

The Portland Path Trail

The Portland Path project was formed in 2005 by a local community group interested in identifying the Tramways and the collieries it served.



Key

- Tramway
- • • • • Path to follow
- ① Location of "Waymarker"

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Dove Green

Point where the tramway went under the Nottingham to Newhaven Turnpike Road.

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Sleepy Hole

Here the tramway line can still be clearly seen between the two hedgerows; following the route of the footpath.

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Willow Root

The house by the tramway belonged to the driver of the 'Coffee Pot' engine.

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Barrows Hill Lane

This is where the tramway from Wagstaff Lane crossed on its way to the Ashes Farm junction.

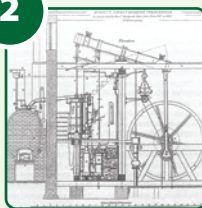
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Ashes Farm

Is the site of a junction between Portland Collieries Tramways and the 1854 Mexborough Collieries Railway.

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The Brake House

On Wagstaff Lane, originally called Incline Road, helped to slow the coal wagons going down the incline to Jacksdale Wharf and Basin.

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Jacksdale Wharf and Basin

Where the coal from the collieries was loaded onto barges for shipment on the Cromford Canal.

Selston

Jacksdale

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Portland Colliery Tramway Incline

Site of the engine house used for hauling coal wagons from the early 1820s onwards.

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Stoney Lane

Here the tramway crossed under a road bridge. The route of the tramway can still be seen between the hedgerows.

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Portland Row Tramway Junction

At this point the Erewash and Cuttail Valleys tramways joined.

Portland Pits 1 - 3

Tramway to Portland Pits 4 - 7



The Portland Collieries (Pits)

Were the source of coal that was hauled along the Portland Tramway to feed both the canal network and the Butterley Ironworks. The first colliery began producing coal in 1823; eventually seven separate shafts were sunk to supply the demand until their closure in 1916. In their early years they produced about 50,000 tons of coal annually and this rose to around 120,000 tons by the 1860s.