping to the centre of the channel.

Lock 11, Stubbing Upper Lock: Read gate instructions before operating.

🅈 Services & facilities

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- 1 Shire Cruisers:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.

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- 3 Pickwell & Arnold Boatyard:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Below Shaw Plains Lock 15. Boatyard facilities available.
- 4 Bridge 17 Black Pit Bridge:** Canal & River Trust key required. Sanitary Station.
- 5 Hebden Bridge Marina:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required. Wheelchair access.
- 6 Lock 1, 1st Sowerby Bridge Lock:** Canal & River Trust key required. Sanitary Station.

🅈 Visitor moorings

Calder & Hebble Navigation

- 2 Sowerby Bridge:** Maximum 48 hours unless indicated otherwise at site. Total 100 metres.

🅈 Slipways & docks

Calder & Hebble Navigation

- 1 Shire Cruisers:** Slipway.

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- 5 Hebden Bridge Marina:** Slipway, dry-dock.