

# The route

This leaflet shows a 24 mile trip virtually all on traffic free trails with just a few quiet roads to negotiate.

It nominally starts at the Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre adjacent to the famous ‘Crooked Spire’ and includes a circular loop round the Trans Pennine Trail via Staveley and an out and back ride to Rother Valley Country Park. You can start anywhere on the route.

The route passes very close to Poolsbrook Country Park and its caravan site and both the map overleaf and the associated GPX file include the route into Poolsbrook Country Park.

There are several opportunities for refreshment and toilets:

Poolsbrook Country Park

Rother Valley Country Park

Hollingwood Hub

Tapton Lock Visitors Centre

Chesterfield town centre

(opening times of cafes are shown overleaf but we accept no responsibility for their accuracy!)

Between Inkersall and Rother Valley the trail is an old railway line, Staveley to Chesterfield is alongside the Chesterfield Canal. The section from Chesterfield railway station to Inkersall involves some steep climbs! There is an alternative to avoid Chesterfield by climbing up from Tapton Lock.

At the Hollingwood Hub it is possible to cycle along a road to the Barrow Hill Roundhouse - a railway tourist attraction. Find out more about the Chesterfield Canal Trust at Hollingwood and Tapton Lock.

The circular route can be followed in either direction but be aware that clockwise there is a very long climb from the trail in Inkersall to West Wood. We suggest that anti clockwise may be slightly easier. Of course you can miss out the hilly sections by just using the canal and railway path.

## GPX file

If you have a sat nav that you can use on your bike there is a GPX file of the whole route available to download on the Campaign’s website:

[www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk/node/30](http://www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk/node/30)

## Chesterfield Cycle Network

Look out for additions to the network, the current Chesterfield Cycle Map is available free of charge from the Visitor Information Centre.

## Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

This is one of a series of leaflets produced by the Campaign. Our aim is to improve and increase the provision of facilities for cyclists. We work with both Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to achieve this. We believe that cycling is a healthy low carbon solution to local transport.

**If you would like to join the Campaign details are available on our website:**  
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Our printed newsletter is published quarterly and delivered to members. Copies are also available at the Visitor Information Centre, Chesterfield Library, Tapton Lock Visitor Centre and selected bike shops

# CYCLE ROUTES AROUND CHESTERFIELD

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## Chesterfield TPT loop, Poolsbrook Country Park & Rother Valley Country Park

Grade:	Moderate
Distance:	24 miles
Route Type:	Mainly traffic free, with some quiet roads

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The route from Inkersall to Rother Valley is on an old railway line so no steep gradients. It is the route of the Great Central railway that ran from London Marylebone to Sheffield and Manchester.

It is soon obvious you are on an old railway with the route on bridges and views either side.

Look out for the junction of the path to Poolsbrook Country Park and caravan site.

After crossing a road in Staveley (site of the old station) the route has a major junction where you can turn left for the canal path to Chesterfield or right to go to Rother Valley Country Park.

On the way to Rother Valley the route is quite isolated and passes Renishaw (Renishaw Hall stately home) and Killamarsh (old station).

At Killamarsh there is another cycle route to Halfway which is the terminous of the Sheffield Super Tram.

After Killamarsh it is a short distance to the southern end of Rother Valley Country Park. We recommend you carry on to the north end then turn right and come back through the park. There is a cafe about halfway through the park.

At the southern end you will skirt the water ski area with its aerial ropeway towing skiers.

Once back on the railway path follow it back to Staveley.

Chesterfield to Inkersall (hilly route)

Retracing the route from Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre follow the route towards the railway station and then under the railway and climb steeply to Tapton Golf Course, the cycle route goes through the course. The route is then downhill for a good distance past a lake and then through a gate and steep uphill again!

Once at the top it is relatively level until you cross the main road and then a long descent into West Wood.

This is an old industrial area and after crossing a small bridge the route climbs steeply again.

Look out for the carved figures as you get near the top!

After passing the figures take the narrow path between houses and exit onto the road. The path appears to go straight on but turn right following the road and very shortly there follows a long descent until you can turn off to the right and get onto the traffic free trail which is an old railway line - the steep climbs are finished!

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Staveley to Chesterfield (canal path)

The canal is gradually being restored going north east so you will almost certainly see new works around Staveley.

The cycle route skirts the new Staveley basin and you will pass a Sustrans mile post just after the basin.

The canal follows a tranquil valley that belies its industrial heritage with the occasional glimpses of old factory sites.

It won't be long before you reach the Hollingwood Hub which houses the Canal Trust HQ and Katy's Cafe.

The brick retaining walls just south of the Hub used to carry a railway line over the canal with Hollingwood station adjacent.

If you follow the road from the Hub its not too far to Barrow Hill Roundhouse.

It is now a pleasant 3 miles into Chesterfield. When you reach Tapton Lock we recommend leaving the canal path and using the traffic free route shown on the main map. There is a bit of a climb into Chesterfield but it can't be avoided! Look out for the famous 'Crooked Spire' as you approach.

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