

## Caring for City Road Basin

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning England and Wales. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for London's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.

DONATE



Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including City Road Lock, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.

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## Keeping history alive

Ideas for a new canal to link the Grand Junction Canal (now the Grand Union Canal) at Paddington with the Thames at Limehouse were first raised in 1802, with permission granted in 1812.

The canal company faced many challenges raising the funds for the waterway. It ended up costing £772,000 (equivalent to £95.5m today) to build the canal – twice the original estimate.

In 1820 the Regent's Canal was finally completed. City Road Basin proved more convenient to the city than Paddington, and soon became the main distribution centre for goods into London.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)

Enjoy

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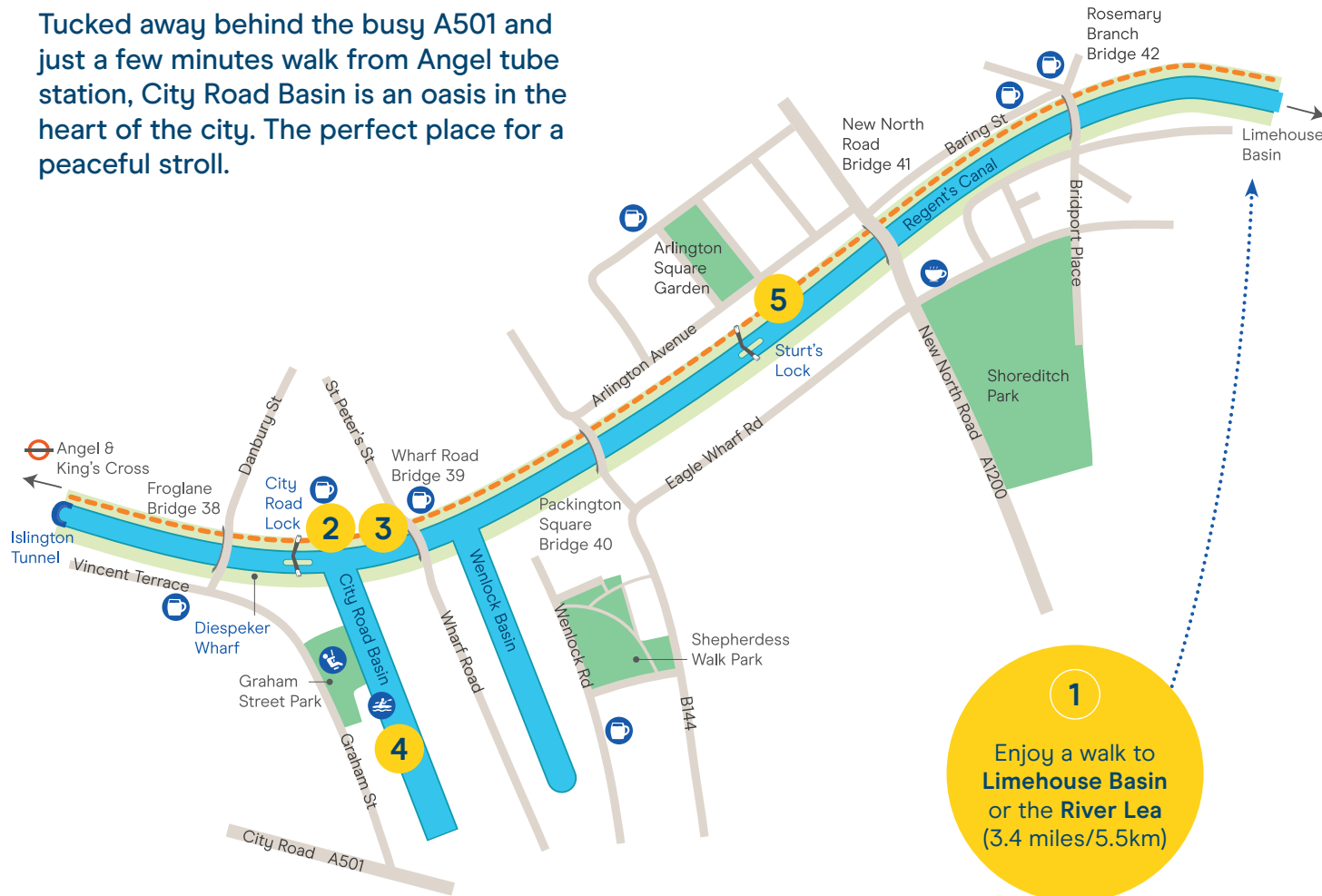
## Welcome to Islington

A place to wander and spend time by water.




We're the charity making life better by water

Tucked away behind the busy A501 and just a few minutes walk from Angel tube station, City Road Basin is an oasis in the heart of the city. The perfect place for a peaceful stroll.










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Enjoy a walk to  
Limehouse Basin  
or the River Lea  
(3.4 miles/5.5km)

Visit us at:  
Graham Street,  
Islington N1 8GJ

 Allow 1-2 hours  
for your visit

### Find your way around

-  towpath
-  play area
-  tunnel
-  canoeing
-  café
-  London Underground station
-  pub

**Stay SAFE**  
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

## 5 things to do at Islington

- 1 **Get** away from the traffic and enjoy a walk to Limehouse Basin or the River Lea (3.4 miles/5.5km).
- 2 **Take** a break at the canalside cafe and watch the boats as they make their way through the lock.
- 3 **Pause** for a chat with our friendly volunteers, they'll tell you more about the canal and how we are helping to care for it.
- 4 **Have** a go at kayaking or paddleboarding, Islington Boat Club runs regular sessions.
- 5 **Simply** take a moment to relax on a bench and feel the benefit of spending time by water.

### Did you know?

City Road Basin was actually a private area with no public access until 2004. When regeneration works were completed in 2009 the public were permitted to enter and use the open space for the first time.

