

Cromwell Bottom Local Nature Reserve

Welcome to Cromwell Bottom Local Nature Reserve. Feel free to explore the paths around the reserve and enjoy observing some of the wildlife that call Cromwell Bottom their home. There is almost 2 miles of wheelchair accessible paths (including the canal towpath) and additional informal paths which cover a distance of over a mile. The Reserve has had a turbulent past being a quarry, a tip for pulverised fly ash from the old Elland power station, a land fill site and now a nature reserve. Despite this human involvement, the nature reserve is now home to a wide variety of plants and animals and is a wonderful place to escape from the stress of modern day life. An audio trail can be downloaded to guide you on your walk: http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/yorkshire_and_the_humber/ourwork/accessiblenaturalsites/cromwellbottom.aspx



Great Crested Grebes



Kingfisher

1 Calder and Hebble Navigation
Completed in 1770, the canal allowed the industries of the lower Calder Valley to move materials to the east coast and beyond.

2 Bird feeding area
This area attracts a wide variety of species including Bullfinch, Goldfinch and even Redpoll.

Key

- Start and Parking P
- Wheelchair Routes —
- None Wheelchair Route - - -
- Nature Reserve Boundary —
- Points of interest 1



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3 Open meadows
The meadows provide a fantastic habitat for insects; particularly butterflies and moths. The grass needs mowing annually in the late summer to prevent it becoming woodland.

6 River Calder
The weir raises the river and oxygenates the water. The hut is a gauge station monitoring the height and flow of the water. The Environment Agency has introduced Salmon back into the river in recent years.

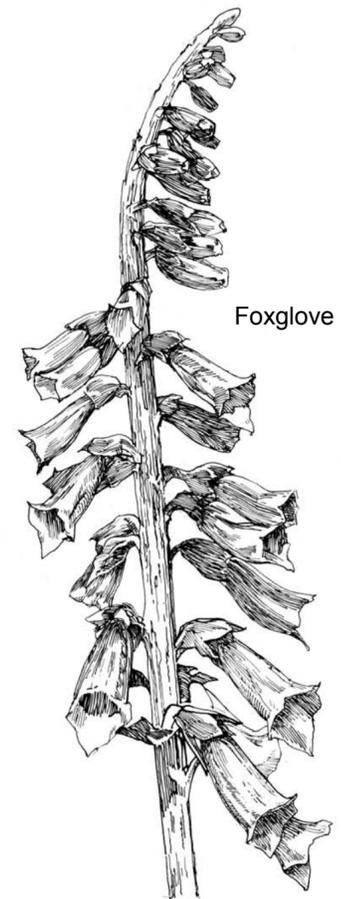
5 Iron Oxide
The rusty orange colour of the water is caused by the high iron content of the water issuing from an old mine shaft.

4 Tag Cut
Built to bypass an un-navigable section of the river, though hardly used due to the construction of the canal. Watch out for dragonflies and damselflies during the summer months—the cut provides the perfect habitat for them.

Cromwell Bottom Wildlife Group

The Wildlife group is a community organisation which is actively involved in raising money to promote conservation and access at Cromwell Bottom. They also hold regular work party days which give members the chance to take an active role in managing the reserve. If you'd like to become a member or would like further information, e-mail: CromwellBottom@gmail.com

The group manage the site by working in partnership with Calderdale Countryside and Woodlands Service. For more information please ring Robin Dalton on 07712867619 or e-mail: robin.dalton@calderdale.gov.uk



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