

Tiny Treks - Uppermill Tameside

Canals and numbers

Start: 1. Newbank Garden centre, Dobcross Rd (A6052), Dobcross, Tameside (Toilets, Café, parking free)

2. Brownhills Visitors Centre, High Street, Uppermill, Tameside Free parking

Parking: Free at Newbank Garden Centre, Free at Brownhills visitors centre (limited).

Facilities: WC, Parking (Free), Visitors centre,

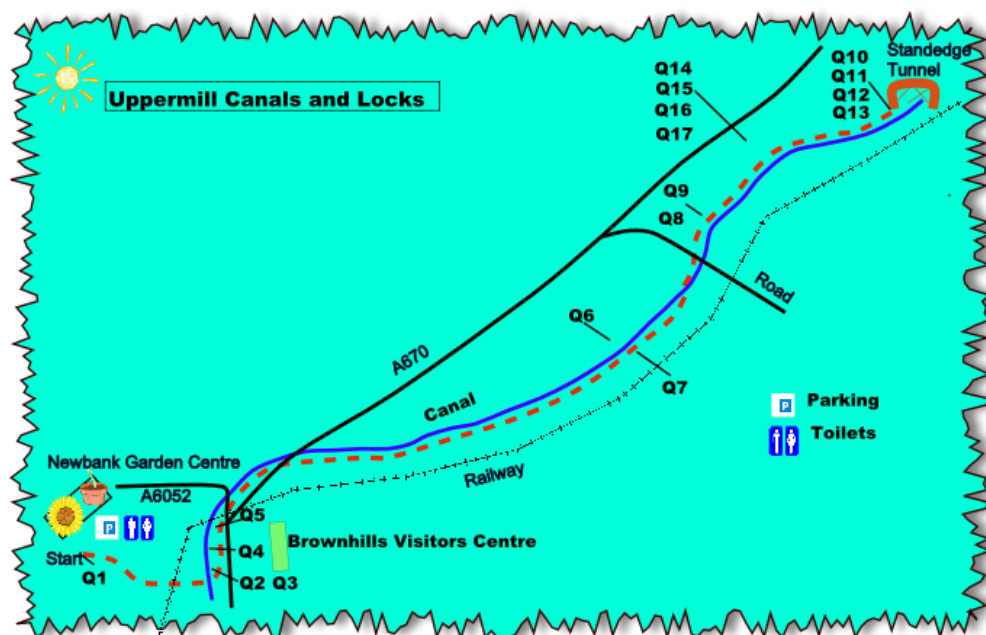
Walk: Approx 3miles (2hrs).

Danger: The walk is alongside open deep water. Children need to be supervised and made aware of the dangers. (Perhaps they can be encouraged to spot the dangers?)

This walk is alongside the Huddersfield Canal until it goes into Standedge Tunnel. This tunnel takes the canal under the hill to Marsden approx 3miles on the other side. There is also a visitors' centre at Marsden

Walk instructions

1. From the corner of the car park at Newbank Garden centre walk along the stream away from the entrance. This is signposted to Brownhills Visitor Centre. **(Q1)**
2. As you reach a fork in the path take the left path towards the picnic area.
3. Through a stile turn left onto the lane and down towards the canal and bridge arch.
4. Reaching the canal turn cross the bridge and turn L **(Q2, Q3)** signposted to Diggle and Standedge Tunnel 1.5 miles, and to **Brownhills Visitors centre. Have a look around the centre. (Q4)**
5. Return to the Huddersfield Canal right along the tow path under a small bridge.
6. Walk through the car park and rejoin the canal -At Wool Rd Moorings **(Q5)**. This will pass under the very busy Wool Rd.
7. Continue walking up the canal either side. There are numerous bridges to cross the canal at locks. **(Q6, Q7)**.
8. At bridge 66 (Ward Lane) approx 50yrds down the lane, on the left, there is a play and picnic area with a slide and swings for small children.
9. **(Q8, Q9)** At lock 32 W there is a larger adventure play area on left side of canal. (Play the dice game - Diggle to Marsden)
10. When you reach the Standedge Tunnel **(Q10-Q13)** turn around and return to the start. Standedge tunnel is gated and goes under the hillside for three miles coming out at Marsden. (Q14 -



Activity Sheet / Walk Diary

We went on our walk on (date).....,

with.....

The weather was.....

Q1. Leaving the car park. How many pillars can you see?



Q2. Look at the lock gates. What is the number written on it?

Q3. What year do you think the gates were fitted?

Q4. What is the number on the bridge near Brownhills Visitors centre?

Q5. At Wool Rd Moorings. How long can you moor a canal boat for free?

Q6. Without looking at a wrist watch find a time?

Q7. What might cause a rumble near the tunnel at bridge 69?



Q8. Look for 



Q9. Look for  the Adventure play area near lock 32W.

Q10. What year was Standedge Tunnel built?



Q11. What is the name of the Tunnel?

Q12. Who built it?

Q13. To get the barge through the tunnel they had to "leg it". What do you think this means?

On the return walk

Clue for the next 3 questions - "The metal dice is nice"

Q14. What year did Ailsa Craig make her last trip?

Q15. What was the name of the first boat that passed through the tunnel?

Q16. What caused an explosion that blew up a barge and killed people?

Q17. How many bridges are there?

Q18. Each bridge has a number. One number is missing, which one is it? (Clue - it is not the Standedge Tunnel).

Some useful information:

Some lock names

Lock 24 - Wool Road Lock

Lock 25 - Navigation Lock

Lock 26 - 12 Mile Lock

Lock 27 - Coffin Lock

Lock 28 - Embankment Lock

Lock 29 - Cast Iron Lock

Lock 30 - Dobcross Lock