

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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Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

When it opened in 1810, the Kennet & Avon Canal brought prosperity to the towns along its route, providing a faster, cheaper and safer way to transport goods between Bristol and London.

Wharves were constructed at key staging points along the canal to allow boats to load and unload goods and passengers. There were once seven wharves at Devizes, this last remaining wharf is an important part of the town's history. It provides a connection to its industrial past and a gateway to the wildlife and nature that can now be found along the waterway.

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 Devizes Wharf

A gateway to history and wildlife.



The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Devizes Wharf, 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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We're the charity making life better by water

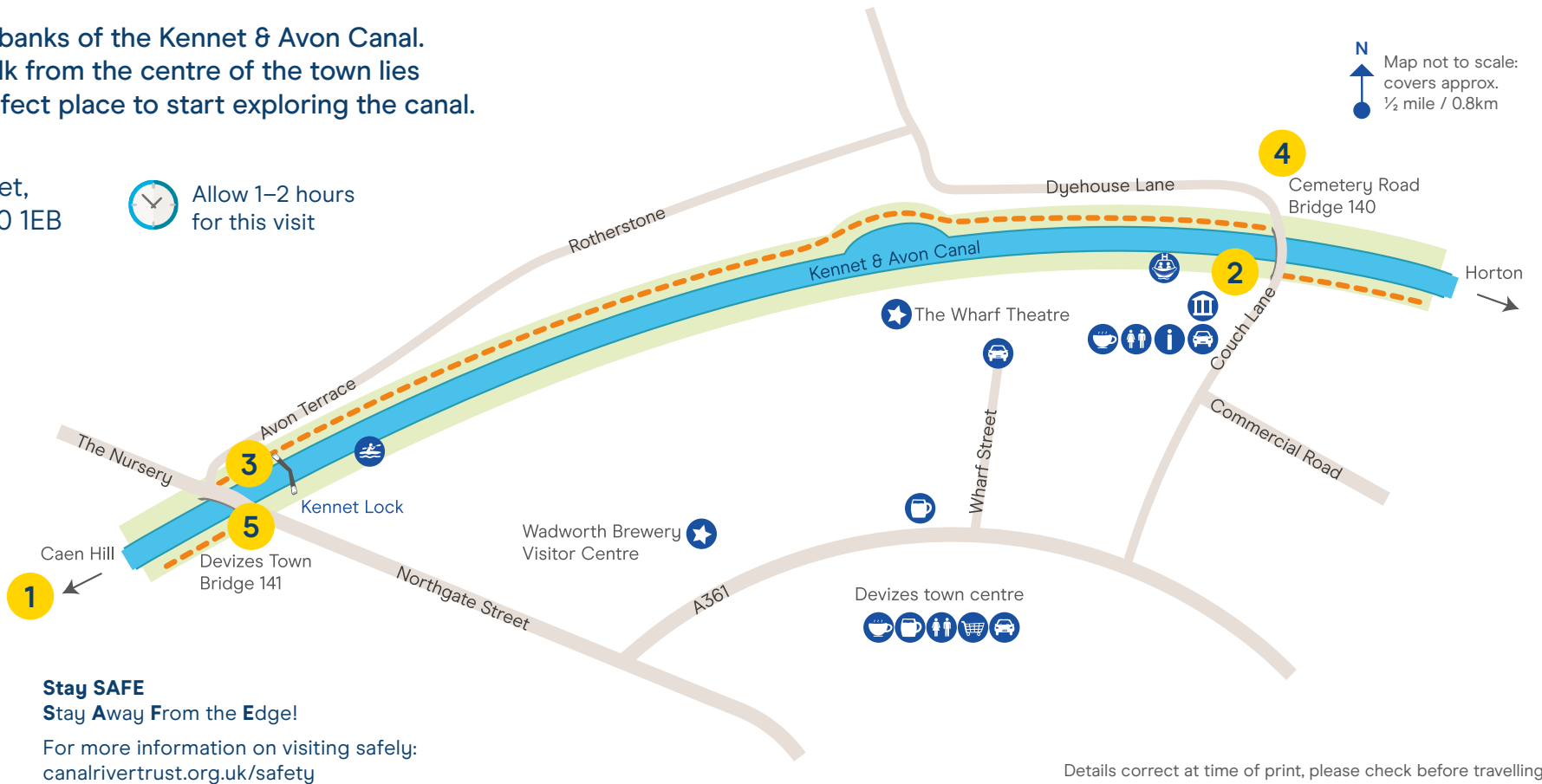
Devizes stands on the banks of the Kennet & Avon Canal. Just a few minutes' walk from the centre of the town lies Devizes Wharf, the perfect place to start exploring the canal.

The Wharf, Wharf Street, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1EB

 Allow 1–2 hours for this visit

Find your way around

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Stay Away From the Edge!
 For more information on visiting safely:
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5 things to do at Devizes Wharf

- 1** **Follow** the canal down to Caen Hill lock flight, one of the wonders of the waterways (1 mile/1.6km).
- 2** **Visit** the museum, housed in a bonded warehouse where goods were stored before duties were paid.
- 3** **Watch** the colourful canal boats navigate their way through the locks.
- 4** **Enjoy** a stroll along the canal and spot the signs of history – from the grooves worn by wet tow ropes on Cemetery Road Bridge to the WWII pill box.
- 5** **See** the arch on the far side of Town Bridge – this allowed horses towing the boats to pass through.

Did you know?

The Kennet & Avon Canal was part of the Government's 'General Head Quarters Line' during World War II – a static defensive line designed to hold back Hitler's troops in the event of an invasion. As part of these defences, a number of squat concrete pillboxes, like the one at Devizes, were built along the canal.

