

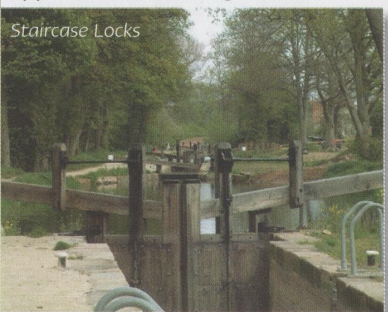
Thorpe Salvin Church



Watch for a signpost showing a path to the right across a field. It's usually clear to follow, but please walk in single file when crops are

growing. Cross the stile and go down the steps and over the railway again.

The path through scrubland soon brings you back to the canal at Thorpe Top Treble Bridge. Cross over (there is currently no access to the towpath here in any event, though this may change in the future) and follow the broad track round to the right. As you approach a wooden gate look for a well signposted



path through the wood, which soon rejoins a wide track. Turn right and follow this past the small sewage treatment plant (it works using an eco friendly reed bed purification

system), then go left at the signpost.

This is the path used earlier. Follow it to the road, looking carefully for traffic at the stile, then go right and back to your starting point. Have a well earned drink at the Parish Oven!

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The Chesterfield Canal Partnership is made up of local authorities, statutory and non-statutory bodies, the voluntary sector and private enterprise, and is fully committed to the protection, restoration and development of the Chesterfield Canal.

All members share the belief that the canal constitutes a major natural history and heritage feature, with the potential to significantly enhance the recreational, tourism and business life of the region. The Partnership works to protect and enhance the natural history and historic value of the canal, whilst promoting the development of its business and amenity potential to benefit all sectors of the community.



The Chesterfield Canal Trust is a charitable company run entirely by volunteers, incorporated in July 1997. In 1998 it took over the assets of the Chesterfield Canal Society (founded in 1976.) The aims of the Trust include the full restoration and appropriate development of the Chesterfield Canal.

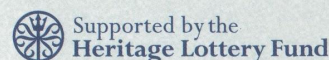
Now with over 650 members, the Trust works in partnership with local people, owners, councils, statutory bodies, the voluntary and private sector to ensure the eventual full restoration to navigation of the whole canal.

Contact the secretary for details of publications setting out the Trust's work and achievements so far, and for details of how you may help by joining the Trust.

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For information about other walks in the series contact  
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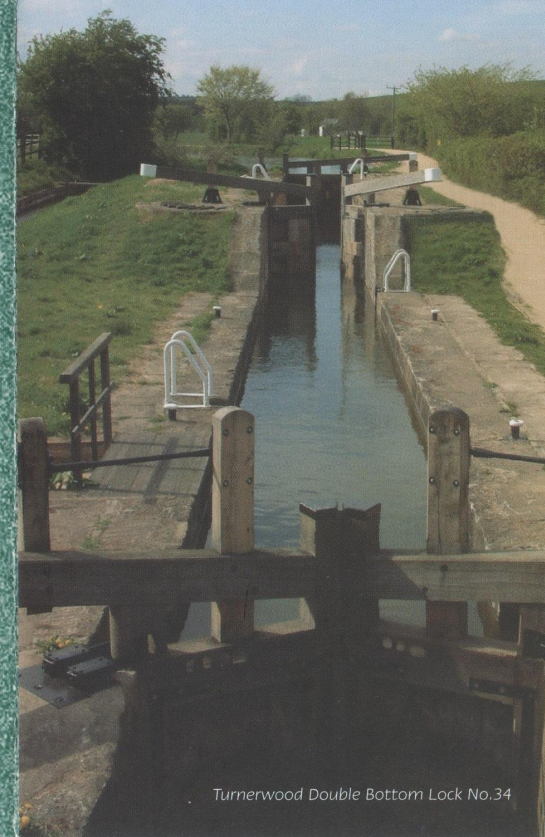


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# Thorpe Salvin, Turnerwood & the Chesterfield Canal

*Circular Walk*



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Canal towpath

Turnerwood Double Bottom Lock No.34

# Thorpe Salvin, Turnerwood & the Chesterfield Canal Circular Walk

Starts: Parish Oven pub, Thorpe Salvin  
Length: Approx. 6.4km (4 miles)

An easy circular route that includes towpath, tracks and field paths, with 12 stiles. A railway line is crossed twice and special care is needed at these points. The walk includes possibly the most attractive section of the whole canal and takes in the 'Giant's Staircase' of restored locks, reopened in 2003 after extensive restoration. Away from the towpath some paths may be muddy at times. Allow 2.5 to 3 hours.

The walk commences outside the village pub in Thorpe Salvin (the "Parish Oven"). There is limited on street parking just below the pub - please park considerably, or ask permission to use the pub car park. The starting point is on a regular bus service from Rotherham, Crystal Peaks and Worksop. Service 27 runs hourly Monday to Saturday daytime; 264 runs 2 hourly evenings and Sundays. Phone the Traveline on 01709 515151 for details.

## Walk Directions

From the Parish Oven turn left and follow the road towards Worksop. Take care, as there is no pavement in places. As you leave the village behind, turn left over the stile at the footpath sign. Follow the path, with a fence and hedge on your left. Cross a stile into an enclosed section and at the end look for steps descending left. Take

overflow, designed to ensure the canal does not flood.

Then it's soon on to the long series of locks which take the canal down to Shireoaks and on through Worksop to the River Trent.

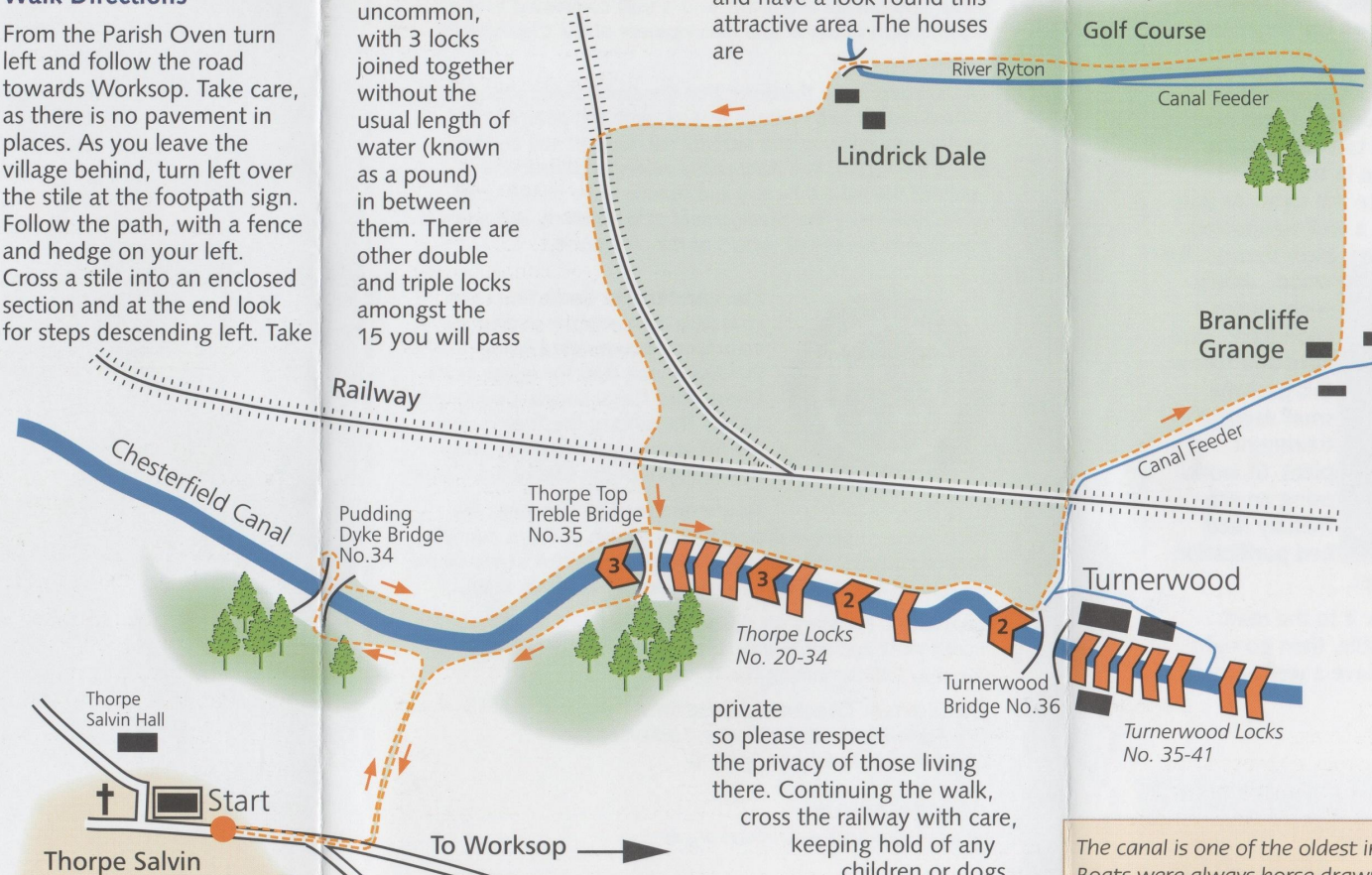
The first locks are relatively uncommon,

with 3 locks joined together without the usual length of water (known as a pound) in between them. There are other double and triple locks amongst the 15 you will pass

before leaving the canal at Turnerwood. Look out for the information boards, which tell the story of the canal and its restoration.

At the canal bridge at Turnerwood, turn left and follow the path to the stile by the railway - but first stop and have a look round this attractive area. The houses are

right of the farm buildings at Branchcliffe Grange, once part of the extensive lands owned by the monks at Roche Abbey. Turn left past the stone buildings and go up the track into the woods. From the top of the rise there are good views towards Worksop and the church



the track left to the canal bridge (Pudding Dyke bridge). Cross over, turn left on to the towpath and then under the bridge.

Keeping the canal on your right, you soon cross an

Thorpe Low Treble

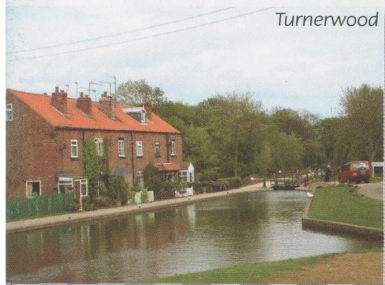
tower at Shireoaks can be seen. The path drops downhill and crosses first the canal feeder and then the River Ryton. Turn left here and follow the clearly waymarked route along the bottom edge of Lindrick golf course. There is one hole and a tee to the left of the path, so watch out for golfers and stray balls. The path leads in to the attractive Lindrick Dale. At the minor road, turn left and follow it round right. Go under the railway bridge and round to the left, past the cottages and along the field edge.



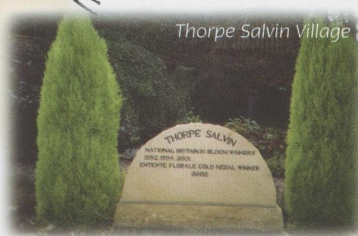
Lindrick Dale

The canal is one of the oldest in the country, opening in 1777. Boats were always horse drawn, carrying cargoes of coal, stone, bricks and agricultural produce. The most famous cargo was stone from quarries in North Anston, which was used to rebuild the Houses of Parliament after they had burnt down in 1841.

Stone was taken to the river Trent and loaded onto sea going boats for the journey to the Humber, out to sea and down the east coast before turning up the Thames and on to London. The canal declined from the 1840s and much of it was closed following the collapse of Norwood Tunnel in 1907. A few boats continued to trade until the 1950s.



Turnerwood



Thorpe Salvin Village