

Where does the water come from?

Cambrian Wharf, Birmingham

The main water sources supplying Cambrian Wharf, at the top of Farmers Bridge Locks, are Rotton Park (Edgbaston) Reservoir ...

... Earlswood Lakes on the North Stratford Canal and Upper Bittell Reservoir on the Worcester & Birmingham Canal

Feeders (diverted streams) bring smaller amounts of water into the canal

Chasewater Reservoir, supplying the Wolverhampton Level, is our largest reservoir holding over 4,500 million litres

Many canals were built to serve Birmingham, on different levels and with different water sources.

Sometimes these canals run alongside each other, and sometimes they cross, with the higher one on an aqueduct.

Cambrian Wharf, on the Birmingham New Main Line (c.1824) is on the 'Birmingham Level', 53 miles of canal with no locks, shown dark blue on the map.

The other canals are all lower than the Birmingham Level except for the Wolverhampton Level (light green) and the Titford Canal (dark green)

For other locations go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/water-sources