

Caring for Gloucester Docks

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 Gloucestershire's canals, rivers and many more places, for today and generations to come.

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Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Gloucester Docks, 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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Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

Gloucester Docks is the terminus of the 16 mile (25.5km) long Gloucester & Sharpness Canal which opened in 1827. This new canal gave sea-going ships a safe route away from a dangerous winding stretch of the River Severn direct into Gloucester where they could offload cargo to narrowboats and barges for onward journey to the Midlands.

When the canal was first opened it was the widest and deepest in England.

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

Enjoy

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Welcome to Gloucester Docks


The UK's most inland port.
















We're the charity making life better by water

In the 18th and 19th centuries, these docks were a hub of activity with narrowboats, barges and ships passing through. Today you can enjoy exploring the area on foot or afloat.

Visit us at:
Gloucester Docks GL1 2EH

 Allow a full day for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  lift bridge
-  café
-  pub
-  food & drink
-  toilets
-  shopping
-  point of interest
-  museum
-  trip boat
-  paddleboarding hub
-  parking
-  railway station



Stay SAFE
Stay Away From the Edge!

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

5 things to do at Gloucester Docks

- 1** Discover more about the docks and canal at our National Waterways Museum Gloucester housed in Llanthony Warehouse.
- 2** Enjoy a boat trip along the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and experience the waterway afloat.
- 3** Try out watersports – have a go at canoeing or paddleboarding in the docks.
- 4** Follow the towpath to Llanthony Secunda Priory, a scheduled ancient monument.
- 5** Walk through the docks into the historic city and visit Gloucester Cathedral.

Did you know?

Gloucester has been a port since the sixteenth century – Queen Elizabeth I granted Gloucester the status of customs port in 1580.

