

Intriguingly creative

Hebden Bridge is a small market town nestled in the middle of the Yorkshire Pennines... with a difference.

From the old stone bridge that gives the town its name, look across a stone-tiled roofscape of old coaching inns and Victorian chapels, up to distinctive double-decker houses ascending steep valley sides, and then to the woods and moors beyond - all within easy reach. There are water wheels, 'wavy steps' onto the Hebden Water where you can feed the ducks, cafes galore, interesting little shops, art galleries, opportunities for many walks and bike rides, and hundreds of quirky stone steps - where do they lead?

WANT TO EXPLORE A SPECIAL PLACE; SOME FRESH AIR IN YOUR LUNGS; MAGNIFICENT VIEWS?

There are 3-4 trains an hour from Manchester, Leeds and Lancashire. And Hebden is a town bursting with creativity so check out all the events you can come to this year - including the Tour de France!

Weblinks to much of what's listed in this brochure (and a PDF copy to download) are at www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/visitors



Hebden's waterways

Vibrant festivals

Handmade Parade

The Town Hall



Don't miss...

THE VISITOR CENTRE Locally produced arts, crafts & gifts & much more. Fun interactive display about the Rochdale Canal. Explore the town with the self guided route pack.

THE BRIDGE The old packhorse bridge recently celebrated its 500th Birthday. Can you spot the old inscriptions on the bridge recording various repairs? This leads to...

THE BUTTRESS Steep cobbled old packhorse trail to Lancashire goes via Heptonstall. Climb up part of the way for fabulous views.

DOUBLE DECKER HOUSING These unusual tall houses cling to the hillsides; the other side of the top half opens onto a different street.

RAILWAY STATION A gem! A delightful café & evening pop up cider bar. Don't miss the historic exhibition in the waiting room. Can you spot the white & red roses?

FUSTIAN KNIFE This sculpture in St George's Square commemorates the fustian industry which the town was internationally famous for.

WORKING WATER WHEEL in Innovation Café Hebden Bridge Mill, St Georges Square.

ROCHDALE CANAL Watch boats go through the lock on the aqueduct crossing the River Calder (look over the side for the curious carved head) or call in at the...

ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE for all manner of energy saving devices, before enjoying a drink at the Stubbing Wharf immortalised in poem of that name by local boy Ted Hughes.

BOAT TRIP on the Canal from Stubbing Wharf. 30 min turn up & go cruises from 12pm weekends & school hols. Also afternoon tea, Sunday lunch, Curry trips (07966 808717).

MILLENNIUM CLOCK (Opposite Town Hall) Astrological style clock paid for by public subscription.

CALDER HOLMES PARK Popular Skateboard Park, superb children's playground, outdoor exercise machines

MARINA The former canal basin built in 1893 now a great spot to watch boats & the noisy geese & ducks (Duck food on sale at Visitor Centre 50p).

PICTURE HOUSE Entertaining the town since 1921 & retaining many of its original features, the cinema hosts a mix of Art house and mainstream films. Look out for the popular 'Elevenses' on Thursday mornings.

MARKETS Flea market Weds; General market Thurs (opposite the Town Hall); Farmers Market 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month (off St George's Square); Craft Market 2nd Sunday of each month; Holme St Craft & Collectors indoor market every Weds & Sunday.

THE TRADES CLUB Shortlisted by NME as one of Britain's Best Small Venues www.thetradescub.com

AND FROM HEBDEN IT'S SO EASY TO EXPLORE A LITTLE FURTHER:

HARDCASTLE CRAGS National Trust estate in a beautiful wooded valley with deep ravines, tumbling streams & waterfalls, an easy 30 minute walk up the Hebden Water. At the heart is Gibson Mill a former cotton mill now restored as visitor centre & cafe.

HEPTONSTALL Delightful historic village full of interest. Museum open weekends April - Oct. Poet Sylvia Plath is buried in new graveyard. Delicious tea room. Self guided trail £1.95.

UP TO THE MOORS Save yourself the effort and catch a bus up to the 'Tops' where you're free to roam the moors as you please. Or walk to Stoodley Pike, the folly which dominates the southern horizon. Maps and guides for walkers available at the TIC.

MYTHOLMROYD Explore the home town of Poet Laureate Ted Hughes, just down the valley. Or walk through the woods up to his old house at Lumb Bank above Hebden.



Gibson Mill

Hebden Bridge Picture House



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Getting here

TRAIN: Excellent train connections from Manchester, Leeds, Bradford, Burnley. Save petrol and arrive in Hebden at our grade 2 listed historical station complete with its independent café; in the evenings turns into the Parcel Office Cider bar! Hire a bike at the station or at Alternative Technology Centre.

CAR: Parking is well sign-posted as you enter the town (and located on the map inside). Look for the Long Stay signs.

BUS: 10 minute service along the Upper Calder Valley/Halifax. Hourly buses from Huddersfield and Keighley; try the 500 service over the moors to Bronte's Haworth, and Worth Valley steam railway only 30 minutes away. Our network of little buses from the station gets you up to the moors.

FOOT OR CYCLE: Walkers ARE welcome and the Pennine Way passes above the town. The Calder Valley Cycle Way comes though Hebden.

COACH: Parking available in the town

BOAT: Canal moorings available in the centre of Hebden.

Staying here

Now you're here STAY OVER... don't just be a day tripper. You'll miss out on the entertainment, the bars and restaurants and the quiet of a country morning. Then you can fit in that walk or pub lunch that you didn't get round to yesterday or explore a little further. Relax into a stop-over in Hebden.

A wide range of accommodation – hotels, B and Bs, inns, hostels, self catering or camping – can be found at www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/accommodation or get help from the Tourist Information Centre 01422 843831 email hebdenbridge@ybtic.co.uk

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Annual Festivals

THE "GRAND DEPART" **APRIL 5TH**
A one-off for 2014. Watch and follow a Grand Piano being played as it is cycled up the 7 mile, 1000 foot Crag Vale ascent. Marks the opening of the 100 days Cultural Festival running up to the Tour de France's Yorkshire start.

PIANO FESTIVAL **APRIL 11TH - 13TH**
World Class pianists play in the Town Hall.
www.hebdenbridgepianofestival.com

BURLESQUE FESTIVAL **MAY 1ST - 4TH**
Rediscovering the fun and empowerment potential of Burlesque.
www.hebdenbridgeburlesquefestival.co.uk

HEBDEN CIDER AND BEER FESTIVAL **MAY 3RD AND 4TH**
Hebden Bridge Town Hall. 12 till 6 daily.
www.hebdenbridgetownhall.org.uk

BLUES FESTIVAL **MAY 23RD - 25TH**
Winner of the Best Blues Festival Award 2012 and 2013.
www.yorkshirebluesfestival.co.uk

HANDMADE PARADE **JUNE 8TH**
Our annual explosion of colour, sounds and creativity
www.handmadeparade.co.uk/hebden-bridge-parade/

ARTS FESTIVAL **JUNE 27TH - JULY 5TH**
2 weeks of internationally acclaimed music and arts
www.hebdenbridgeartsfestival.co.uk

OPEN STUDIOS **JUNE 28TH - 29TH AND JULY 4TH - 6TH**
80 local artists open their studios to browse and buy.
www.hebdenbridgeopenstudios.org

STREET CHOIRS FESTIVAL **JULY 11TH - 13TH**
35 choirs with 800 people singing on the streets.
www.caldervalleypoices.org.uk

TED HUGHES FESTIVAL **OCTOBER 24TH - 26TH (TBC)**
Celebrating the life of our local Poet Laureate.
www.theelmettrust.co.uk

Just a few of our packed calendar of events; there's many more such as The Duck Race (Easter Monday 21st April), Vintage Car Rally (2nd & 3rd August). Details can be found at www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/visitors



Rooftop views



Mountain biking



Plenty of Playgrounds



Arts Festival



Train Station



Woodland sculptures



Handmade Parade



Innovation Mill

Explore so much more about Hebden Bridge at www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/visitors



Walking



Jumble Hole Clough

Le Bridge

6 July 2014

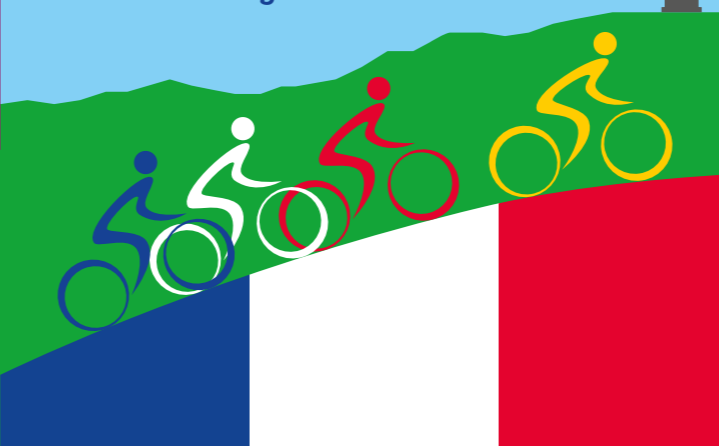
Hebden Bridge will be the ideal location for viewing the Tour de France.

race in Hebden Bridge before and after it passes through town between approximately 12 noon and 2:00pm. Excellent range of cafés, pubs and other facilities. Mytholmroyd is holding its Gala on 5th and 6th July too. [facebook.com/MytholmroydGala](https://www.facebook.com/MytholmroydGala)

There will be a market in Hebden Bridge too on the 5th.

Why not come and stay for the week before – savour all the excitement as we build up to race day, enjoy the Arts Festival, visit the open studios and explore round about.

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www.lebridge.co.uk



Eat well, drink well

Hebden Bridge, for a town of its size supports more cafes, pubs, and restaurants than many other much larger places – another ingredient for a great day out. TEN pubs within the Town Centre... ancient inns, welcoming hostelries with log fires, a pub with canal side seating, lively music venues, wine bars... not to mention the three social clubs in the town. FIFTEEN CAFES within the Town Centre... NO Starbucks, NO Costa... just friendly local proprietors serving good coffee, tea, cakes, breakfasts, snack lunches and more. There are cafes in ancient mills, by the canal, in the park, along the river, everywhere. PLENTIFUL RESTUARANTS all reasonably priced but serving quality, often local ingredients: Italian (three), Thai, Greek, Turkish, Vegetarian (two), Indian, Fish and Chips, English...

Shop 'independently'

In place of the usual chain stores that dominate most towns the vast majority of shops in Hebden are independent local outlets often selling local produce and art works.

In Hebden Bridge you will find bookshops, record shops, comic shops, jewellery shops, antique shops, outdoor clothes shops, kitchen shops, lots of dress shops, many high quality charity shops, unusual gift shops not to mention decent butchers, bakers, greengrocers and wholefood stores. And art galleries.

BUY local bread, local meat, local cheese, local veg, local crafts, local art.

WELCOME TO HEBDEN BRIDGE

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