

Where does the water come from?

The South Oxford Canal, from Napton Locks south to Oxford has multiple water sources. Its summit pond is predominantly reservoir fed, and its lower reaches are river fed

North of Cropredy the water comes primarily from the reservoirs on the canal summit (Clattercote, Boddington and Wormleighton), supplemented by water being pumped up Napton Locks from the Braunston Pound and its Reservoirs near Daventry

For over 20 miles, from Cropredy, through Banbury, to Thrupp, just north of Kidlington the South Oxford Canal runs alongside the River Cherwell, which provides multiple feeds to it

From south of Kidlington to its end in Oxford, the canal runs alongside the River Thames. Water feeds the canal from several channels of the Thames and the canal drops down to the Castle Mill Stream channel at Isis Lock



Cropredy Weir

Flow in many of these feeders is uncontrolled, but at Cropredy an adjustable tilting steel river weir raises the level of the River Cherwell to divert water into the canal when needed

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