

Canal & River Trust  
Where history comes alive

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‘Amazing’  
‘Hidden’  
‘Fascinating’  
‘Fun’**



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Keeping people, nature & history connected

[canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk)

# Visit one of the Canal & River Trust's inspiring museums and open a window onto one of the greatest achievements of Britain!

In an increasingly fast-paced and crowded world, the Canal & River Trust's historic canals, rivers, museums and attractions provide a local haven for people and nature.

The canals and rivers that we look after offer you an authentic, unfenced, 'no turnstiles' opportunity to interact with history, wildlife and nature first-hand.

And as well as the 2,000 miles of canals and rivers that are often over 200 years-old, we are responsible for an enormous network of bridges, embankments, towpaths, aqueducts, docks and reservoirs alongside everything else that makes up our wonderful waterways.

Our museums and attractions are the perfect way to get a glimpse into this world:

- Anderton Boat Lift in Northwich
- Gloucester Waterways Museum
- National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port
- Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre in Marsden
- The Canal Museum at Stoke Bruerne

To plan your visit please see our website for admission charges, opening times, and for details about special events.

For general site accessibility please contact individual sites with details of your particular requirements before your visit.

The map shows the following locations and their associated attractions:

- National Waterways Museum** (Liverpool)
- Manchester** (Manchester)
- Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre** (Marsden)
- Anderton Boat Lift** (Northwich)
- Birmingham** (Birmingham)
- The Canal Museum** (Stoke Bruerne)
- Milton Keynes** (Milton Keynes)
- Gloucester Waterways Museum** (Gloucester)
- Bristol** (Bristol)
- London** (London)

Four inset images provide visual context for these locations:

- Top right:** A canal scene with a stone bridge and buildings.
- Middle right:** A busy canal scene with many people and boats.
- Bottom right:** A large, multi-story brick building, likely a museum.
- Bottom left:** A canal scene with a large industrial structure, possibly a boat lift or tunnel entrance.

## Key

 Canal & River Trust waterways

**Loyalty card:** Collect a stamp each time you visit one of our museums and attractions – and when you've got the lot swap this leaflet for a special gift!



# Anderton Boat Lift

[canalrivertrust.org.uk/anderton-boat-lift](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/anderton-boat-lift)



#### Address:

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Cheshire  
CW9 6FW  
**T:** 01606 786777  
**E:** [andertonboatlift@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:andertonboatlift@canalrivertrust.org.uk)

#### Coffee shop

#### Gift shop

#### Car park (P&D)

**Special events:** From  
circusology and falconry  
display to art exhibitions.

**The Anderton Boat Lift in Northwich in the heart of Cheshire is one of the seven wonders of the waterways.**

The massive iron framework, a masterpiece of high Victorian engineering, lifts canal boats 50ft between the River Weaver and the Trent & Mersey Canal – and the trip boat gives visitors the chance to see this from the inside!

Board our special trip boat – after taking a look around the visitor centre to learn the story of the lift – and our live commentary will take you into the heart of the lift and illuminate the engineering. Stay on board the boat for a unique look at the industrial heritage of Northwich, a town which has made its living on salt for 2,000 years.

**And don't forget...** to follow the Anderton Boat Lift Inspector's Trail which leads you around the boat lift and neighbouring Northwich Community Woodlands.

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 /Anderton.lift

#### Did you see?



- Edwin Clarke trip boat
- The weight maze
- Panoramic viewing platform
- Visitor centre
- Play area

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'a masterpiece  
of high Victorian  
engineering'



# Gloucester Waterways Museum

[canalrivertrust.org.uk/gloucester-waterways-museum](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/gloucester-waterways-museum)



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The Docks  
Gloucester  
GL1 2EH

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#### Shop

**Car park (P&D)**

#### Special events:

Including canal cruises  
April to October and family  
events all year round.

**Gloucester Waterways Museum is a fantastic place for a family day out, set in a magnificent Victorian dock complex on the edge of one of the country's classic city centres.**

With its stunning location, beautiful boats and rich and varied displays Gloucester Waterways Museum is perfectly placed to tell the story of Britain's waterways and provide insights into the history of Gloucester's impressive docks.

**And don't forget...** a 45 minute canal trip on Queen Boadicea II, a hero of the Dunkirk evacuation in WWII.

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 /GloucesterWaterwaysMuseum

Stretching up into an imposing warehouse and surrounded by canal craft, the museum tells the story of the canals and their links to the huge Severn Estuary, with galleries packed with intricate models, hands-on displays and real working engines. And look at the ingenious workings of the locks and boats on our waterways.

#### Did you see?



- The Queen Boadicea II
- 'Legging' through a tunnel
- Roses & Castles display
- Fully restored working steam dredger
- Hands-on working miniature lock exhibit

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WATERWAYS  
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Gloucester  
Waterways Museum



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# National Waterways Museum

[canalrivertrust.org.uk/national-waterways-museum](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/national-waterways-museum)



#### Address:

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Ellesmere Port  
Cheshire  
CH65 4FW

**T:** 0151 355 5017

**E:** [nationalwaterwaysmuseum@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:nationalwaterwaysmuseum@canalrivertrust.org.uk)

#### Boat trips

**Waterside cafe & shop**

**Ample free parking**

#### Special events:

Don't miss the Easter  
Boat Gathering.

**The National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port showcases the history of the canals and the lives and times of the people who worked on them.**

Set on the banks of the mighty Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey, the museum is set in a glorious collection of canal warehouse, stables and workshops, with spectacular double locks taking boats through the heart of the museum on the Shropshire Union Canal.

A collection of canal boats can be seen at the museum, with several open for visitors and you can even see historic vessels being restored in the boatyard. And the atmospheric Porters Row cottages show how life would have been for the families who worked around the docks.

**And don't forget...** to visit the stables and learn how horses were originally used to tow narrowboats along the canal before the invention of the steam engine.

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 /NationalWaterwaysMuseum

#### Did you see?



- The blacksmith's forge
- Porters Row Cottages
- The pump house
- A cormorant, wagtail or swan
- The Heritage Boatyard

**NATIONAL WATERWAYS MUSEUM**



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National Waterways Museum

**'a glorious collection...'**

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# Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre

[canalrivertrust.org.uk/standedge-tunnel](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/standedge-tunnel)



### Address:

Waters Road  
Marsden  
Huddersfield  
HD7 6NQ

**T:** 01484 844298

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### Boat trips

**Watersedge coffee/gift shops**

**Free car park at HD7 6DH**

### Special events:

Family fun days, craft and arts fairs, Halloween and more.

**Standedge Tunnel is the longest, highest and deepest canal tunnel in the country, a barely believable shaft of light hacked through the living rock of Marsden Moor by the Industrial Revolution's bravest and brawniest men.**

**Just over three miles long, the tunnel takes the Huddersfield Narrow Canal under the moors, nearly 200 meters under the surface at one point and nearly 200 meters above sea level.**

**And don't forget...** to take a short boat trip into the tunnel and visit the craft artists working in the loft space of the visitor centre.

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 /Standedge

### Did you see?



- Standedge Boat
- Watersedge coffee shop
- The leggers commemorative stone
- The Blacksmiths Tools
- The tunnel end reservoir

The Visitor Centre tells the remarkable story of the tunnel, the canal, the men who drove the canal under the hills and the men who forced the boats through it – right through to the no less remarkable story of the restoration of the tunnel and the return of boat traffic.

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**“longest, highest and deepest canal tunnel in the country”**

Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre

# The Canal Museum

[canalrivertrust.org.uk/the-canal-museum](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/the-canal-museum)



#### Address:

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Towcester  
Northamptonshire  
NN12 7SE

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**E:** [stokebruerne@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:stokebruerne@canalrivertrust.org.uk)

#### Car park (P&D)

Cafe

Gift shop

#### Special events:

Don't miss our great  
Village At War event.

**The Canal Museum is a true hidden gem nestled in Northamptonshire in the heart of the country. The village is a magical place where the Grand Union Canal cuts its way through between houses, pubs and the old corn mill where you'll find the museum.**

Follow the story of Britain's canals from the engineers and navvies who created them, to the boat families, leggers and lock keepers who lived and worked on the cut.

You'll find models of working boats, traditional clothing, canal crafts, a re-creation of a carpenter's and blacksmith's workshop, beautiful old signs and more.

The Museum Shop is always full of interesting items, including bespoke souvenirs, painted canal ware and a comprehensive range of canal books.

**And don't forget...** to allow time for a stroll around the chocolate-box village itself and wander up the towpath to the mouth of Blisworth Tunnel.

 @Stoke\_Bruerne

 /Stoke-Bruerne-Canal-Museum

### Did you see?



- Joey the horse
- Blisworth Tunnel
- The blacksmith's workshop
- The working lock in the village centre
- 'Sculptor' working boat

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# 'a magical place'



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# Canal & River Trust museums and attractions have much more to offer – contact us to find out about:

## School visits

Canal & River Trust museums and attractions make wonderful learning opportunities for school visits, both guided and unguided. We offer free planning visits for teachers; if you would like to book a visit or discuss your requirements please contact the individual museum or attraction.



## Canal & River Explorers

Visit us online for resources, activities and challenges. For everyone interested in learning about canals and rivers: [canalriverexplorers.org.uk](http://canalriverexplorers.org.uk)

## Group visits

All our museums and attractions offer special group visit deals.

## Moorings

Visiting boaters are very welcome at all our museums and attractions – moorings are available nearby or in some cases, actually in the museums.

Check for details at [canalrivertrust.org.uk/mooring](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/mooring) – or contact the museum or attraction.

## Conferences

All our museums and attractions have meeting facilities and can accommodate conferences large and small in unique surroundings.

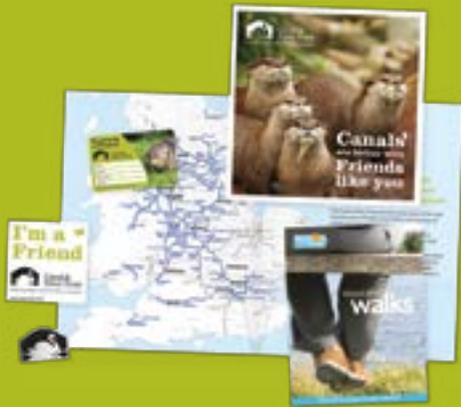
## Weddings

Have your big day at a location none of your guests will ever forget!



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**Visit our website at [canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk) to keep up to date with all the latest museum and attraction events, news and look out for apps, trails, competitions and more coming soon.**



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## **Become a Friend**

The Canal & River Trust is responsible for conserving, restoring, and enhancing, 2,000 miles of canals and rivers in England and Wales as well as maintaining museums, attractions and heritage archives we need your support, today.

By becoming a Friend of the Canal & River Trust today, you will be helping to conserve, protect, enhance and educate people about the waterways.

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All information correct at the time of printing – please visit the museum and attraction websites for the latest information on admission charges, opening times and special events.

## **Connect with your great-great grandparents**

The National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port is also home to the national archives, comprising thousands of priceless documents, records, blueprints, photographs and more from all across the UK's canal and river heritage.

A goldmine for historians and invaluable to people researching their family history on the waterways, the archives are available to visit by appointment.

**Access to the archive is free but must be by prior booking of a minimum 24 hours**

**Contact our archives on 0151 373 4378**

## **Get involved as a volunteer**

All our museums and attractions have opportunities to get involved, whether you're looking to get hands on with history, meet new friends, or boost your CV.

**Visit [canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteering](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteering) to find out more.**

You'll also receive regular updates on what your support is helping to achieve and to welcome you as a new 'Friend' you'll receive a specially produced Cool Canals – 'Weekend Walks' book.

Call our supporter care team on **0303 040 4040** or visit **[canalrivertrust.org.uk/friend](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/friend)** to find out more or become a Friend today.

