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Get involved, join us

In an increasingly fast-paced and crowded world, our historic canals and rivers are a local haven for people and nature. The Canal & River Trust is the charity entrusted with the care of 2,000 miles of waterways in England and Wales. We work with communities along the waterways to create opportunities for people to walk, boat, cycle and listen to nature.

Find out more...

Two audio trails tell you more about the Kennet & Avon Canal Audio Trails explore 13 key features on the canal between Reading and Bristol. The Overlook Loop invites you to imagine walking along the towpath and hearing the sound of the canal. You can download the audio trails from www.canalrivertrust.org.uk or scan the QR code on the map overlaid on this guide. This guide is also displayed on the canal side everywhere.

Always remember to stay SAFE near water — Stay Away From the Edge.

Families, schools and youth groups can find fun things to do at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk

The Museum of Bath at Work has fascinating information about the canal and other transport in Bath. Visit www.bathatwork.org.uk for more information.

The canal arrives in Bath

A unique Georgian canal in the heart of Bath

A circular waymarked audio trail

Local Heroes

The Canal & River Trust would like to thank the many individuals and organisations who have supported us in our mission to deliver a safe and efficient route and connected new opportunities for people and nature. The Canal & River Trust is grateful to all of our partners, supporters and friends who have contributed to the success of this project.

Riveted and redundant

The canal flourished between 1794 and 1840, when it was the most prosperous of the British canals, carrying huge loads of coal into Bath from the Midlands. By the 1870s, however, the canal had declined, and by 1951 its fate was on the verge of destruction.

Rise, fall and rediscovery

The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust was formed in 1951 to prevent further deterioration, and by 1990 the canal had been fully restored. Today, it is once again an active waterway, providing safe and efficient travel in the heart of Bath, offering sightseeing, culture and social life of Bath, patronised by rich and poor alike. Bath was a popular place in the 18th century, when it was a safe and efficient route and provided a safe and efficient route for trade and transport. Bath was a popular place in the 18th century, when it was a safe and efficient route for trade and transport. Bath was a popular place in the 18th century, when it was a safe and efficient route for trade and transport.

Commercial wealth

In the 18th and 19th centuries, Bath experienced a heyday of the canal with toll receipts of over £50,000 a year. This was the result of the canal's role as a safe and efficient route and provided a safe and efficient route for trade and transport. Bath was a popular place in the 18th century, when it was a safe and efficient route for trade and transport.

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