



## Leeds Waterfront

### Walk it

#### Walkable Leeds

Leeds is very compact and walkable, easily accessible by bus, train or car. Leeds Bradford Airport is just half an hour from the city centre by bus. The historic Leeds waterfront is a green haven in the city centre and is just a short walk from the shops, museums and galleries.

This map is designed to help you find your way to the Leeds Waterfront and explore the area on foot. Rediscover Leeds Waterfront and uncover its hidden gems, just a 5 minute walk from Leeds Station.

#### Waterfront Walk

The walk follows the River Aire and Leeds and Liverpool canal, as indicated on the map here and the more detailed maps overleaf.

#### Leeds Visitor Centre

VisitLeeds is a friendly visitor information centre and art gallery shop located at the Leeds Art Gallery on The Headrow, open 7 days a week.

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www.visitleeds.co.uk

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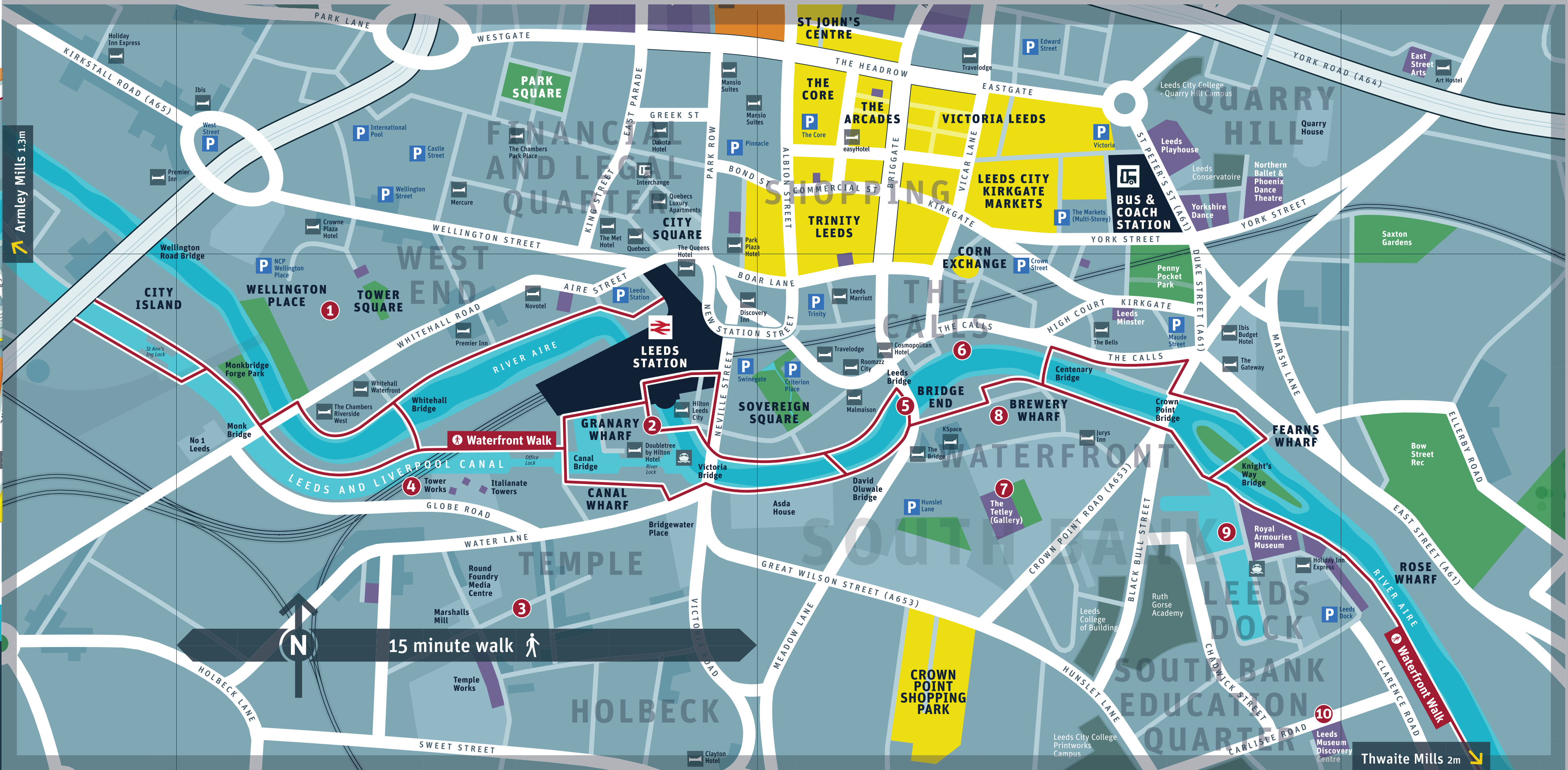
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#### Leeds Travel Information

With up-to-the-minute information about car parking spaces, public transport and walking routes, travelling into and around Leeds has never been easier.

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#### Armley Mills (Off Map)



Walking up the canal, you will arrive at Armley Mills, the home to Leeds Industrial Museum, 1.3 miles from Wellington place. Leeds Industrial Museum contains exhibits from the 18th century to the present day and tells the history of manufacturing in Leeds, including textiles, clothing, printing and engineering. The Galleries and collections tell the story of the industries that have shaped the city, from the recreated Victoria Cottages through to the waterwheel.

Mondays: Closed  
(Open Bank Holiday Mondays: 10:00 - 17:00)  
Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 - 17:00  
Last admission 16:00  
Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 - 17:00

Canal Road, Armley, Leeds,  
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#### 1 Wellington Place



Explore Wellington Place, a vibrant mixed-use hub of commerce, leisure and culture. Enjoy a drink from one of the coffee shops whilst walking the wide pedestrianised boulevards and avenues to the central Tower Square, which celebrates the listed Railway Lifting Tower, dating back to the 1850's.

#### 2 Granary Wharf



Granary Wharf boasts delightful public spaces, restaurants and bars, including the DoubleTree by Hilton's 'Sky lounge' which offers breathtaking views across the city from 13 floors up.

#### 3 Holbeck



Holbeck is a thriving creative and digital media community full of stunning architecture, with a legacy of more than 30 listed buildings from its industrial heyday, such as Temple Works and Tower Works. The area is also renowned for its rich mix of independent cafés, restaurants and pubs.

#### 4 Tower Works



#### 5 Leeds Bridge



Leeds Bridge lays claim to be the birthplace of cinema. In 1888 the Frenchman, Louis Le Prince filmed horse-drawn traffic on the bridge, capturing the world's first moving pictures.

#### 6 The Calls



Visit The Calls, a fascinating area full of historic character, thriving with great restaurants and bars housed in restored warehouses and buildings from its rich industrial past.

#### 7 The Tetley



The Tetley is a centre for contemporary art and learning, located in the former Tetley Brewery. You can also enjoy Yorkshire food and drink.

#### 8 Brewery Wharf



Over the footbridge is another gem: Brewery Wharf. At the heart of Leeds Waterfront, this vibrant destination offers a buzzing waterside community of apartments, offices, restaurants and bars.

#### 9 Leeds Dock



Leeds Dock is home to the world-famous Royal Armouries Museum, the national collection of arms and armour. Leeds Dock also offers a selection of restaurants with waterside views.

#### 10 Leeds Museum Discovery Centre



A unique state-of-the-art museum storage facility which preserves and protects Leeds Museums and Galleries collections. Tours are held every Thursday at 11.00 and 14.00 and are available by appointment.

#### Thwaite Mills (off map)



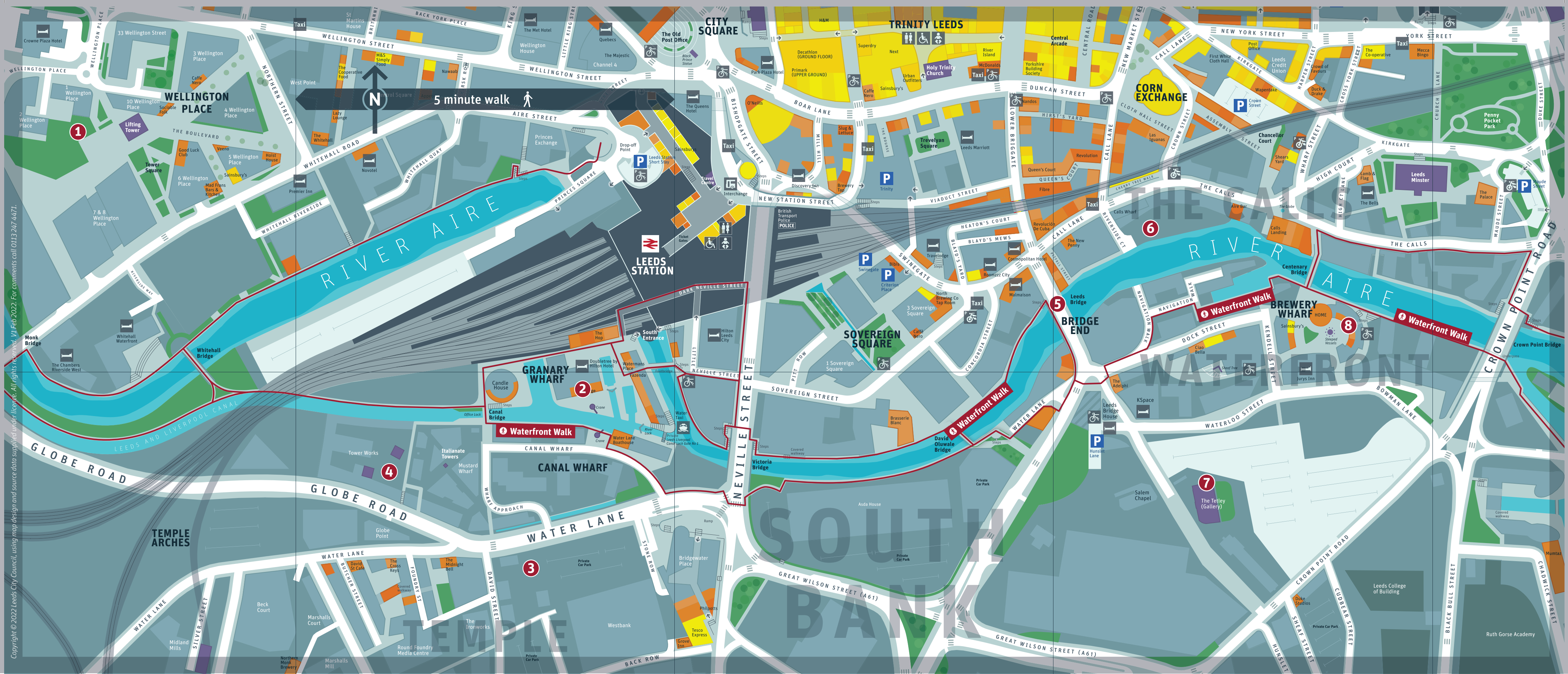
If you continue down the river you will arrive at Thwaite Mills Museum, roughly 2 miles from the Royal Armouries Museum. Thwaite Mills is one of the last remaining examples in Britain of a water-powered mill. Learn how its workers lived self-sufficiently on the island or visit the engineer's workshop to see the equipment that repaired the wheels and machinery on site. Knowledgeable guides will give visitors a fantastic tour of the mill and the island on which it sits. Mondays: closed except for bank holidays.

Tuesday - Friday: Open 10:00 - 17:00  
during Leeds LEA school holidays.  
Last admission 15:30  
Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 - 16:00  
Last admission 15:00

Thwaite Lane  
Stourton  
Leeds  
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| Key                           |    |
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| Places of Interest            |    |
| Shopping                      |    |
| Eating and Drinking           |    |
| Wellington Place              | 1  |
| Granary Wharf                 | 2  |
| Holbeck                       | 3  |
| Tower Works                   | 4  |
| Leeds Bridge                  | 5  |
| The Calls                     | 6  |
| The Tetley                    | 7  |
| Brewery Wharf                 | 8  |
| Leeds Dock                    | 9  |
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 **Waterfront Walk**

The charity Canal & River Trust care for the canal & river in Leeds. There are 4 miles of accessible waterside pathway in the city centre, suitable for walking or running. See the Waterfront Walk on both sides of this map.

If you have any feedback on this map, please contact:  
city.centre.management@leeds.gov.uk


**Transport & Information**

Water Taxi Stops:  
Leeds Dock (by Armouries)  
Granary Wharf (South Entrance of Station)

Running Times:  
Monday - Sunday 10am - 4pm  
The water taxis run every 15 minutes from both stops. £1 per person, per journey – children 5 and under travel free



### History of Leeds' Waterfront




The earliest settlement at Leeds developed near to a crossing point on the River Aire, and without the river it is likely that there would have been no settlement, and no city of Leeds. The river and its associated waterways have been crucial to the growth of the city as a centre of industry and commerce.

The waterfront, where the city and the waterways meet, was for many years one of the most important areas of Leeds.

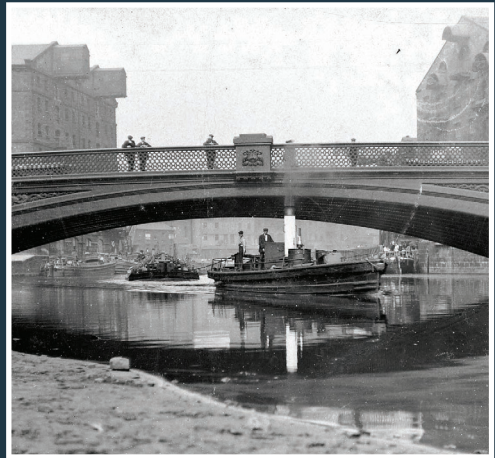
The river was also important in providing water for the textile industry.

During the medieval period the most laborious part of woollen cloth making, the fulling process became mechanised with the invention of the water powered fulling mill. The soft water of the River Aire was ideal for this and a fulling mill was built in 1322, on the east side of Leeds Bridge. A second mill was built in 1356 on the west side of the bridge, and by 1600, there were fulling mills all along the northern bank of the river. They were powered by water wheels, like the one at Thwaite Mills.

### Leeds Bridge


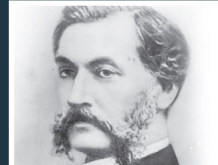


1849 the Old Leeds bridge



Leeds Bridge, c.1898

Leeds Bridge, crossing the river at the bottom of Briggate, was built at some time during the 14th century. It is said that it was built with stones from the old Leeds castle. The cloth market was held on the bridge every Tuesday and Saturday morning until 1684, when it was moved to Briggate. The bridge was widened in 1730, 1760, and again in 1796, and was demolished in 1871 when the present bridge was built.



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