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Boaters' Guides

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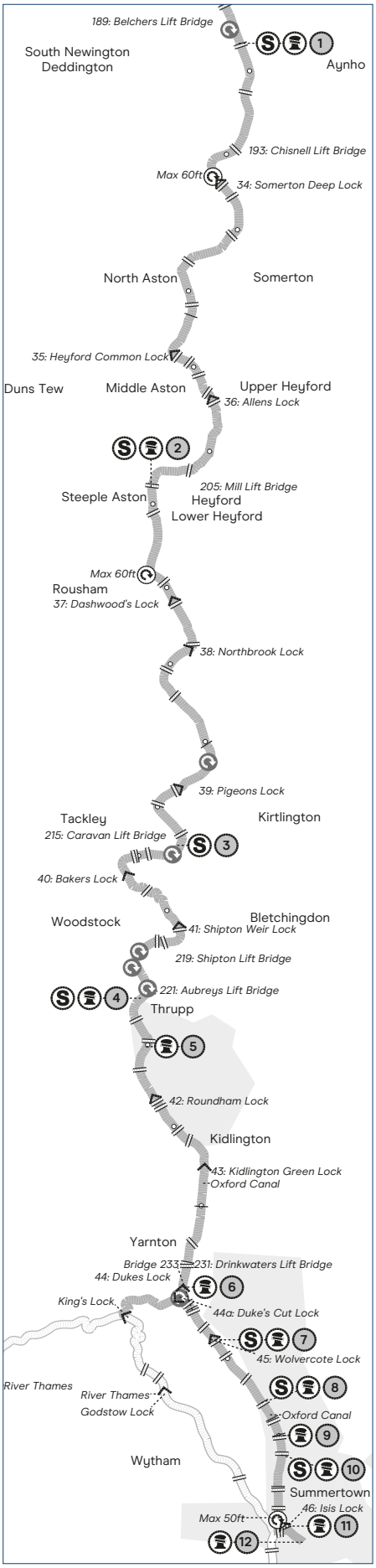
These guides list information we currently have on our facilities, dimensions and navigation guidance, based upon local knowledge and expertise. Whilst we anticipate that this data is reasonably accurate, we cannot guarantee its precision. Therefore, this data should only be used as a helpful guide and you should always use your own judgement taking into account local circumstances at any particular time. If you spot something wrong, please let us know canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us

Key to facilities

- Winding hole (length specified)
- Winding hole (full length)
- Visitor mooring
- Information and office
- Dock and/or slipway
- Slipway only
- Services and facilities
- Water point only

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Oxford Canal



Locks & bridges

Oxford Canal

Bridge 238, St. Edwards Lift Bridge: Usually secured in up position.

Bridge 234, Perrys Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 233; and
Bridge 231, Drinkwaters Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 221, Aubreys Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 219, Shipton Lift Bridge:
Minimum two people needed.

Bridge 215, Caravan Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 205, Mill Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 193, Chisnell Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 189, Belchers Lift Bridge:
Usually secured in up position.

Services & facilities

Oxford Canal

1. **Aynho Wharf**: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal, shop, boat yard, docking.
2. **Lower Heyford Wharf**: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal, shop, boat yard, docking.
3. **Kings Ground**: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal, boat yard, docking.
4. **Thrupp Wharf**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
7. **Wolvercote**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.
8. **St Edwards**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.
10. **College Cruisers**: Water, pump-out, refuse disposal.

Maximum Dimensions

Braunston Junction to Wigrams

Length: 21.96m (72ft)
Beam: 2.13m (7ft)
Draught: 1.1m (3ft 7")
Headroom: 1.83m (6ft)

Wigrams to Oxford

Length: 21.96m (72ft)
Beam: 2.13m (7ft)
Draught: 1.23m (4ft)
Headroom: 1.98m (6ft 6")

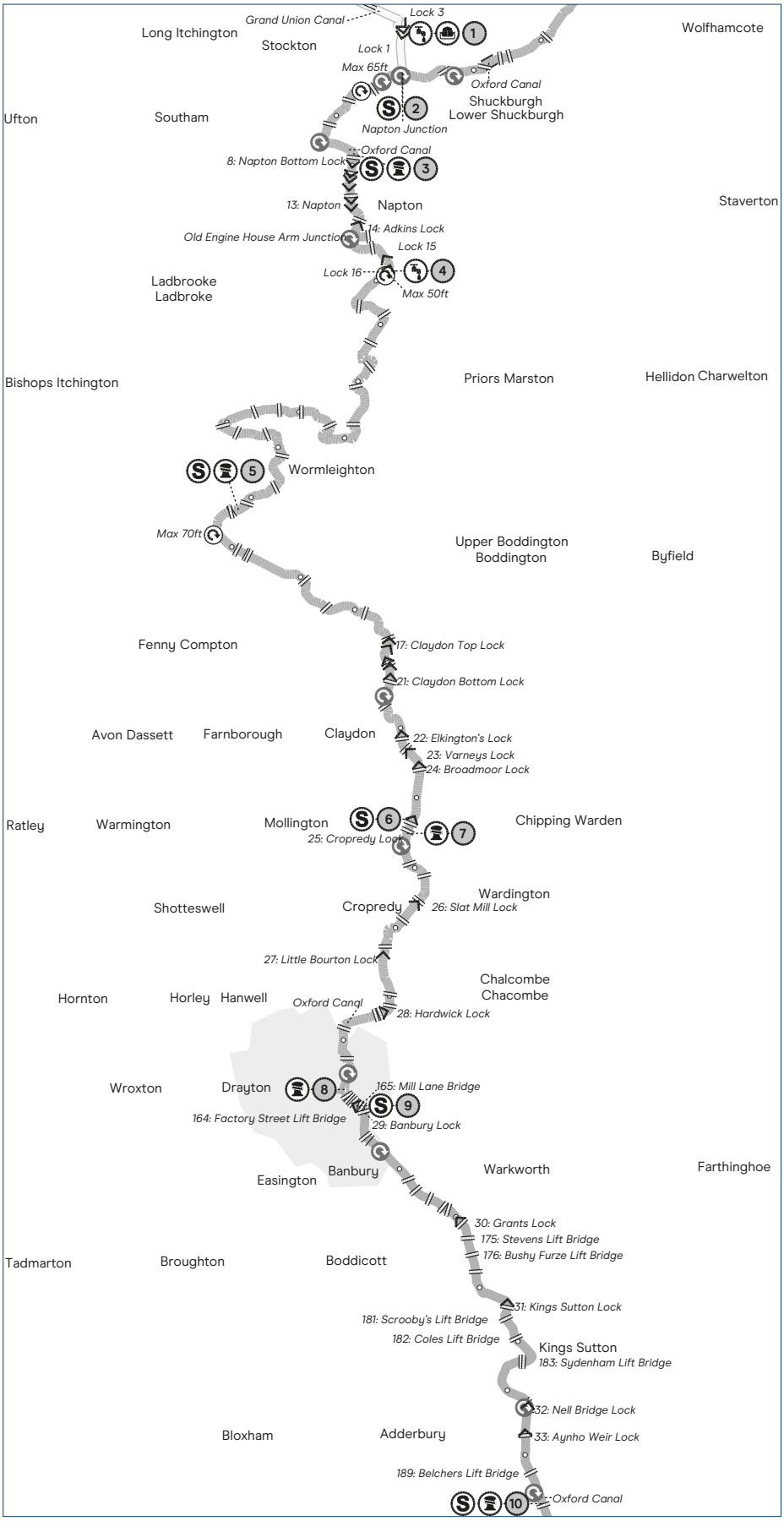
Braunston Junction to Hawkesbury Junction

Length: 21.96m (72ft)
Beam: 2.08m (6ft 10"ft)
Draught: 1.1m (3ft 7")
Headroom: 2.07m (6ft 9")

Visitor moorings

Oxford Canal

1. **Aynho**: Maximum 48 hours.
2. **Heyford**: Maximum 48 hours and 14 days.
4. **Thrupp**: Maximum 48 hours, 7 days and 14 days.
5. **Langford Lane**: Maximum 48 hours.
6. **Dukes**: Maximum 48 hours.
7. **Wolvercote Road Bridge**: Maximum 48 hours.
8. **St Edwards**: Maximum 48 hours.
9. **Frenchay Road**: Maximum 7 days.
10. **Aristotle**: Maximum 48 hours.
11. **Isis Lock**: Maximum 48 hours.
12. **Hythe Bridge**: Maximum 48 hours.



Locks & bridges

Oxford Canal

Bridge 164, Factory Street Lift Bridge:
Windlass is needed to operate key required.

Bridge 189, Belchers Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 183, Sydenham Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 182, Coles Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 181, Scrooby's Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 176, Bushy Furze Lift Bridge; and
Bridge 175, Stevens Lift Bridge:
Usually secured in up position.

Bridge 165, Mill Lane Bridge:
This bridge is now a brick structure and no longer a lift bridge.

Services & facilities

Grand Union Canal

1 **Calcutt Top Lock**:
Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

Oxford Canal

2 **Wigrams Turn Marina**:
Full service marina with 190 berths. Contact 01926 817175.

3 **Napton Lock Flight**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

4 **Marston Doles Top Lock**: Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

5 **Fenny Compton Wharf**:
Water, refuse disposal.
Canal & River Trust key required.

6 **Cropredy Wharf**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Dog waste bins. Other facilities are available, provided by private operators.

9 **Banbury**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Dog waste bins. Other facilities are available, provided by private operators.

10 **Aynho Wharf**: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal, shop, boat yard, docking.

Visitor moorings

Oxford Canal

3 **Napton**: Maximum 48 hours.

5 **Fenny Compton**: Maximum 48 hours.

7 **Cropredy**: Maximum 48 hours.

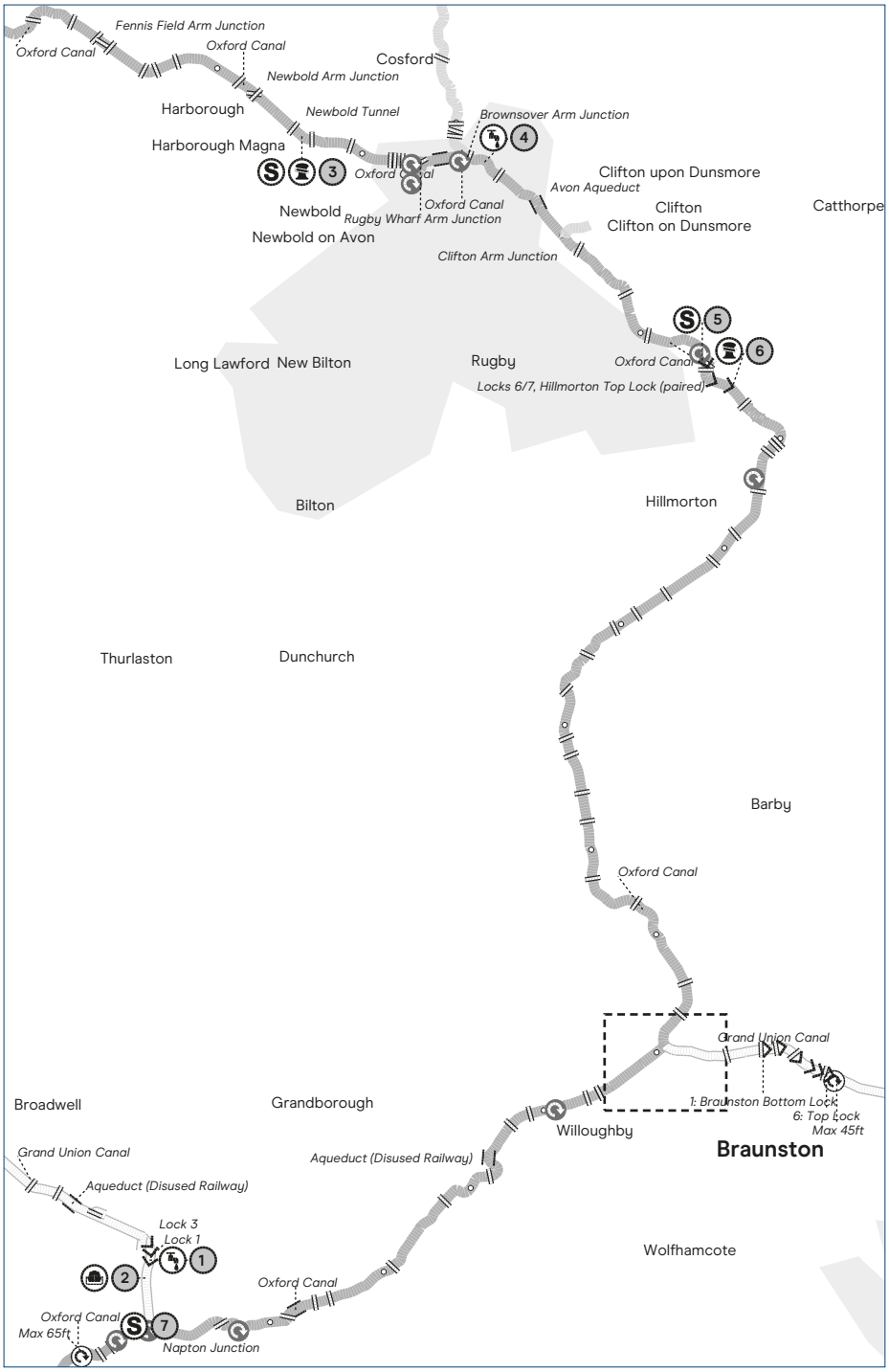
8 **Banbury**: Maximum 24 or 48 hours.

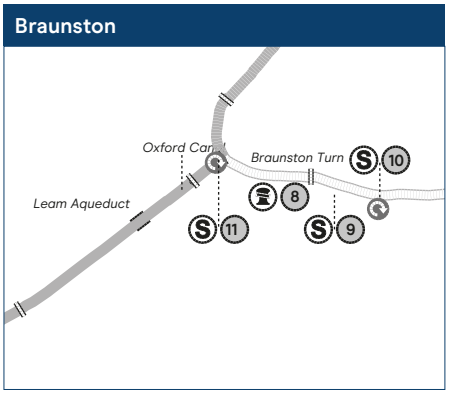
10 **Aynho**: Maximum 48 hours.

Slipways & docks

Grand Union Canal

1 **Calcutt Boats, Calcutt Locks**: Slipway, dry-dock. Maximum length: 72ft. Maximum beam: 7ft 6in. Please note these are private facilities at Calcutt Boats: tel: 01926 813757 for bookings and information.





Navigation notes

Grand Union Canal

Braunston to Camp Hill Top Lock: Navigation should be possible for boats of up to 78ft, but please consult the waterway office first. Boats up to 14ft beam may be able to navigate this section (with the exception of a 12ft 6in bridge at Blue Lias, Stockton), but some bridges have low arches and may not be passable, depending on cabin profile. Locks are more than 14ft wide so two narrowboats can safely share.

Locks & bridges

Oxford Canal

Newbold Tunnel: Lights necessary for boating the tunnel. Tunnel safety sign in place.

Services & facilities

Grand Union Canal

1 **Calcutt Top Lock**: Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

Oxford Canal

3 **Newbold Tunnel, east**: Water, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

4 **Brownsover**: Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

5 **Hillmorton Lock Flight**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Other facilities are available, provided by private operators.

7 **Wigrams Turn Marina**: Full service marina with 190 berths. Contact 01926 817175.

Grand Union Canal

9 **Braunston Towpath**: Water, Elsan disposal.

10 **Braunston Stop House**: Water.

Oxford Canal

11 **Braunston Turn**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Other facilities are available, provided by private operators.

Visitor moorings

Oxford Canal

3 **Newbold**: Maximum 48 hours.

6 **Hillmorton**: Maximum 48 hours.

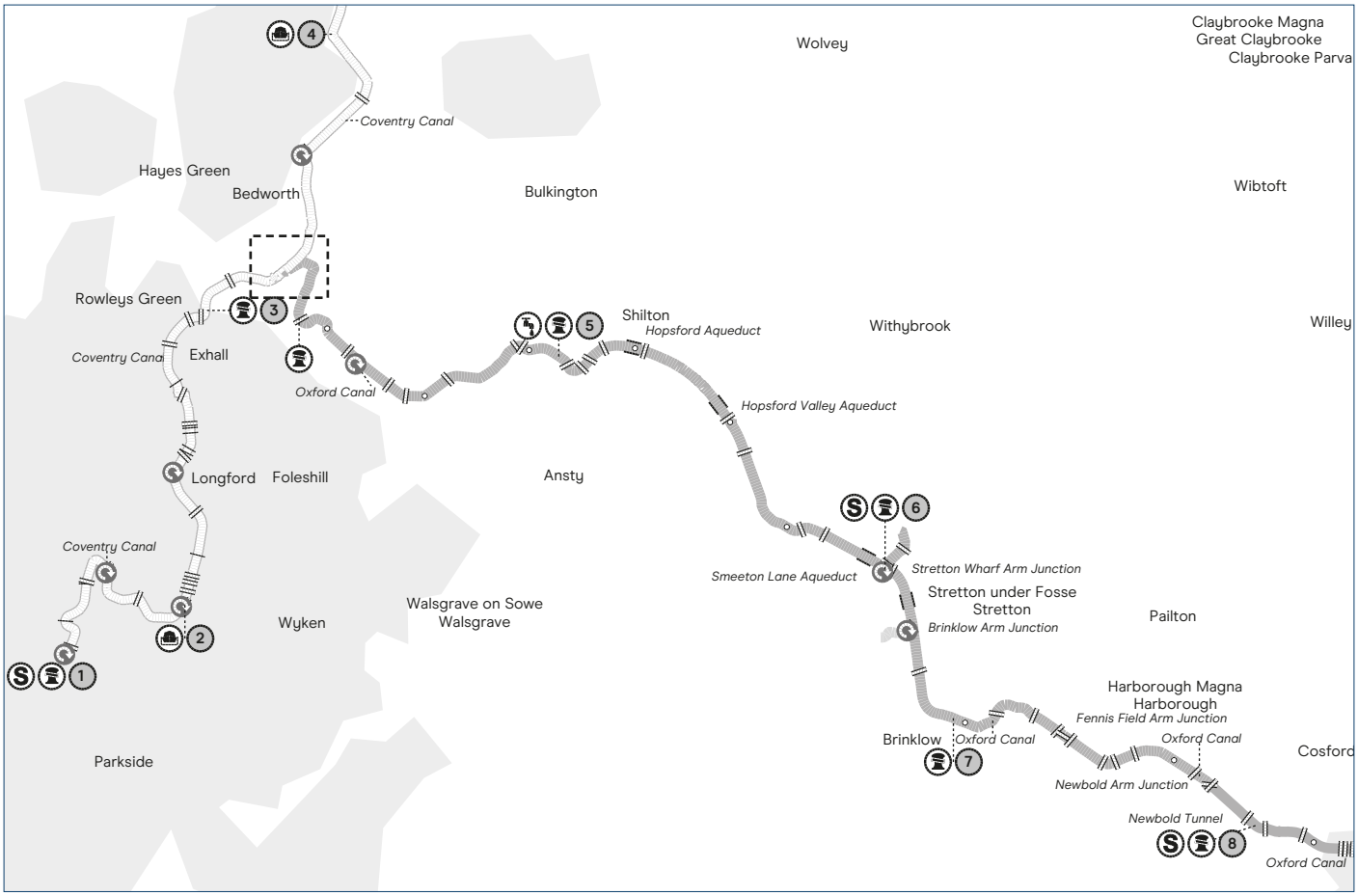
Grand Union Canal

8 **Braunston**: Maximum 48 hours.

Slipways & docks

Grand Union Canal

2 **Calcutt Boats, Calcutt Locks**: Slipway, dry-dock. Maximum length: 72ft. Maximum beam: 7ft 6in. Please note these are private facilities at Calcutt Boats: please call 01926 813757 for bookings and information.



Locks & bridges

Oxford Canal

Newbold Tunnel: Lights necessary for boating the tunnel. Tunnel safety sign in place.

Services & facilities

Coventry Canal

1 **Coventry Basin Sanitary Station**: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out. Canal & River Trust key required. Pump-out is self-operated.

Oxford Canal

5 **Ansty Bridge 14**: Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

6 **Rose Narrowboats**: Water, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Other facilities are available, provided by Rose Narrowboats.

8 **Newbold Tunnel (east)**: Water, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

Coventry Canal

9 **Hawkesbury Sanitary Station**: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

Visitor moorings

Coventry Canal

1 **Coventry downstream of Br 1**: Maximum 7 days.

1 **Coventry Basin**: Maximum 48 hours.

3 **Longford, Br 10, Opposite the Boat Inn**: Maximum 48 hours.

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5 **Ansty**: Maximum 14 days.

6 **Brinklow**: Maximum 14days.

7 **All Oaks Wood**: Maximum 14 days. Picnic area and notice board.

8 **Newbold**: Maximum 48 hours and 14 days.

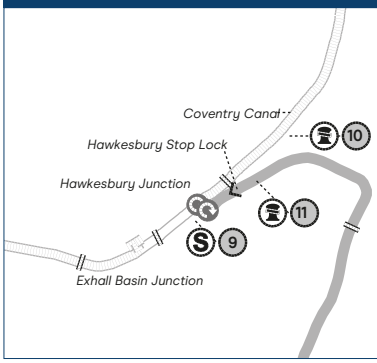
Coventry Canal

10 **Hawkesbury Junction**: Maximum 7 days.

Oxford Canal

11 **Hawkesbury Junction**: Maximum 7 days.

Hawkesbury



Slipways & docks

Coventry Canal

2 **Club Line Cruisers, Swan Lane**: Wet-dock. Maximum length: 60ft. Maximum beam: 7ft. Please note these are private facilities provided by Club Line Cruisers please call 02476 25 8864 for bookings and information.

4 **Charity Dock, Gilbert Brothers, Bedworth**: Dry-dock. Maximum length: 70ft. Maximum beam: 7ft. Please note these are private facilities provided by Gilbert Brothers at Charity Dock, tel: 02476 313 122 for bookings and information.