



# Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

## Explore Garstang

There are no locks on the Lancaster Canal that runs through the pretty market town of Garstang. That means its flat – and a great place for family bike rides and walks.



**STAY SAFE:**  
Stay Away From the Edge

## A little bit of history

The Lancaster Canal is the 'Black and White' canal so-called because it carried limestone (white) and coal (black). Designed by John Rennie the famous canal engineer, the canal was used to transport coal, slate, timber, food, rope and limestone. Today, Garstang is more famous for being the world's first Fairtrade town.

Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### Five things to do at Garstang

- Walk** down the towpath and check out quaint bridges and the lovely stone aqueduct which takes the canal over the River Wyre.
- Relax** by the basin and watch boats.
- There are no locks** on the Lancaster Canal so it's a great place to explore by canoe.
- See** how many water birds you can spot and name in five minutes.
- Go shopping** for world food in the Fairtrade shops.

### Information

Kepple Lane  
Garstang PR3 1PA

-  Parking
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Tourist Information
-  Cycling
-  Path
-  Allow 2 hours for this visit

#### \* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

### Did you know?...

Coots have a **white spot** on the front of their head and moorhens have a **bright red beak tipped with yellow**, and a white stripe on their side.



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