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Super Slow Way

Finsley Gate Wharf opened in 1801 and became the main maintenance yard along the canal and a vital hub of industry and employment.

Common Polypody

A medium-sized fern that grows in damp, shady areas, on walls and mossy branches.

Mallard

The male has a dark green head, a yellow bill, is mainly purple-brown on the breast and grey on the body. The female is mainly brown with an orange bill. UK conservation status: Amber.

Completed in 1801, the **Straight Mile and Burnley Embankment** was built across the Calder Valley to avoid the need for a series of locks and is considered 'one of the seven wonders of the waterways'.

Arrowhead

Named after the shape of its leaves it grows on canals and nearly still waters.

7-spot Ladybird

One of our most common ladybirds, the black-on-red markings are very familiar. The bright colours warn predators that they taste horrible.

Thompson Park was built after James W Thompson bestowed money to the Burnley Corporation in 1920 to build a park for the town's residents.

Dandelion

There are more than 240 different species of dandelion in UK. Its leaves, flowers and roots are edible. In folk stories blowing on a dandelion seed-head will determine what time it is, how long you will live, or when you will marry (this year, next year, sometime, never).

Go to superslowway.org.uk for more information and a short film about this walk.

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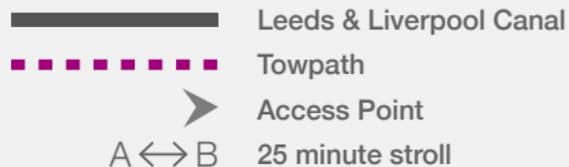
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