



A series
of cycling routes
exploring the
countryside from
Portland Basin

Let's go...

Cycling!

Pedal Ashton Canal

An easy five mile ride to the Fairfield
Moravian Settlement and back.





Discover the history of Portland Basin Warehouse in the Museum.

From outside Portland Basin, cycle right towards Manchester.



The old entrance to the engine house of Oxford Mill was built in 1845 by Thomas Mason. During the Cotton Famine of the 1860s, his son, Hugh Mason, kept the workforce employed at his own expense.



As railway companies took over the canal companies, lattice girder bridges, already a feature on the railways were being constructed on the canals. Jeremy Brook Footbridge is a good example.

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Guide Bridge got its name from a guide post at the road junction above it and has a railway station and area named after it. The bridge has been extended making it almost a short tunnel.



Guide Bridge Mill, built in 1884, the largest in the area with 70 pairs of mule frames containing 155,504 spindles for the spinning of yarn from American cotton. These later mills were built with flat roofs, which could be used as reservoirs for the sprinkler systems.



The Fairfield Moravian Settlement dates back to 1785. It was planned and built by the Moravians who believed in a simpler form of Christianity and were some of the earliest protestants. This self-contained village had its own inn, shop, bakery, farm, laundry, fire-engine, night-watchman and doctor.

To Fairfield Locks and Manchester

Route to the Moravian Settlement



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