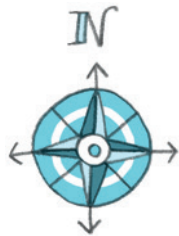




Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water



Discover Rufford Top Lock/ Burscough

With flat towpaths, historic canal features and rich wildlife, Rufford Top Lock/ Burscough is the perfect place for family walks, bike rides and bird spotting.

Map not to scale: covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km



Little adventures on your doorstep



STAY SAFE: Stay Away From the Edge

A little bit of history

Rufford Top Lock and Burscough Wharf grew up around the junction of the Rufford Branch Canal with the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. The boatyards, a dry dock, the rows of cottages where the people who serviced these facilities lived, and the pubs they once used, still survive.




Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Rufford Top Lock/Burscough

- ❑ **Check** out the dry dock (now disused) where boats were once repaired. It's one of the oldest on the canal system.
- ❑ **Take** a break at the Ship Inn, formerly called the Blood Tub. But don't let that put you off – it's located next to Lock 2 and serves great pub food!
- ❑ **Hire** a bike and explore the entire length of the Rufford Branch Canal (7 miles/11 km). With eight locks, seventeen bridges including a swing bridge and unusual paddle gears, there's plenty to see.
- ❑ **Keep** a look out for top birds such as barn owls, kingfishers, dippers and wagtails.
- ❑ **Visit** Rufford Old Hall (National Trust) originally built in 1530 and which still retains its Tudor Great Hall.


Did you know?...




Coots have a **white spot** on the front of their head and moorhens have a **bright red beak tipped with yellow**, and a white stripe on their side.

Information


Burscough Wharf
Liverpool Road North
Burcough
Lancashire L40 5RZ


 **P** Parking (free at pubs, Burscough Wharf and roadside)

 Toilets
(pubs and village)


 Café

 Pub

 Cycle hire

 Boat hire

 Path

 Allow 2 hours
for this visit

* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

Go to canalriverexplorers.org.uk to discover lots of fun things to do with the family.

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