

Caring for Welford Wharf

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 Welford Wharf and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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Please support our work & donate today

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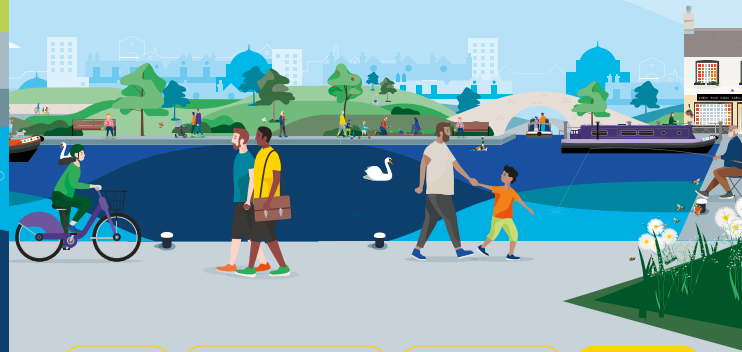
Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

The arrival of the canal in 1814 brought new opportunities to the area. Welford Wharf started supplying local people with coal and wool, and local produce was 'exported' to other towns and cities along the canal.

Seven lime kilns were also built alongside the canal. These were used to burn the limestone quarried nearby to make lime. This was used in lime mortar for the construction industry and spread as fertiliser on the land.

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 Welford Wharf

Waterside walks and wildlife.



We're the charity making life better by water

The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Welford 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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Once busy with barges transporting limestone to the nearby lime kilns, Welford Wharf on the Grand Union Canal is now the perfect place for a countryside walk.

Visit us at:
Welford Wharf, Welford,
Northants NN6 6JQ

 Allow 1–2 hours for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  walk trail
-  café
-  pub
-  bench/picnic area
-  point of interest
-  marina
-  parking

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Map not to scale:
covers approx.
1¼ miles / 2km

Stay SAFE
Stay Away From the Edge!

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

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling

5 things to do at Welford Wharf

- 1** Put your walking boots on and venture along a stretch of the Jurassic Way, a long-distance walk that passes through Welford Village, or try the three-mile circular walk around the Welford Arm.
- 2** Take a look at the remains of the lime kilns opposite the wharf.
- 3** Stroll along the towpath to the lock and see the restored canal bridge (0.3 mile/0.5km).
- 4** Pack binoculars and head to Welford Reservoir to spot waterbirds.
- 5** Take a break in the historic canal-side Wharf Inn or the tea room in Welford Village.

Did you know?

At one time there were three mills along the Welford Arm – Bosworth Mill beside Bridge 1, Naseby Mill, and Welford Mill just before Welford Lock. Now, all that remains of the lift bridge that served the mill is a single wooden post.

