

Caring for the Coventry Canal

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 Coventry Canal and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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Making life better by water

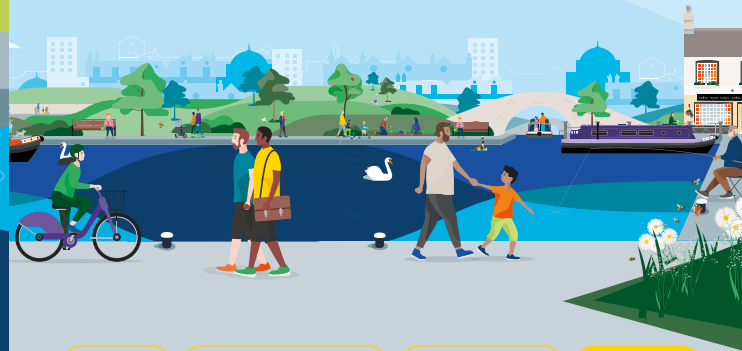
Keeping history alive

In 1768 James Brindley was commissioned to build the Coventry Canal to connect the rapidly expanding city of Coventry with the Trent & Mersey Canal. Its promoters hoped to exploit the potential of the Warwickshire coalfields, shipping fuel both to the north, via the Trent & Mersey Canal, and the south, via the Oxford Canal.

Coventry Canal Basin marks the start of the Coventry Canal and while it opened in 1769 the full length of the canal, from Coventry to Fradley, wasn't completed for another twenty years.

The 38 mile (61km) canal finally opened in 1790.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers



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Welcome to Coventry Canal Basin

History, walks and wildlife in the city.



We're the charity making life better by water

The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Coventry Canal Basin, 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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FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

This once busy industrial site is now transformed into somewhere you can relax and spend time discovering the local history or relaxing by water.

Visit us at:
Coventry Canal Basin, St Nicholas St, Coventry CV1 4LY

 Allow 1-2 hours for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  swing bridge
-  café
-  pub
-  toilets
-  shopping
-  point of interest
-  art installation
-  Canal & River Trust Welcome Hub
-  accessible parking
-  parking
-  railway station

Stay SAFE
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:
canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety



Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling

5 things to do at Coventry Canal Basin

- 1** Visit our welcome hub in the historic Weighbridge Office where, our friendly volunteers will tell you more about the area.
- 2** Admire the heritage of the site – the hump-backed Draper's Fields Bridge, industrial warehouses or the coal vaults.
- 3** Get on your bike for a traffic-free cycle along the towpath starting just over the Draper's Fields Bridge – the flat towpath runs for five and a half miles (9km) to Hawkesbury Junction, another of our places to visit.
- 4** Have a drink or a bite to eat and enjoy being by water.
- 5** Enjoy one of the many events held here including the floating market which takes place in June.

Did you know?

Bridge 1, Draper's Fields, was built narrow and low with no towpath for security reasons – no boats were allowed in the basin at night.

