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This watercolour sketch from the early 1800s shows a carrier with his team of pack horses.

For a detailed map of the carriers' routes go to: www.dukesfield.org.uk/history/interactive-map.

There is also an interpretation panel at the end of the routes by the Keelman's Way at Blaydon.

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Weblinks and downloads

There are a growing number of online resources available to help you discover more about the area's lead mining heritage. Look for the  symbol alongside the featured sites overleaf.

Slitt Mine, Westgate & West Rigg Opencut

Self guided trail leaflet:
www.explorenorthpennines.org.uk/sites/default/files/activity/downloads/enp022.pdf

A video trail:
www.northpennines.org.uk/Pages/SlittWoodvideoguide.aspx

Allenheads

3-mile walk exploring geology and mines around Allenheads
www.explorenorthpennines.org.uk/sites/default/files/activity/downloads/enp020.pdf

Dukesfield Smelt Mill

www.dukesfield.org.uk/downloads/walks-cycle

Shildon Engine House

A circular walk starts from picturesque Blanchland. Watch a video guide to the walk:
www.northpennines.org.uk/Pages/BlanchlandGeotrailvideo.aspx

Gaunless Smelt Mil

A circular walk exploring the area can be found at www.thisisdurham.com/outdoors/walking-in-durham/woodland-gaunless-valley-heritage-walk-p671331#overview.

For more information:

The Dukesfield website is packed full of information about the Dukesfield project and the lead carrier routes. It also contains a huge amount of material for those who want to delve deeper into the history of lead mining. This includes biographies of key figures and a vast number of letters and reports from the seventeenth, eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries in a fully searchable database.

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Please ask us if you would like this leaflet summarised in another format.

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