

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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Please support our work & donate today

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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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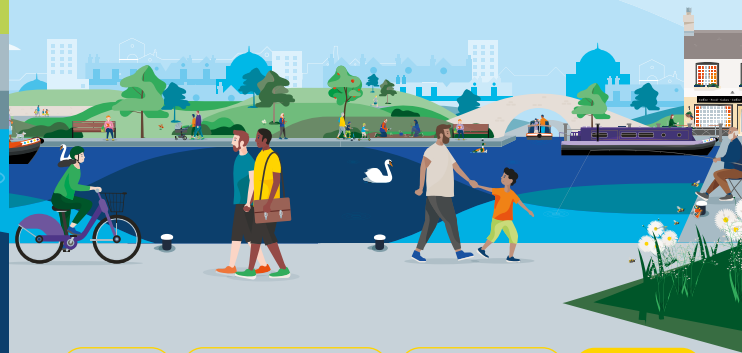
Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

The Grand Union Canal was once one of Britain's key transport routes. It links London with Birmingham and at 137 miles (220km) is the longest canal in the country.

This canal isn't one single waterway. Between 1894 and 1929 several independent canals were amalgamated to create the Grand Union Canal. The term 'Grand Union' is now generally taken to mean the stretch of canal from the Thames at Brentford to the junction with the Digbeth Branch in Birmingham.

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 Stoke Bruerne

One of the best examples of a canal village in the country.



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5 things to do at Stoke Bruerne

- 1 Visit the free museum and learn more about the canal and its people.
- 2 Take a boat trip into the historic Blisworth Tunnel – in the early days of canals, boats had to be ‘legged’ through the tunnel while the horse was led over the top.
- 3 Chat with our friendly volunteer lock keepers, they’ll tell you more about the canal and how you can volunteer.
- 4 Enjoy a coffee and watch the boats make their way along the canal.
- 5 Visit the historic workboat moored outside the canal museum.

Did you know?

Blisworth Tunnel is the third-longest navigable canal tunnel in the UK and the ninth-longest canal tunnel in the world.



It’s difficult to believe that this quaint village was once a hive of industry, where boatmen stopped for supplies or loaded up with cargo before heading into the 2 mile (3km) long Blisworth Tunnel.



Find your way around

- towpath
- walk trail
- tunnel
- café
- pub
- food & drink
- toilets
- point of interest
- canal museum
- accessible facilities
- art installation
- nature reserve
- information
- trip boat
- no entry
- parking

Visit us at:
Stoke Bruerne,
nr Towcester,
Northants. NN12 7SE

Allow half a day
for your visit

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For more information
on visiting safely:
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1 mile / 1.6km

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