



Visit Derbyshire

Countryside for everyone

Our Countryside Visitor Centres offer Self-guided walk leaflets and lots of Information to get you started. www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

If you require easier access then our all-terrain mobility scooters (Trampers) could be the answer. By registering as a user you can access one at any of these locations. Instruction will be given on first use. **Booking is essential.**

Shipley Country Park 01629 533991

High Peak Junction 01629 533298

Elvaston Castle 01629 533870

Creswell Crags 01909 720378

Cromford Mill 01629 343050

Middleton Top 01629 533298

Tapton Lock 01629 533020

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HIGH PEAK TRAIL

Near Wirksworth

Middleton Top Visitor Centre and Cycle Hire near Wirksworth, offers amazing views of the surrounding countryside and easy access onto the High Peak Trail.



Step back in time 200 years inside the Engine House with its superb working beam engine from the era of the Cromford and High Peak Railway.

Ride for miles on this beautiful traffic free trail through the heart of Derbyshire and discover fascinating heritage along the route.

Visitor Centre, with parking and facilities offering friendly advice, light refreshments and Trampler mobility scooter to hire for easy access.

Black Rocks on the High Peak Trail is a magnificent gritstone outcrop, rewarding you with far reaching views of the Derwent Valley. As well as an orienteering course, it is a venue for rock climbers and various walks in the area can be accessed from here. Café kiosk open weekends and high season.



CROMFORD CANAL Cromford

Just south of Cromford is High Peak Junction Visitor Centre, on the Cromford Canal. Relax, take a stroll and watch the world go by in this tranquil haven of heritage and wildlife.



Discover some of the oldest surviving railway workshops in the world and the working steam engine, Leawood Pump. The Visitor Centre serves freshly ground coffee and light refreshments whilst taking in the waterside views. Trumper hire and car park off Lea Road. Just a mile stroll along the towpath, and with easy access is Cromford Wharf.

Cromford Wharf at Cromford retains much of its historical interest as a former working canal. Here you will find the **Cromford Mills** and 'Visitor Gateway' signposting other key locations within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. The canal can be explored from the towpath between Cromford Wharf and Ambergate, a distance of just over five miles or take a trip on the historic narrow boat 'Birdswood' to High Peak Junction (information and booking www.birdswood.org). A venue for all seasons, with ample parking and Wheatcroft's café



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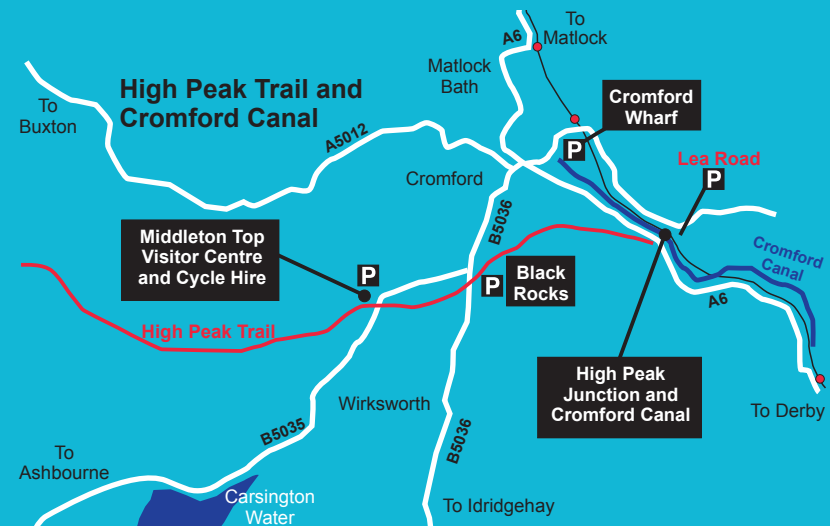
Websites:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/middletontop

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/highpeakjunction

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Email: countryside@derbyshire.gov.uk



Note: All of these car parks are pay and display facilities.

Find us - on the High Peak Trail

Middleton Top Visitor Centre is open daily from April to end of August 9.30am-4.45pm, then weekends only September through to October. Open for October half term week, 9.30am-4.15pm, and then weekends only November to Easter. 9.30am-4.15pm. Tel: 01629 533298.

Middleton Top Cycle Hire, Middleton by Wirksworth, Derbyshire, DE4 4LS. (off the B5035 road, near Wirksworth). Tel: 01629 533294.

Black Rocks car park off the B5036, near Wirksworth, DE4 4GT. Café concession run by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

Find us - on the Cromford Canal

High Peak Junction Visitor Centre is open daily from April to October 10am-5pm, weekends only November to Easter 10.30am-4pm. Tel: 01629 533298.

High Peak Junction car park, Lea Bridge, (south of Cromford), Derbyshire, DE4 5AA, (signposted from the A6 at Cromford).

Cromford Wharf car park off Mill Road, DE4 3RP, (signposted from the A6 at Cromford). With Changing Places facility.



High Peak Trail & Cromford Canal

For all events - unless otherwise stated:

Locations: see events listings: Middleton Top: DE4 4LS (off the B5035, near Wirksworth). High Peak Junction: DE4 5AA (signposted from the A6 at Cromford). Cromford Wharf: DE4 3RP (off Mill Road, Cromford)

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear

Information: Contact 01629 533298. Parking charges apply. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs welcome on leads.

HIGH PEAK JUNCTION RAILWAY WORKSHOPS OPEN DAYS

Entry to these historic railway workshops and use of the fascinating Audio Tour.

12pm-4.30pm

SATURDAY 5 JUNE

SATURDAY 3 JULY

SATURDAY 7 and 28 AUGUST

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER

SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER

SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER

Cost: Free entry but donations are gratefully received. Charge for Audio Tour is £1.10 per person, timed entry and limited numbers. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** Contact 01629 533298

FRIDAY 16, SATURDAY 17 and SUNDAY 18 APRIL INTERNATIONAL WORLD HERITAGE SITE WEEKEND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Join the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site in a celebration of art & heritage with family activities at Cromford Mills and along the Cromford Canal, for International World Heritage Site weekend.

The weekend will include:

- "Outdoor Exhibition" around Cromford Mill Yard, Cromford Wharf and along the canal featuring a selection of artworks by members of the public and participants in a variety of the Great Place Scheme projects
- Activities & digital trail for families
- A 'pick up and go' booklet of creative drawing activities linked from the Cromford Wharf down to Aqueduct cottage suitable for any age

Subject to change depending on restrictions at the time. Check www.derwentvalleymills.org for updates.

SUNDAY 30 MAY and MONDAY 31 MAY 1pm-4.30pm

MIDDLETON TOP ENGINE HOUSE OPEN DAYS

This is a chance to see the world's oldest railway winding engine in action. Learn how this early railway was commissioned in the days before Stephenson's Rocket. The magnificent beam engine was built in 1829 and hauled waggons up the steep incline. **Cost:** £5.00 per person (Adults, concessions and children age 14+), timed entry and limited numbers.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL Contact 01629 533298. (SEE PAGE 26 for all Steam Heritage Dates)

SATURDAY 29 MAY – SUNDAY 6 JUNE WILDLIFE NATURE TRAIL

Follow the photo trail and discover the fantastic

facts about the wildlife of Cromford Canal. There will be a well dressing celebrating the spring that fed the Cromford and High Peak Railway. **Cost:** FREE. **Start:** High Peak Junction. **Length:** 0.75 miles.

SATURDAY 29 MAY – SATURDAY 31 JULY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Open to all non-professional photographers. Categories: Heritage & Wildlife of the High Peak Trail and of the Cromford Canal. Adult & Junior Categories. Entries will be displayed at High Peak Junction Visitor Centre from 14 – 23 August and will be open to public vote. Winners announced on 28 August. Full terms and conditions will be available from our Visitor Centres.

SATURDAY 25 JULY – MONDAY 31 AUGUST 11am-4pm. Turn up any time.

EXPLORE AND DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

1. Runaway Train Treasure Hunt around High Peak Junction. Follow the trail and be amazed by the history of run-away trains and the oldest

railway toilet in the world. Pick up a trail pack from the Visitor Centre. **Cost:** £1 per child. **2. Mini-Beast Safari at Middleton Top.** Collect your bug catching pots, nets and insect identification cards from the Visitor Centre then stalk spiders and go hunt a grasshopper. **Cost:** £1 per child.



CROMFORD MILLS ADVENTURE WEEKEND 28th – 30th AUGUST

Cromford Mills adventure weekend is filled with action-packed activities to inspire us to get outdoors and try something new! Organised in partnership with Paddle Peak, the weekend is sure to get your adrenaline pumping with canoeing, climbing, biking and more. Complete with a host of local adventure specialists, stalls and displays, the weekend is certain to inspire you this August! Please be sure to check online for event details and timings across the Bank holiday weekend - 28th – 30th August 2021. For further details please visit www.cromfordmills.org.uk or phone 01629 823256.





Contact:

Middleton Top Visitor Centre, Rise End,
Middleton by Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4LS.
Tel: 01629 533298
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

STEAM HERITAGE

Leawood Pump and Middleton Top Engine House Operating Days 2021

LEAWOOD PUMP OPERATING DAYS - Open 12 to 4.30pm

Experience the power of this great steam engine. The heat of the boilers, the smell of grease and coal and the power of the wave as tons of water are pumped from the River Derwent to the Cromford Canal. Look out for Birdsworth the traditional narrowboat, which is horse drawn on these dates. **Directions:** Park at High Peak Junction car park, Lea Bridge, (south of Cromford), DE4 5AA, (signposted from the A6 at Cromford) or enjoy a pleasant walk of just over a mile along the Canal from Cromford Wharf. **Charges:** £5.00 per person (Adults, concessions and children age 14+), timed entry and limited numbers. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** Contact 01629 533298. Parking charges apply.

June	Saturday 5 June static Sunday 6 June
July	Saturday 3 July static Sunday 4 July
August	Saturday 7 August static Sunday 8 August
August Bank Holiday	Sunday 29 August Monday 30 August
September	Saturday 18 September Sunday 19 September
October	Saturday 9 October Sunday 10 October Sunday 24 October static Sunday 31 October static

MIDDLETON TOP ENGINE HOUSE OPERATING DAYS - Open 1pm to 4.30pm

See the world's oldest beam engine of its type in action. Discover how it got wagons up and down steep hills on one of the world's first long distance railways. **Directions:** From the A6 at Cromford, climb the B5036, and follow the signs. **Charges:** £5.00 per person (Adults, concessions and children age 14+), timed entry and limited numbers. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** Contact 01629 533298. Parking charges apply.

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- Family activities
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SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST OPENING DATES AND INFORMATION

* excludes the World War II / 1940s events. Please see website for full details.

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Step back in time at the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and peek behind the scenes at the birthplace of the factory system.

Set in the beautiful Derwent Valley, where the lowlands meet the rugged grandeur of the Peak District, the World Heritage Site is celebrating important anniversaries throughout 2021.

Find out more and plan your visit at:
derwentvalleymills.org



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Cycle Derbyshire

Cycle Hire – High Peak Trail

Visit Middleton Top Cycle Hire Centre:
Explore the **fabulous trail** with its many connecting routes.

Bikes for Adults and Children. Tandems, Tagalongs, Buggies and Electric Bikes, all at competitive prices. www.derbyshire.gov.uk/cycling

Middleton Top Visitor Centre,
Middleton-by-Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4LS
Call 01629 533294

Open 9.30am-5pm weekends and school
holidays, April to the end of October.
Everyday June-August.



CHESTERFIELD

CANAL Tapton Lock

Tapton Lock Visitor Centre is a hidden gem on the Chesterfield Canal. Its waterside location and garden offers a peaceful retreat in this busy market town.



The canal was abandoned after the collapse of the Norwood Tunnel at Killmarsh in 1907, but is now restored as a haven for both people and wildlife, with seasonal boat trips aboard John Varley II.

All year round you can walk, jog or cycle along five miles of surfaced towpath, known locally as the 'Cuckoo Way' and with access onto the Trans Pennine Trail, why not explore further afield. The towpath and trail offer easy access, and a trampler mobility scooter can be hired from the Visitor Centre.

The Visitor Centre offers a friendly welcome, with freshly ground coffee, fine teas and a wonderful selection of delicious snacks and cakes ideal for a picnic or meeting up with friends.



Find us

Tapton Lock Visitor Centre,
Lockoford Lane, Chesterfield S41 7JB
Tel: 01629 533020.

Open 7 days a week all year round from
10am-4pm. Closed Christmas Day.

All routes from the A61 – look for the brown
canal boat signs on the A61 near Tesco.

Stay in touch

Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/taptonlock

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Email: countrysideservice@derbyshire.gov.uk





Tapton Lock

For all events - unless otherwise stated:

Meet: Tapton Lock Visitor Centre

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear

Location: Sat Nav S41 7JB

Information: Tapton Lock Visitor Centre 01629 533020. Limited on street parking available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs welcome on leads.

SATURDAY 26 JUNE – SUNDAY 4 JULY

CHESTERFIELD AREA WALKING FESTIVAL

Join one of around 40 walks exploring the beautiful countryside around Chesterfield and Bolsover. We have short family friendly walks with activities for children as well as longer rambles. For details of all the walks go to www.chesterfieldwalkingfestival.co.uk or pick up a festival booklet from Tapton Lock Visitor Centre or Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** – call 01246 345777. Online bookings from 6 April.



SATURDAY 11 and SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

11am-4pm

TAPTON LOCK FESTIVAL

See opposite page



EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 27 NOVEMBER TO 23 DECEMBER 10am-3pm

SAILING SANTA

Join the Chesterfield Canal Trust and their special guest for a trip on the Chesterfield Canal. Trips from Tapton Lock and Hollingwood Hub. Every child gets a gift and there's seasonal refreshments for adults. **Cost:** £8 PER PERSON (NO CONCESSIONS). **BOOKING ESSENTIAL (bookings start in September)** – call 01629 533020.



SATURDAY 11 and SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 11am-4pm
TAPTON LOCK FESTIVAL

Together with Junction Arts we are offering you two days of fantastic festival fun! We've got music and performance in the Marquee and you can try your hands at arts and crafts. Scale the dizzy heights on the climbing wall or try your hand at circus skills. Get close to the water and have a go at canoeing or take a trip aboard the Chesterfield Canal Trust's trip boat, John Varley II. With refreshments on site from the Drone Valley Brewery and other local providers, there is something for everyone! There is limited on-street parking at this event, why not walk, cycle or bus your way to us? **Cost:** FREE – charges for some activities.



OUR WIDER COUNTRYSIDE

Woodland, Parks, Nature Reserves and Greenways...

Derbyshire's countryside...

Offering an abundance of beautiful locations outside of the National Park, with some of the region's best waterways, nature reserves, woodlands, trails and parks. Looking for places to visit? Here are some great suggestions.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside or

Contact 01629 533020

Sett Valley Trail, Hayfield – an attractive recreational trail linking New Mills and Hayfield.

Grin Low & Buxton Country Park – a unique site, combining landscape and wildlife features with an incredibly rich history.

Ashover Rock – on heathland at 299m above sea level with excellent panoramic views.

Five Pits & Silverhill Trails – multi-user, off-road, surfaced routes that are part of the Phoenix Greenways. Great for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Williamthorpe Nature Reserve, Tibshelf Ponds and Peter Fidler – wild havens, great for short walks, birdwatching and wildflowers.

Poulter and Pleasley Pit Country Parks – explore maturing plantations, wildflower meadows and nature reserves. Both ideal start points to join the Archaeological Way, walking in the footsteps of history through a changing limestone landscape.

Glapwell Countryside Site – try the adventurous blue grade mountain bike trail suitable for anyone with basic off-road riding skills.

Ways to Explore...

Greenway traffic free trails and the Public Rights of Way network are great ways to help you explore. Cycling is an enjoyable way to spend some leisure time. Over 420km of Greenway trails provide easy access for walking, cycling and, where possible, horse riding - connecting our countryside, villages and market towns. To explore your local area visit: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/countryside/access

Public Transport...

When visiting the countryside why not leave the car behind and travel by public transport? To find the most suitable local bus or rail service contact Traveline on 0871 200 22 33. Plan your journey with interactive maps at www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk. For bus timetables, log onto www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses





BUXTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

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Tue – Sat: 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 4:30pm (subject to change)

Visits must be booked in advance.

For bookings and up-to-date information:

derbyshire.gov.uk/buxtonmuseum

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