

## Points of interest

### Walton Dam

Built to serve the factories further down the valley. This was also Robinsons sports ground for many years. There used to be a steam boat on the lake here.

### Stables

Just before the Toucan crossing of Walton Road you pass the site of the old Robinsons stables. Robinsons used horse transport to connect their several sites into the 1960's.

### Old factory sites

There were many factories between Walton Road and Factory Street. JJ Blow, who made dairy equipment and racing Go-Carts, Plowrights engineering works. This area was also the end of the freight only railway branch line that followed the Hipper.

### Robinsons factory railings

Erected in 2000. These curved laser cut metal sheets were created by Denis O'Connor, Senior Lecturer in Fine Arts, Derby University.

### Private road

Just after Robinsons factory where we go straight on the railway used to cross the road (coming out of the van storage yard and passing in front of the small industrial units. This stretch of road is still privately owned.

### Cannon Mill

On your left as you descend the small hill look out for Cannon Mill. Originally part of the Griffon Foundry this is Chesterfield's oldest industrial building. If you peer over the fence next to the road you can see the waterwheel. Cannon balls for the Battle of Waterloo were reputedly made here.

### Queen's Park Cycle Track

Remember to go through the car park and use the cycle track along the north side of the Queen's Park. This is actually the trackbed of the former railway branch line.

## Further Cycling

At Boythorpe Road the Holmebrook Valley Trail meets the Hipper Valley Trail. This is on another of our leaflets (number 3). Leaflet number 1 describes a circular route using both the Holmebrook and Hipper Valley Trails. It is possible to access the town centre using the bridge from the Queen's Park. Cyclists are advised to dismount on the bridge. From the Queen's Park cycle track the route continues across Park Road past the skate park. After that there is a choice of going straight on which leads into the town centre or turning right and following shared paths towards Derby Road. Here there is another choice to go towards Hasland or carry on along a shared path alongside Derby Road. This eventually leads you to a Toucan crossing giving access to the traffic free Rother Washlands route ending on Storforth Lane.

## Chesterfield Cycle Network

Look out for additions to the network. Routes will eventually be colour coded to enable easy navigation. Pick up a cycle map from the Tourist 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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# CYCLE ROUTES AROUND CHESTERFIELD



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## Hipper Valley Trail

**Grade:** Easy  
**Distance:** 2 miles  
**Route Type:** Off road, on quiet roads

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