

THE SELBY TRAILS

DISCOVERIES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

The Waterways Trail



Discover Nature



Discover History



flat route, very little incline



benches along the way

2.8 miles in total



Everyone loves nature, but most of us are just too busy to take the time to notice what is around us.



DISCOVERY TIP

You can use a smart phone with a camera to take photos of your discoveries. If you have no camera, then just use a pencil and a notebook, or try doing quick sketches of what you see.

Always follow the countryside code. Be safe – plan ahead and follow the signs. Keep dogs under close control, protect plants and animals and take your litter home. Leave gates and property as you find them and consider other people.



Short on time?

Why not mix and match the discoveries on this trail to create a shorter walk that fits around your schedule!



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Lock Basin



The 6-mile long Selby Canal finishes here, with the Lock Basin joining the canal to the River Ouse.

When the canal was still in commercial use, barges would wait here before passing into the river. You may notice a channel running parallel to the river- this was created in the 1800s and is called the 'Lazy Cut'. To save time cargo was moved from a barge to a ship via a crane, instead of using the lock.

— 0.3 miles to David Mayne's Sculpture

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David Mayne's Sculpture



Take some time to feed the ducks and look at the sculpture, which was created by David Mayne in 1999. The arrowhead depicts the history of Selby's Canal, including the growth of Selby's industry due to the valuable trade links provided by the canal.

Can you see three boats? These are a paddle steamer, a sloop and a keel boat. What do you think they were used for?

— 0.2 miles to Moored Canal Boats

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Moored Canal Boats



As you pass under Bawtry Road bridge have a look for brightly coloured canal boats.

This is a popular spot for canal boats to moor, so take your time and pick a favourite!

— 1 mile to Brayton Bridge

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Brayton Bridge



This grade II listed bridge is built from sandstone, which gives it its yellow colour!

Pass under the bridge, have a seat and look at the modern sculptures emerging through the grass! Take a closer look to read the ripple-inspired messages that are inscribed.