

Section 3: Stalybridge to Portland Basin

Distance 2.5 miles (4 km)

Time 1.25 hours.

- 1 From Stalybridge marina continue past lock 6W along the canal towpath for about 1 mile (1.6 Km) and when the towpath emerges onto a tarmac road, at lock 2W, turn right across the bridge along Plantation Street and straight across Whitelands Road, when the street bears right, go ahead turning left up the footpath.
- 2 At the top turn left through a gap onto Bank Top, follow the circular footpath and at the far side of the field go down a wide track to Whitelands Road.
- 3 Turn left along the road, when it bends left, cross the road and continue along the cobbled Minerva Road passed the terraced houses, turn right down the steps to the main road. Cross over the road and go left over the river bridge then sharp right through a stile into Coopers Ride.
- 4 Follow the path, with the river on the right, to emerge on Cooper Street and turn right to the main road. Turn right again over Alma Bridge and cross over the main road at the traffic lights. Continue towards Cavendish Mill, just before the mill, go left down a path to the canal and continue along the towpath to Portland Basin.