



Waterway Heritage

There are all sorts of canal and river boats. What you see depends on where you are. So, although some boats are common wherever you are, you'll only see others in certain areas.



Try this activity if you are working towards any of the following badges: **Out and About;** **Local Knowledge;** **Culture.**

EYE SPY Boats

Here are six silhouettes to help you recognise canal and river craft. Tick them off when you spot them



1 Narrowboats carry holidaymakers around canals.



2 Sea-going coastal cruisers are often converted into river craft.



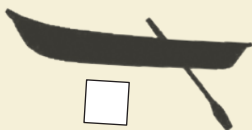
3 Maintenance barges often have straight sides so they can move right into canal and riverbanks.



4 Short Boats are found on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. They are built shorter and wider than narrowboats and fit into the short locks on that canal.



5 Kayaks have closed decks and the paddles have two blades.



6 Skiffs are small boats used for leisure or fishing.



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Five things to spot on towpaths

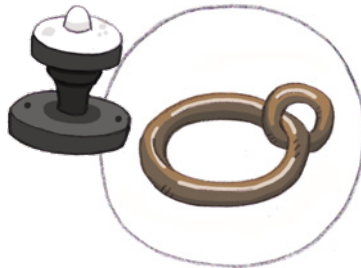
As you walk along the towpath, tick these things off as you spot them.



3 Grooves worn by towing ropes used to pull boats along by horse. Look on tunnel walls or along the top of canal bridges.



1 Raised bricks to prevent horses, which once towed canal boats, from slipping.



4 Bollards and rings so that boats can moor alongside canals and rivers.



2 Old signposts to other places along canals.



5 Canal-side pubs where boaters once met to buy food and swap gossip.

Boating Tips

- 1** Boats keep to the right on canals and rivers (the opposite of cars on roads).
- 2** The maximum speed on canals is 4 miles an hour. You can go a bit faster on rivers.
- 3** In narrowboats, you push the tiller the opposite way you want to go. In cruisers, you turn the wheel the way you want to go.
- 4** When you come to locks, help grown-ups to open them.
- 5** At the end of the day, tie up your boat - otherwise you'll drift off!

What to know more?

Go to

canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers to:

- Visit a canal museum to discover more about canals and boats.
- Check out some fun canal trails with lots of interesting features to spot.

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