

## Caring for Avoncliff Aqueduct

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

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Avoncliff Aqueduct, 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

When designing the Kennet & Avon Canal, engineer John Rennie faced a challenge – how could the waterway cross the wide Avon Valley without using a series of expensive locks? His solution was Avoncliff Aqueduct, which opened in 1801.

Built from stone rather than bricks as recommended by Rennie, the central arch sagged almost immediately after construction.

The opening of the Kennet & Avon Canal provided tradespeople with a safe route between London and Bristol, away from the perilous English Channel.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)



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## Welcome to Avoncliff Aqueduct

A feat of industrial engineering.



We're the charity making life better by water

The Grade II\* listed Avoncliff Aqueduct is one of the most impressive structures on Britain's waterways.

**Visit us at:**

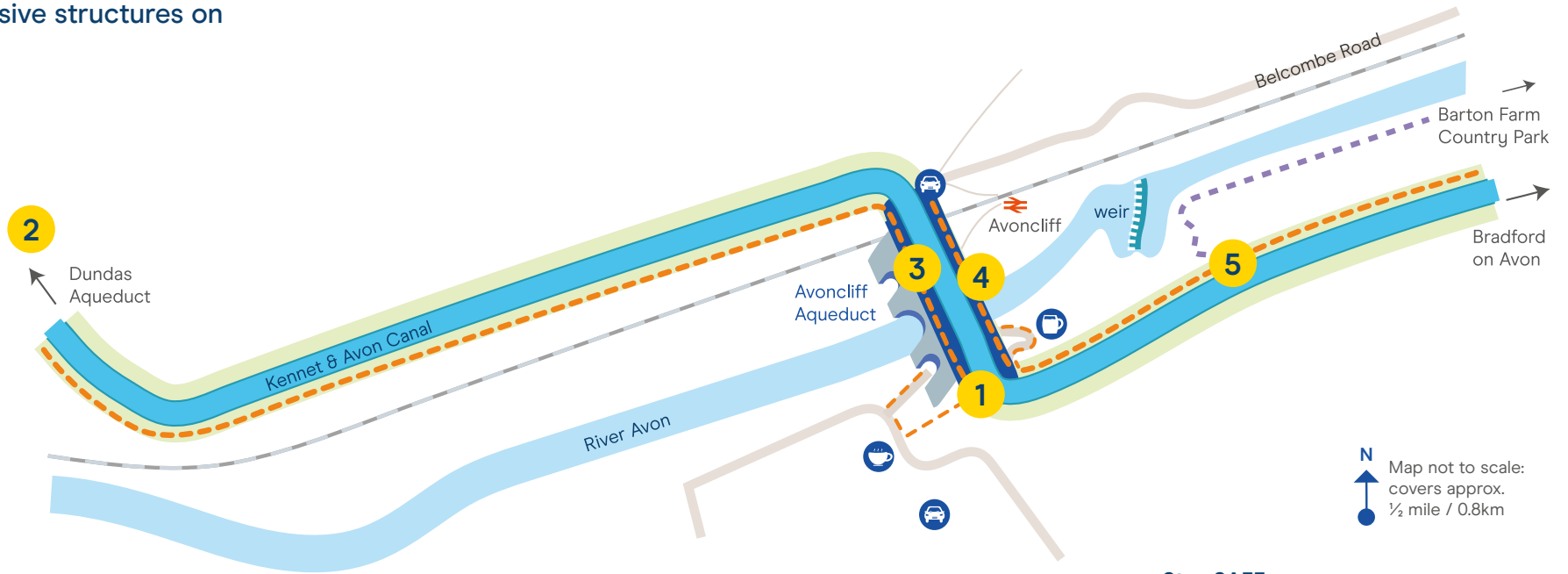
Avoncliff Aqueduct,  
Avoncliff BA15 2HB



Allow 1–2 hours for your visit

**Find your way around**

- towpath
- walk trail
- café
- pub
- parking
- railway station



**Stay SAFE**  
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

**5 things to do at Avoncliff Aqueduct**

- 1** **Stroll** along the towpath to the pretty hamlet of Avoncliff.
- 2** **Enjoy** a traffic-free cycle ride alongside the canal to see the larger Dundas Aqueduct.
- 3** **Have** a picnic and enjoy spending some time by water.
- 4** **Find** the stonemason's marks on the aqueduct, made when it was repaired.
- 5** **Pause** to watch the wildlife that make their homes along the canal.

**Did you know?**

The idea of a canal connecting the rivers Thames and Avon was first suggested in Elizabethan times but work didn't start on a canal until 1794.

