

## Caring for the Grand Union 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 the Grand Union Canal and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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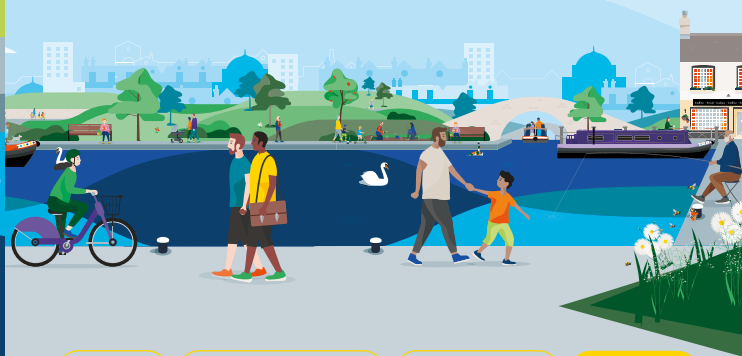
Making life better by water

## Keeping history alive

Often referred to as the 'heart of the waterways', Braunston has always been a focal point of the canal network. For over 150 years, the village thrived on the canal trade and many well-known freight-carrying companies were based here including Pickfords, Fellows Moreton & Clayton, Nurses, Barlows and Willow Wren, all of who transported goods between the Midlands and London.

Today you can still find a number of waterway-related businesses including day-boat trips, chandlers, boat builders and fitters, brokers and marinas.

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)



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## Welcome to Braunston

Heart of the waterways.



The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including the Grand Union Canal, 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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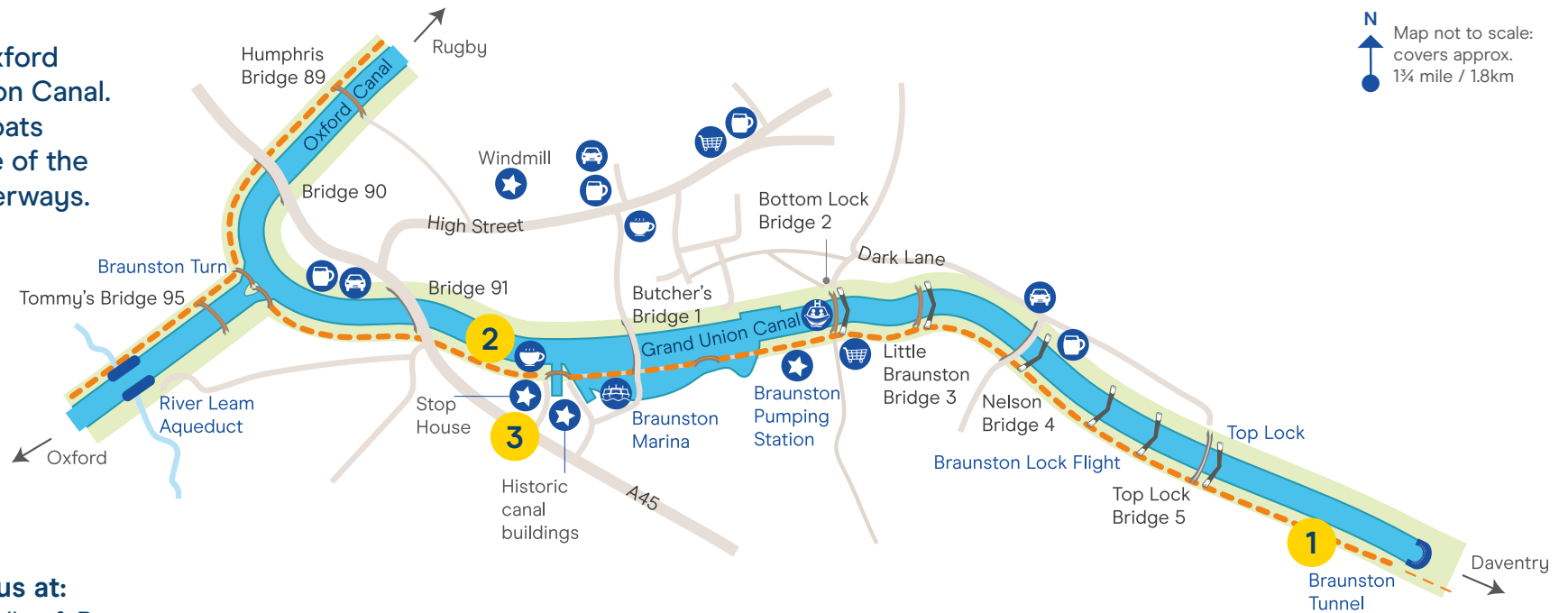
Braunston is where the Oxford Canal joins the Grand Union Canal. It is a meeting point for boats and people, and is still one of the busiest places on the waterways.

### Find your way around

-  towpath
-  aqueduct
-  tunnel
-  café
-  pub
-  shopping
-  point of interest
-  boat hire
-  marina
-  parking

**Visit us at:**  
The Wharf, Braunston,  
Daventry NN11 7JH

 Allow 2–3 hours  
for this visit



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1¼ mile / 1.8km

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

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

## 5 things to do at Braunston

- 1** **Take** a stroll along the towpath past the marina to Braunston Tunnel – there's no towpath through the tunnel so boats needed to be 'legged'.
- 2** **Enjoy** a coffee and watch the colourful canal boats making their way through the locks.
- 3** **Find** the Stop House where tolls were collected – the charges were based on the amount of cargo carried.
- 4** **Admire** the quirky canal bridges including the famous iron turnover bridge – its ingenious design meant horses didn't have to be unhitched when the towpath changed sides.
- 5** **Visit** All Saints Church in Braunston, also known as the Boatman's Church, where many boaters have been christened, married or buried.

### Did you know?

In 1923 a canal boatmen's strike took place at Braunston in response to a 6.5% cut in wages. This was one of the first disputes to involve the recently created Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU).

