

Market Weighton Canal & River Foulness

The canal extends northwards from its junction with the Humber at Weighton Lock, near Broomfleet, and terminates at Riverhead, south of the town of Market Weighton. It passes through the town of Newport and is joined by the River Foulness entering from the North West from its source near Holme-on-Spalding-Moor.

The Canal was built to provide drainage for surrounding low lying areas, but additionally provided links between local brickyards with Hull and further afield, and also helped local farmers to access a wider market by boat, but was never very busy, and trading eventually ceased in 1971, when the right of navigation through Weighton Lock was withdrawn, as was passage under Newport Bridge further upstream shortly after.

Weighton Lock is an important and historic structure, maintaining suitable water levels to provide effective drainage for the region. Very occasionally, powered craft have passed through the lock since 1971, with permission from the Environment Agency but the costs are prohibitive.

Unpowered craft such as canoes are still allowed to use the canal, however, and it is also popular for fishing, and walking along footpaths which extend from Weighton Lock to Newport Bridge, although upstream from Newport walking access presents occasionally more of a challenge.

Notes

Canal length 9.5 Miles from Weighton Lock to Riverhead Basin, 2 miles South of Market Weighton

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