

NEW HORIZONS TRIP BOAT



PCAS runs its tripboat *New Horizons* from the Melbourne Arm between noon and 4.15 pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays, from April to the end of October. The 30 minute public trips are popular with families and accompanied children can help steer the boat! No booking is required, just turn up and wait for the next trip. Donations (cash or card) are very welcome and help support the work of PCAS.

Longer trips lasting 2.5 to 7 hours can be booked from Monday to Saturday for groups of up to 12 passengers. Bring food and drink and have a picnic.



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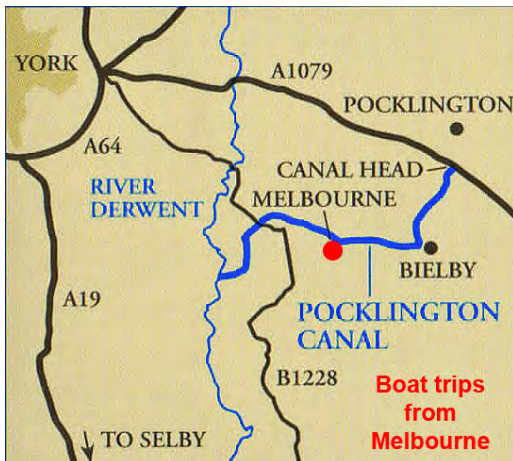
The aims of the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society are:

- to promote restoration of the canal to a navigable standard for the benefit of the local community and the general public, as an amenity that can be enjoyed by all.
- to stimulate public interest and appreciation of the beauty, history, flora & fauna, and structures of the Pocklington Canal and its environs, with respect for the legal protection of its heritage and wildlife.
- to support the use of the canal for educational purposes.

The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) was formed in 1969. Since then our volunteers have done a great deal to restore and maintain the canal and they continue to work on the waterway throughout the year.

PCAS works with various organisations including the Canal & River Trust, Natural England and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to help more people enjoy the canal. Care is taken to avoid damage to the wildlife and heritage, which are important features of the Pocklington Canal.

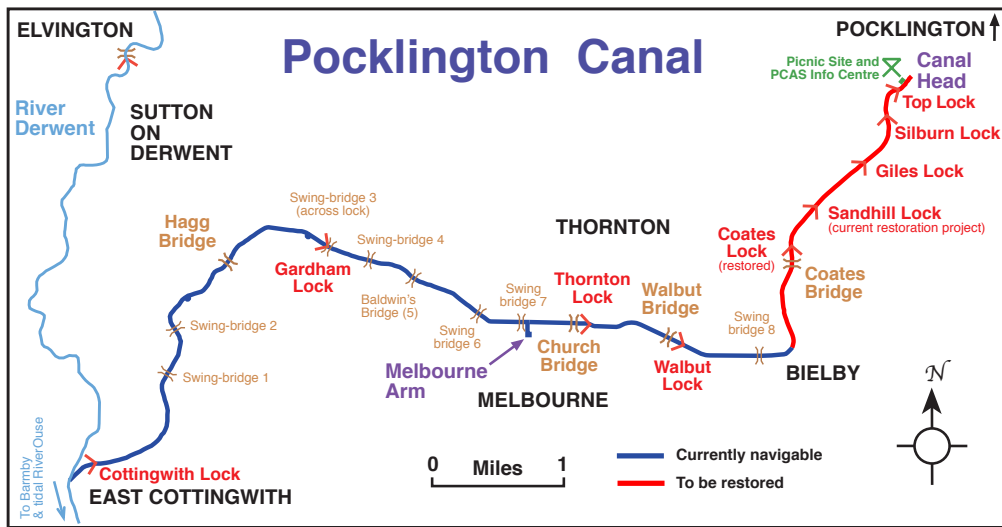
It is an aim of PCAS to restore the entire canal so that it is navigable and, working with CRT and Natural England, the navigable length was extended from 5 to 7.5 miles in 2018. This was assisted by a generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This allowed re-gating of two locks, dredging and new information signs at various locations along the canal. Three locks still require full restoration including provision of new gates.



Please park carefully in Melbourne and look for our sign next to the Melbourne Arms pub

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Circular walks of varying lengths are possible, starting at these access points.

Angling permits can be obtained from the York and District Amalgamation of Anglers (YDAA). A rod licence is also required. There are platforms for disabled anglers at Canal Head.

If you would like to help us to restore and maintain the canal there are donation boxes at Canal Head and Melbourne Arm.

Membership

We have around 350 members whose annual subscriptions enable us to continue the restoration and maintenance of the canal and its surroundings.

Please consider joining us!

Annual membership costs just £15 for an individual member or £20 for a family membership. Life membership costs £150 or £200 for a family.

You can join online via the 'shop' on our website: www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org

If you would prefer to join by bank transfer, cheque or cash, please complete an application form which can be downloaded from our website: or collected from our trip boat or Canal Head Information Centre

You can contact our membership secretary: Edward Westerby, by text or phone on 07925 056382 or email:

membership@westerby.karoo.co.uk

We organise social events, to which visitors are welcome, and publish a magazine called *Double Nine* for members, three times a year.

The AGM is usually held in April and the pre-Christmas Annual Lunch is on a Sunday near the end of November.

Volunteering

PCAS members have been volunteering to help restore and maintain the canal since the Society was formed in 1969. This work is done in collaboration with the Canal & River Trust. Working parties are usually held on Tuesdays. There are also opportunities to crew our trip boat and help run our Information Centre at Canal Head. Help with outdoor and indoor events is also very welcome.

Ask an existing volunteer about volunteering or make contact via the website to enquire about volunteering.

The Pocklington Canal was completed and opened in 1818 and is a haven for wildlife. It is an ideal place for walking, angling, boating, canoeing, picnicking and generally enjoying its rural peacefulness. The importance for wildlife is recognised by three Sites of Special Scientific Interest plus international protection. Please keep dogs under control to avoid disturbing birds and other wildlife and on a lead during the nesting season.



Canal Head (YO42 1NW), just off the A1079 south of Pocklington, is an ideal place to stop and to begin discovering the canal.

The towpath accompanies the canal for its entire length of 9.5 miles and the nine locks and four road bridges are all Grade II listed. Access to the canal towpath is also possible at Coates Bridge, Bielby Arm, Walbut Bridge, Church Bridge, Melbourne Arm, Hagg Bridge and Canal Lane in East Cottingwith.



Visit our website (address overleaf) for more about the canal, our society and coming events. Find us on Facebook.

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