

Caring for the Kennet & Avon 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 Wiltshire's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.

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Making life better by water

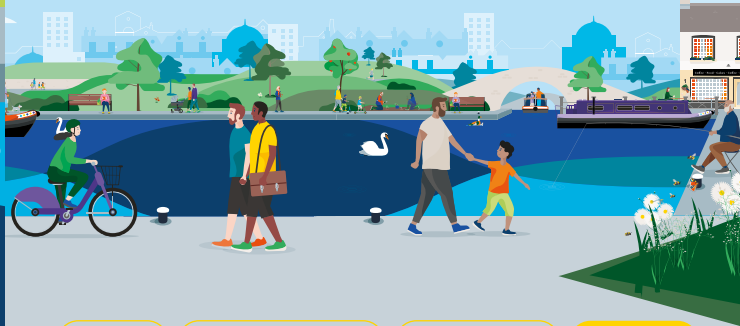
Keeping history alive

When building the Kennet & Avon Canal, engineer John Rennie encountered a major engineering challenge - how to ensure a ready supply of water to the western end of the waterway.

The problem was solved with the construction of a pumping station, with two steam pumps pumping water 40ft (12m) to the summit of the canal. At the time it was a tremendous feat of engineering and engineers went on to use the technology to drain mines and supply towns and cities with water throughout the world.

Crofton Pumping Station is owned by the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust.

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 Crofton

A fine example of our industrial heritage.



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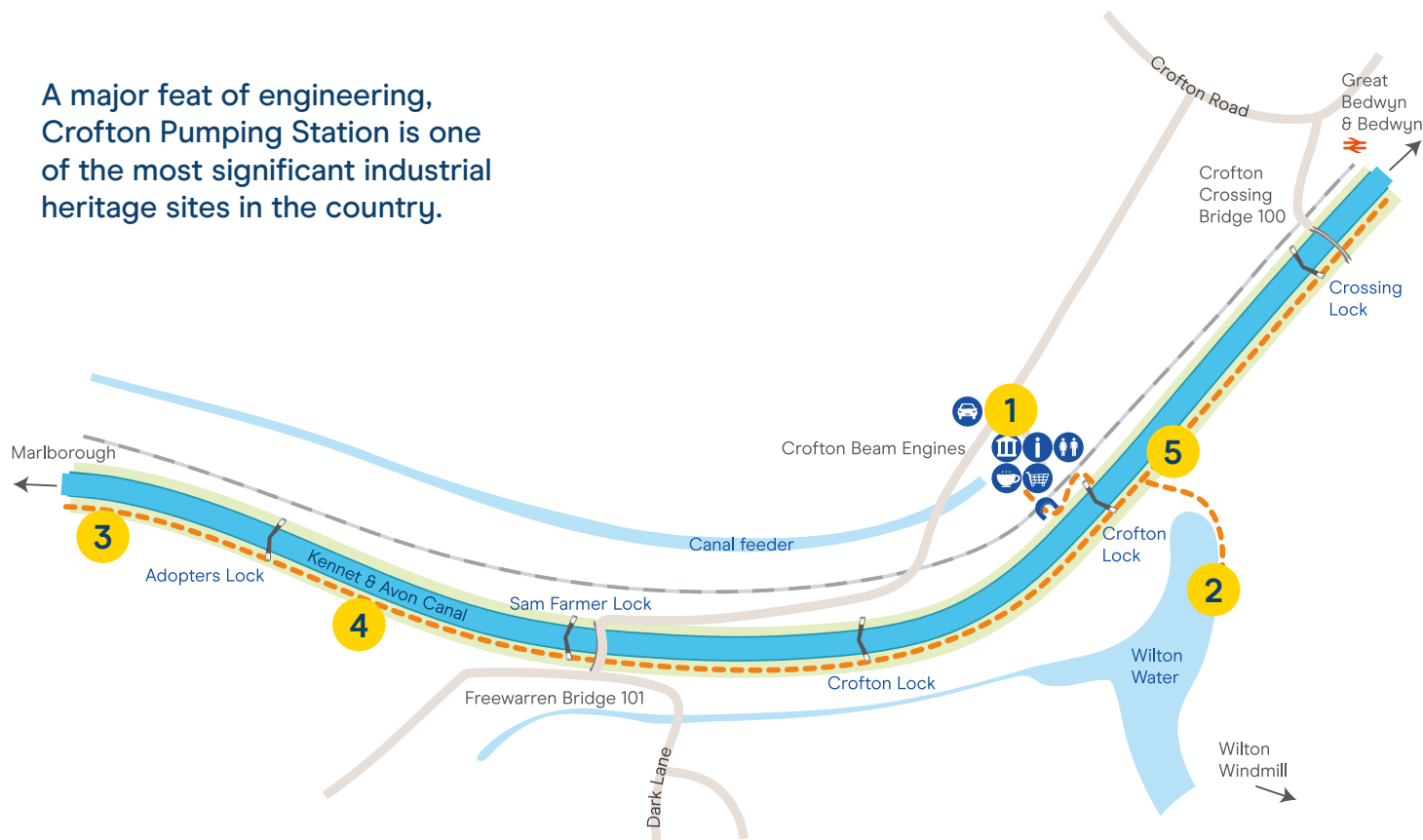
The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Crofton Pumping Station, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.

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A major feat of engineering, Crofton Pumping Station is one of the most significant industrial heritage sites in the country.



Find your way around

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Visit us at:

Kennet & Avon Canal Trust
car park (P&D) Crofton
Beam Engines, Crofton,
SN8 3DW

Allow half a day
for your visit

Stay SAFE
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information
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canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety

Map not to scale:
covers approx.
¾ mile / 1.2km

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

5 things to do at Crofton

- 1** Visit the pumping station and see the engines 'in steam' – see croftonbeamengines.org for details of steam days.
- 2** Visit Wilton Water – Rennie created this reservoir to supply water to the pumping station.
- 3** Enjoy a traffic-free cycle ride along the towpath to Bruce Tunnel – it is named after Earl Ailsbury, the local landowner who insisted on a tunnel for the canal instead of a deep cut (1.3 miles/2km).
- 4** Have a canal-side picnic and enjoy spending time by water.
- 5** Stroll along the towpath watching the many different boats making their way along the canal.

Did you know?

The 1812 Boulton & Watt steam-powered beam engine in Crofton Pumping Station is the oldest working beam engine in the world.

