



West Midlands

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Looks fun

Discover little adventures on your doorstep

Take a boat trip and discover more about the canals in Birmingham

Take binoculars and look out for wildlife. You might even spot otters, kingfishers

Watch anglers fishing for carp, roach and bream

Go pond-dipping in Fradley Pool Nature Reserve

Watch the boats go through the locks

Go for a family bike ride or take wellies and splash in puddles along the towpath

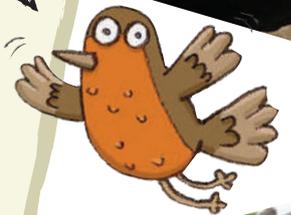
Get out on the water! Try rowing, canoeing, sailing

Look out for the famous colony of Stratford swans

Relax in a waterside café and watch the boats

Explore the Dudley No 2 arts trail

Wow nice plan!



WOAH!
Can I come?



Me too!



Ellesmere, Whitchurch, Westport Lake, Rudyard Lake, Consall Forge, Great Haywood, Fradley Junction, The Bratch, Windmill End, Dudley, Birmingham City Centre, Earlswood Lakes, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Hatton Locks, Coventry, Sutton Cheney

Are you looking for inspiring places to visit with the family? Then look no further than your local canal or river. This guide features a selection of our best waterside places to visit in the West Midlands – whatever the weather! Each location includes a map, suggestions of fun-packed activities you can do and useful information on where to park, places to eat, toilets and boat trips.

Where will you explore today?

So many to choose from



Have a look on our map and find a little adventure on your doorstep!



Key

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| 1. Ellesmere | 9. Windmill End |
| 2. Whitchurch | 10. Dudley |
| 3. Westport Lake | 11. Birmingham City Centre |
| 4. Rudyard Lake | 12. Earlswood Lakes |
| 5. Consall Forge | 13. Stratford-Upon-Avon |
| 6. Great Haywood | 14. Hatton Locks |
| 7. Fradley Junction | 15. Coventry |
| 8. The Bratch | 16. Sutton Cheney |

*AINA Waterways —



* This map shows waterways managed by members of the Association of Inland Navigation Authorities (AINA). We have not featured places to visit on waterways managed by these organisations. There are other inland waterways that have not been shown, the information on this map is for guidance only, for accurate information please visit our website.



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Visit Ellesmere

Discover the pretty market town of Ellesmere on the Llangollen Canal. Plenty of wildlife, independent shops and historic canal buildings ensure a great day out.

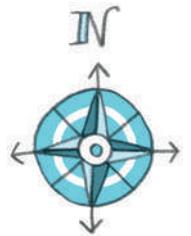
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Wrexham
& Chester



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A little bit of history

The Llangollen Canal, completed in 1835, was the last major engineering project of Thomas Telford, the great canal engineer. Originally called the Ellesmere Canal, this section is especially pretty running through the distinctive Shropshire landscape of hills, hollows and shallow lakes, called meres.



Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Ellesmere

- ❑ **Visit** the sculpture trail. Leaflets are available from the Boathouse Visitor Centre.
- ❑ **Look** for old canal buildings on the canal wharf, one of the best preserved on the canal system.
- ❑ **Walk** along to the marina and spot brightly painted narrowboats. The canal is very popular with boaters so there are always plenty of boats to see on the canal.
- ❑ **Explore** the pretty market town of Ellesmere with independent shops and cafés. Look out for local festivals too.
- ❑ **Pack a picnic** and look out for kingfishers, herons, bats and dragonflies near the mere. It's a great location for photography too.



Information

Cross Street
Ellesmere
SY12 0AW



Parking



Toilets



Café



Pub



Visitor Centre



Picnic



Boat hire



Path

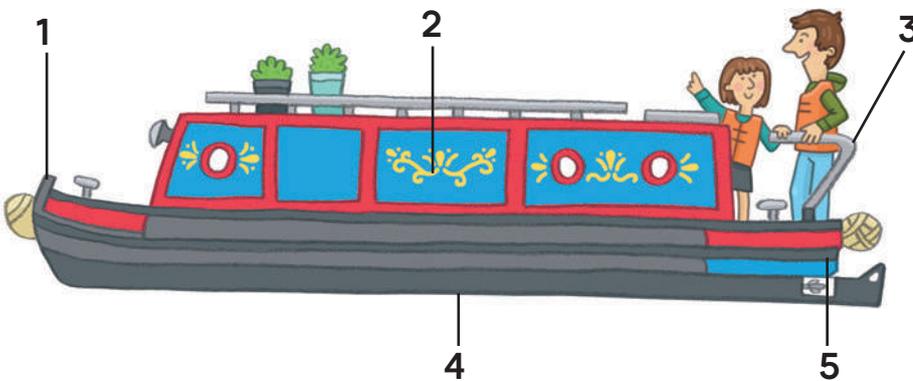


Allow 2-3 hours
for this visit

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Can you name the different parts of a narrowboat?



Answers: 1 bow; 2 cabin; 3 tiller; 4 hull; 5 stern

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Explore Whitchurch & Grindley Brook

Whitchurch and Grindley Brook, located on the Llangollen Canal, are surrounded by great walking country. When you want a break, there are plenty of places to stop and watch boats and wildlife Perfect!



A little bit of history

Grindley Brook developed around the junction of the Llangollen Canal, the railway (now disused) and the old turnpike road (A41). This part of the Llangollen Canal often reminds people of the Low Country, especially since Vincent van Gogh painted a lift bridge very like the New Mills lift bridge at Whitchurch.

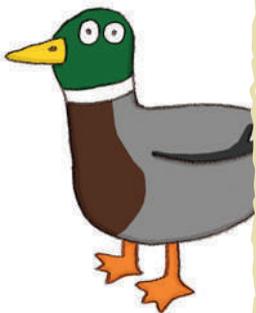
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Five things to do at Whitchurch and Grindley Brook

- **Check out** the Sandstone Trail, one of the best walking routes in Cheshire. www.sandstonetrail.com
- **Cycle** down the towpath and look for the lift bridge that opens to let boats through. The weight of the bridge is balanced by heavy beams to make it easy to lift.
- **Relax** in the Lockside Café and watch boats go through the lock flight.
- **Go** to the Heritage Centre and find out more about historic Whitchurch
- **Buy** some nice things to eat in the independent food shops in Whitchurch. Enjoy them on the banks of the canal.

Did you know?...

Our lock gates are handbuilt by skilled carpenters in our workshops in the West Midlands and Yorkshire, from FSC Green Oak. Each one is unique and can take up to a month to make. Once built they last for about 25 years.



Information

Whitchurch Waterways
Country Park
Chemistry
Whitchurch SY13 IDD

- Parking
- Toilets
- Café
- Pub
- Visitor Centre
- Play area
- Path
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A little bit of history

Westport Lake attracts lots of plants, fish, and insects and large numbers of breeding, over-wintering and migrating birds. Close by is the Trent & Mersey Canal, one of England's greatest canals. It brought raw materials to the potteries of Stoke on Trent and made the return journey with finished goods.



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Five things to do at Westport Lake

- In winter** see how many migrating birds you can spot and name in five minutes.
- In summer** watch swifts and common terns swooping over the water. In the evening, spot pipistrelle bats hunting for insects.
- Explore** the lake using the circular walk.
- Find** out more about the history of the area and the wildlife in the Visitor Centre. There's a great eco-friendly café there too, with a balcony overlooking the lake.
- Watch** brightly painted narrowboats chugging along the canal.



Information

Westport
Lake Road
Stoke on Trent
ST6 4RZ

-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Visitor Centre
-  Play area
-  Path

 Allow 1-2 hours for this visit

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What to Spot

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How many of these can you spot?



A duck quacking



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The number of a bridge or lock



A fascinating insect



An interesting stone or brick

The names of two boats



A face or animal in the clouds





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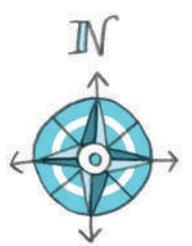
Explore Rudyard Lake

Just north of the bustling market town of Leek, lies the two and half mile long Rudyard Lake. Surrounded by woods, it's a great place for a family day out in the country.



Earl of Macclesfield Boathouse

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A little bit of history

Rudyard Lake is a reservoir created to provide water for the canal system. In Victorian times, thousands arrived here by railway to escape the smokey atmosphere of the Potteries and Manchester. It's still a great place to escape to the countryside and enjoy walking, cycling, fishing, sailing and watching wildlife.

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Five things to do at Rudyard Lake

- Check out** the miniature narrow gauge railway that runs alongside the lake.
- Take** binoculars and look out for birds such as heron and kingfishers and other wildlife.
- Bring** a camera – it's a great place for taking photographs. There's a good online photo gallery too.
- Watch** anglers – the lake is famous for big pike.
- Get out** on the water! Try rowing, canoeing, sailing – or take the boat trip.

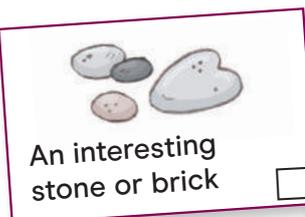
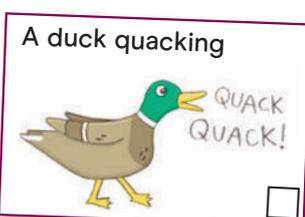
Information

Rudyard Lake
Lake Road
Leek ST13 8XB

-  Parking (pay & display)
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Visitor Centre
-  Picnic
-  Play area
-  Boat trips
-  Path
-  Allow 2-3 hours for this visit

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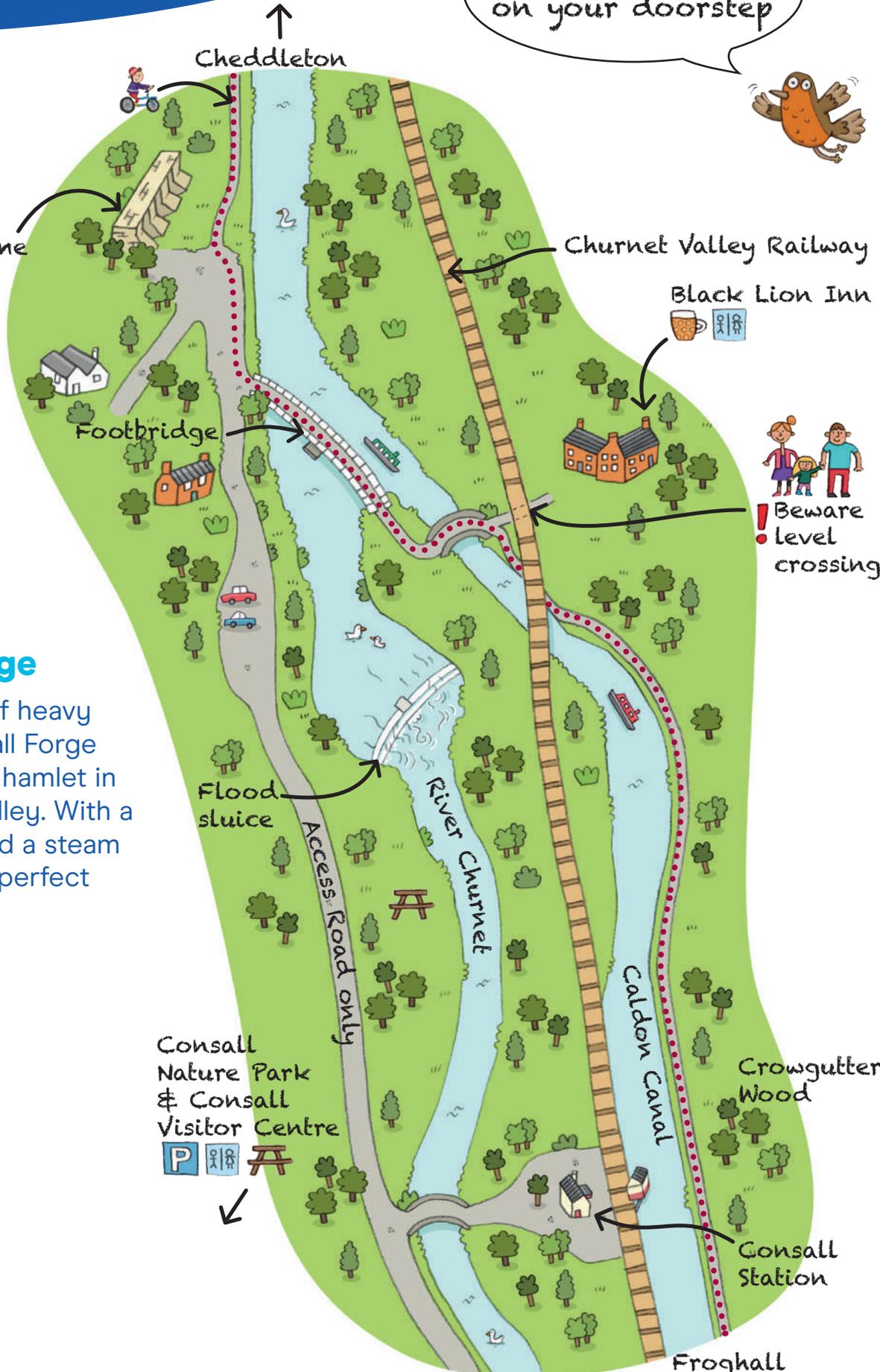
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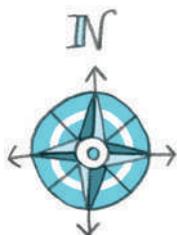
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Visit Consall Forge

Once an area of heavy industry, Consall Forge is now a pretty hamlet in the Churnet Valley. With a river, a canal and a steam railway, it's the perfect family day out!



A little bit of history

The Caldron Canal is a branch of the Trent & Mersey Canal. It was originally built to channel some of the plentiful rainfall of the Staffordshire Moors to the Trent & Mersey Canal. It was the last project of James Brindley, the famous canal engineer, who died shortly after surveying the line of the canal.



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Five things to do at Consall Forge

- Visit** the Consall Forge Nature Park and follow a trail. You might even spot birds of prey.
- Bring** a picnic and a fishing net and go canal dipping.
- Take** a scenic ride on the Churnet Valley Railway that runs alongside the river and canal.
- Bike** along the towpath and stop along the way at the Black Lion Inn, a traditional canal side pub.
- Watch** brightly painted narrowboats chug slowly along the canal and wave to boaters as they pass.

Information



Consall Forge
Wetley Rocks
Stoke on Trent
ST9 0AF

 Parking (pub)

 Toilets

 Pub

 Picnic area

 Cycling

 Path

 Allow 2-3 hours
for this visit

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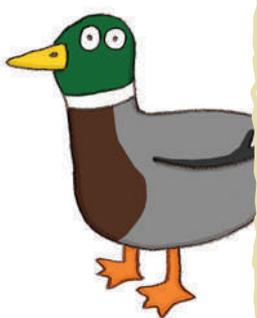
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Did you know?...

It's best to feed ducks tasty treats like:

- porridge oats
- rice
- peas
- chopped lettuce
- birdseed

Whilst they will gobble up white bread, crisps and chips its junk food for you and ducks!



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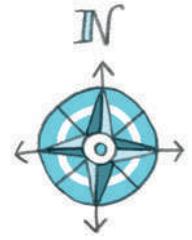




Discover Great Haywood Junction



Great Haywood Junction was built as a great interchange between two major canals – the Trent & Mersey and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire. Today, it's where boats and people meet.



Stone

Great Haywood Marina

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A little bit of history

James Brindley, the great canal engineer, planned the Trent & Mersey and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire canals as part of his grand cross scheme to link the River Trent, Thames, Severn and Mersey. There's plenty to see here from one of England's great stately homes to quirky canal bridges.



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Five things to do at Great Haywood Junction

- ❑ **Check out** the Essex Bridge built in the 1550s. It's said that the Earl of Essex built it so that Queen Elizabeth I could visit him in nearby Chartley Castle.
- ❑ **Walk** through woodlands to the magnificent Shugborough Hall, begun in 1695.
- ❑ **Take** a boat trip and discover more about the Trent & Mersey and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire canals.
- ❑ **Picnic** on the canal banks and look out for kingfishers and the splash of pike as they hunt their prey.
- ❑ **Watch** the boats go through the locks.



Information

Mill Lane
Great Haywood,
Staffordshire ST18 0RQ

-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Picnic
-  Boat trips
-  Path
-  Allow 2-3 hours for this visit

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Did you know?...



Coots have a **white spot** on the front of their head and moorhens have a **bright red beak tipped with yellow**, and a white stripe on their side.

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Discover Fradley Junction

Fradley Junction is where the Coventry Canal joins the Trent & Mersey Canal. It's one of the busiest places on the waterways, where canals, boats and people meet.



Map not to scale: covers approx 1 miles/1.6km

A little bit of history

The people who lived at Fradley Junction looked after the canals and repaired boats and locks. You can see the cottages where they lived, the maintenance yard where they worked, and the pub where they swapped gossip with boaters after a hard day's work.

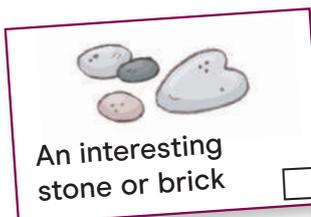
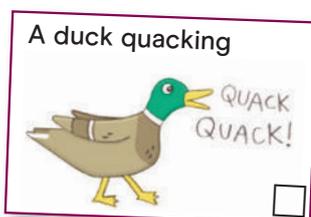
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Five things to do at Fradley Junction

- Look for** the secret water channel. The two canal companies were rivals. The Trent & Mersey Canal dug the channel to hive off water to Fradley Pool so the Coventry Canal couldn't use it!
- Follow** the audio trail discover more about the people who worked here in the past.
- Spot** the dry dock where boats are still repaired today.
- Go** pond-dipping in Fradley Pool Nature Reserve.
- Discover** signs of the Fradley's industrial past such as the crane in the old maintenance yard.

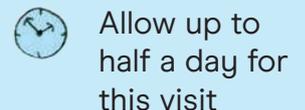
What to Spot

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How many of these can you spot?



Information

Fradley Junction
Alrewas
Staffordshire DE13 7DN



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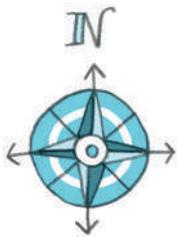
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Discover Bratch Locks

Bratch Locks form one of the prettiest groups of canal buildings on the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. Just the place for a great family day out in the country!



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A little bit of history

Bratch Locks were planned by James Brindley, the famous canal engineer, and opened in 1772. The two bridges, toll house and lock keeper's cottage, all built in mellow brick, make it a favourite spot for artists, as well as walkers, anglers and bird spotters.

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Five things to do at Bratch Locks

- Take** binoculars and look out for wildlife. You might even spot otters, kingfishers, and dragonflies which love the still water of side ponds.
- Watch** the water in a lock as it empties into the side pond. The process is then reversed to fill the next lock.
- Go** on the circular walk along the canal and the disused railway line (1.4 miles/2.2km). Be sure to take a break in the Railway Café – a converted railway station!
- Walk** down the towpath to Bumblehole Lock, another scenic lock.
- Visit** Bratch Pumping Station, one of only 50 remaining steam pumping stations and built to look like a fairy-tale castle.

What to Spot

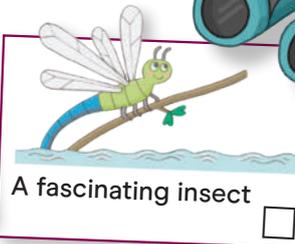
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A duck quacking



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The number of a bridge or lock



A fascinating insect



An interesting stone or brick

The names of two boats



A face or animal in the clouds



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Information

Bratch Locks
Wombourne
Wolverhampton
WV5 8DH

 Parking

 Toilets

 Café

 Pub

 Picnic

 Path

 Circular walk

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Discover Windmill End (Bumble Hole)

Windmill End, once a hub of industrial activity, is now a peaceful nature reserve. Discovering clues to its smoky past makes a great family day out.



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A little bit of history

Windmill End on the Dudley No2 Canal was once filled with factories, boat yards, coal mines and spoil heaps, kilns and furnaces, iron works, timber yards and saw mills. Now there is grassland, picnic spots, still pools, wild flowers and birdsong. Follow the paths and discover more about this area.



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Five things to do at Windmill End

- Watch** boats chug along the canal and disappear into the Netherton Tunnel!
- Explore** the Dudley No 2 arts trail.
- Follow** the paths and check out the quirky cast iron bridges.
- Walk** to Windmill End Pumping Station, known locally as Cobb's Engine House, that once pumped water out from local mines and into the canal. Today, it's a Grade II listed building.
- Go** for an evening walk and watch out for grey herons and bats.



Information

Windmill End
Darby End
Dudley DY2 9HS

 Parking

 Toilets

 Café

 Pub

 Picnic

 Path

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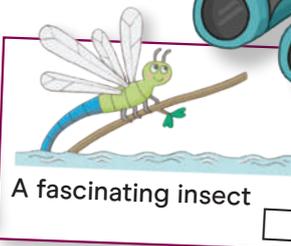


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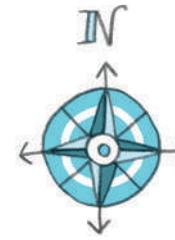
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Discover Dudley Tunnel and the Black Country Living Museum

Dudley Tunnel is a spectacular canal tunnel on the Dudley Canal No 1. It's the second longest on the canal network!



Wolverhampton →

Coronation Gardens & Malthouse Stables
Tipton → 1 mile

Old Main Line

Tipton Junction

Birmingham ↓

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← Wren's Nest Nature Reserve

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Dudley Canal No 1

Dudley Tunnel (leased to Dudley Canal Trust)

Birmingham New Road
Dudley Road A4037

Black Country Living Museum



Dudley Zoo & Town Centre ↓

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A little bit of history

The Dudley Canal No 1, with the 2.900.5 metre (1.8 miles) long tunnel, was built by Lord Dudley to transport limestone from his quarries to industries and factories in Birmingham. There's no towpath through the tunnel so boats had to be 'legged' or walked through by boaters. Phew!



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Five things to do at Dudley Tunnel & the Black Country Living Museum

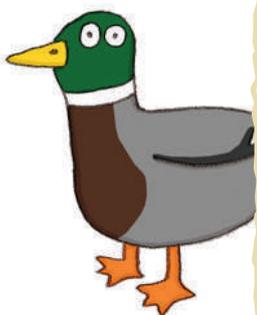
- Take** a boat trip through Dudley Tunnel.
- A visit** to the Black Country Living Museum is a must! You can see old narrow boats, watch demonstrations of traditional Black County skills such as chain-making and ride on trams.
- Eat** fish and chips in the museum. The best ever!
- Take** a picnic and watch the boats.
- Walk** along the towpath to Malthouse Stables Outdoor Activity Centre and have a go at a range of activities (pre-bookable).

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- rice
- peas
- chopped lettuce
- birdseed

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Information

Tipton Road
Dudley
DY1 4SQ

-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Picnic
-  Boat trips
-  Path
-  Allow up to a day for this visit

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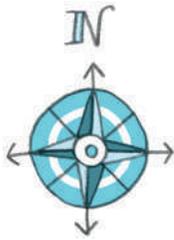
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Discover Birmingham

It's said that Birmingham has more canals than Venice. Now regenerated with waterside bars, cafes, little bridges and new landscaped areas, the canals are a great place to escape the city centre.

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A little bit of history

In Victorian times, Birmingham was the 'workshop of the world'. Raw materials were brought here from London and delivered to factories and industries in Birmingham. The return journey was made with finished goods and delivered all over the country, and to the wider world, by ship.

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Five things to do at Birmingham City Centre Canals

- ❑ **Check out** the waterside cafés and pubs in Brindley Place. There's a statue of James Brindley here, too. He was the genius who planned the first canals.
- ❑ **Walk** to Gas Street Basin and spot the quirky canal bridges, and the brightly-painted narrowboats moored there.
- ❑ **Explore** the canals on a Go Canoeing guided tour or trail.
- ❑ **Use** the towpaths to reach one of many great attractions here including the National Sea Life Centre, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery and the Ikon Gallery.
- ❑ **Take** a boat trip and discover more about the canals in Birmingham.

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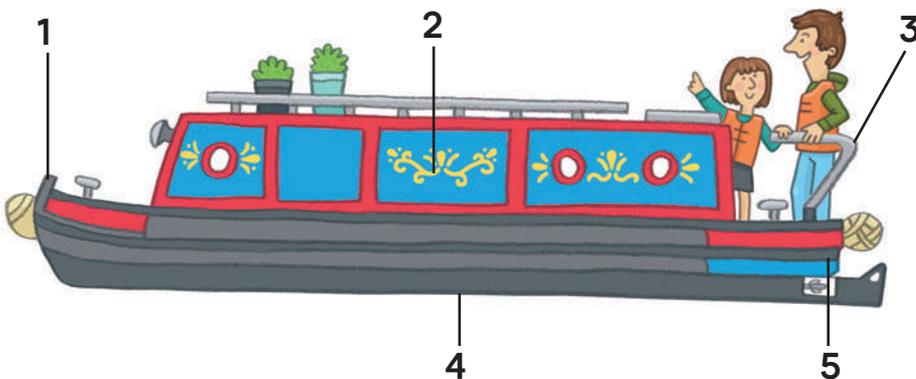
Brindleyplace
Birmingham
B1 2JF

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Answers: 1 bow; 2 cabin; 3 tiller; 4 hull; 5 stern

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Explore Earlswood Lakes

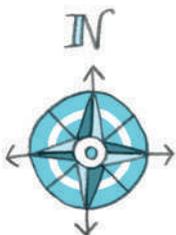
Earlswood Lakes lie on the outskirts of Solihull. It's one of the best places on the canal system to spot wildlife and plants.

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Canal feeder channel
Clowes Wood & New Fallings Coppice

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A little bit of history

Earlswood Lakes were made in the 1820s to supply water to the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal. The network of channels alongside the lakes enabled water to be moved from the River Bythe to the canal or the lakes. Since then, wildlife such as birds, bats, small animals and plants have gradually colonised the area.



Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Earlswood Lakes

- Count** how many waterbirds you can see and name in five minutes.
- Take** a picnic and look out for dragonflies and damselflies that love the still water of canal and ponds.
- Follow** the path to the Old Engine House, once used to pump water into the canal feeder channel.
- Watch** anglers fishing for carp, roach and bream from the fishing platforms.
- Get creative!** The heritage walk is marked with small brass-rubbing plates.



Information

Wood Lane
Earlswood B94 6AD

-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Picnic area
-  Play area
-  Path

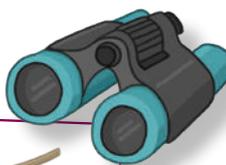
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What to Spot

Explore the waterside together.
How many of these can you spot?

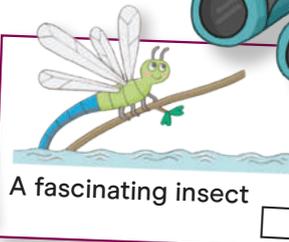


A duck quacking



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The number of a bridge or lock



A fascinating insect



An interesting stone or brick

The names of two boats



A face or animal in the clouds





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Discover Bancroft Basin, Stratford-upon-Avon

Bancroft Canal Basin, on the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, lies in the heart of historic Stratford. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, it's easy to miss this hidden gem.



A little bit of history

It's difficult to believe that picturesque Bancroft Basin was once an industrial site. The Stratford-upon-Avon Canal was built as part of a network of canals to get coal from the Midlands to London via Oxford. Today, Bancroft Basin is a popular place to spot boats and there are plenty of other things to do.

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Five things to do at Bancroft Basin, Stratford-upon-Avon

- Cycle** or walk to Mary Arden's house, about 3 miles.
- Look out for** the famous colony of Stratford swans.
- Enjoy** a bite to eat from one of the floating food vendors in Bancroft Basin.
- Take** a leisurely cruise or boat trip on the River Avon and discover more about the waterways of this area.
- See** one of Shakespeare's plays performed by the world-famous Royal Shakespeare Company. The theatre is on the banks of the River Avon.

Information

Swan's Nest Lane
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 6BB

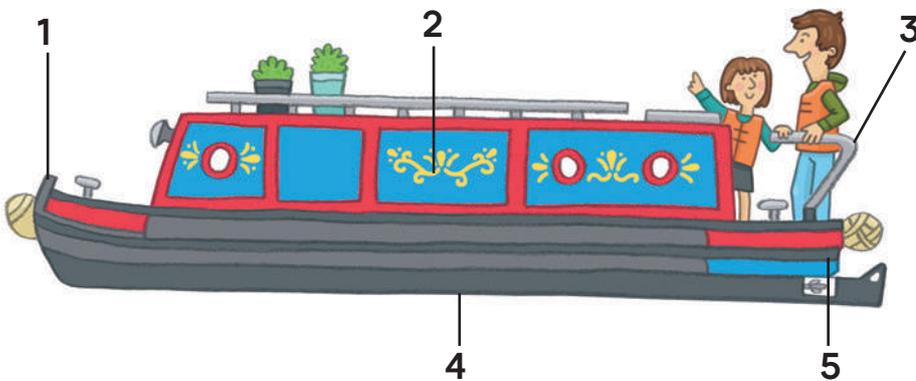
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-  Picnic
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-  Path

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Discover Hatton Locks

Boaters call Hatton Locks 'The Stairway to Heaven'. 21 locks lift boats two miles up the steep Avon Valley from Warwick, so it's easy to see why!



Map not to scale: covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km

A little bit of history

State-of-the-art locks were built at Hatton to fight off stiff competition from the roads and railways in the 1930s. When the locks were completed bands played and crowds gathered to watch the Duke of Kent arrive by boat and cut the ribbon.

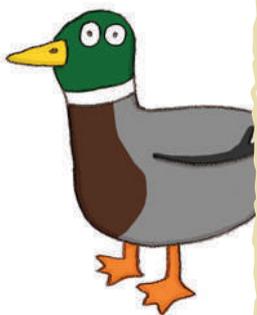
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Five things to do at Hatton Locks

- **Look for** the old brick narrow locks alongside the 1930s concrete locks. The old locks were kept working during building works so trade wasn't held up.
- **Watch** boats and spot the paddle gear unique to this area. The mechanism for opening the locks is inside the paddle.
- **Go** for a family bike ride or take wellies and splash in puddles along the towpath.
- **Check out** the amazing steel sculpture of a dragonfly in the side pond.
- **Explore** the nature trail and keep an eye open for damsel and dragonflies in the summer.

Did you know?...

Our lock gates are handbuilt by skilled carpenters in our workshops in the West Midlands and Yorkshire, from FSC Green Oak. Each one is unique and can take up to a month to make. Once built they last for about 25 years.



Information

Hatton Locks
Canal Rd
Warwick CV35 7JL

- P** Parking + (pay & display)
- Toilets (at café)
- Café
- Pub
- Information
- Picnic
- Cycling
- Path
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Discover Coventry Canal Basin

Rescued from dereliction, today Coventry Canal Basin is a great place to explore canal heritage, spot quirky crafts in old warehouses, relax in cafes and bars and spot local wildlife on the water.

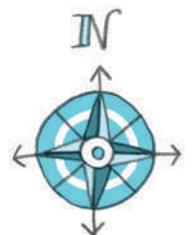


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⇒ Coventry City Centre
1 1/2 miles and Coventry
Cathedral 0.7 miles

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The Coventry Canal, built in 1769, was an important artery in the canal system. The Basin once bustled with activity loading and unloading goods bound northwards for Fradley Junction and the Trent & Mersey Canal, and southwards to the Hawkesbury Junction and Oxford Canal and hence to London via the Thames.

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Five things to do at Coventry Canal Basin

- **Take** a boat trip to Hawkesbury Junction: T. 024 7682 4022/E: coventrian@covsf.com
- **Check out** great community activities such as performance, live music and art events at The Tin Music and Arts in the Coal Vaults
- **Discover** the old weighbridge house, the humped-backed bridge, and old warehouses
- **Cycle** down the towpath and spot award-winning public art.
- **Find** the statue of James Brindley who was commissioned to build Coventry Canal.

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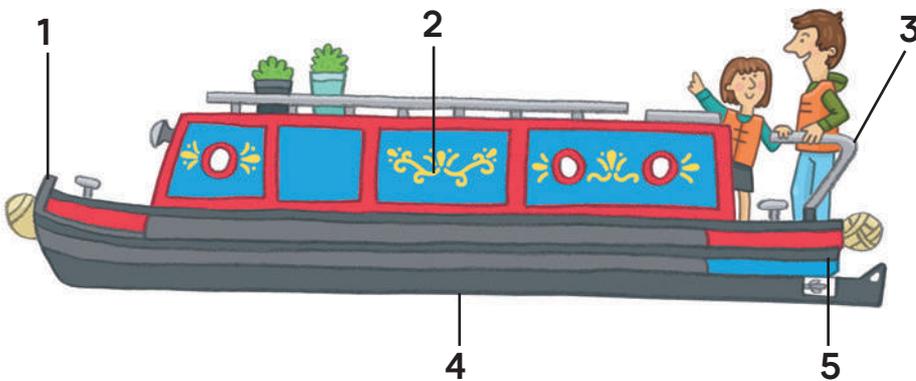
Coventry Canal Basin,
St Nicholas St
Coventry CV1 4LY

-  Parking (pay and display on road, no public parking in the basin)
-  Toilets (boaters only)
-  Café
-  Boat trips
-  Coventry Sculpture Trail
-  Cycle trail
-  Path
-  Allow 2 hours for this visit

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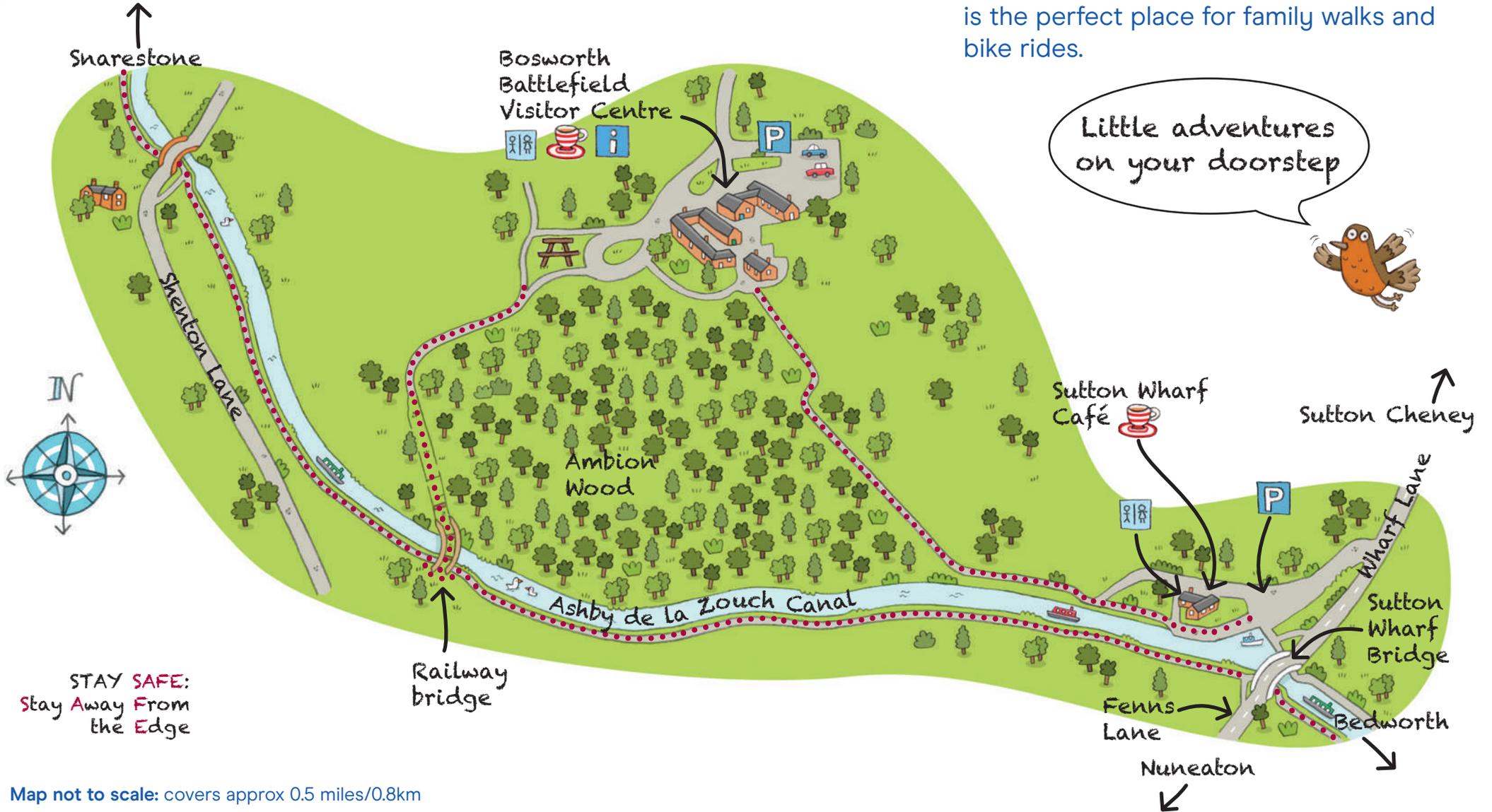
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Explore Sutton Cheney

Once an area of heavy industry, this now tranquil stretch of the Ashby Canal is the perfect place for family walks and bike rides.



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A little bit of history

The Ashby Canal connected the Leicestershire coalmines and lime quarries to the Coventry Canal at Bedworth, in Warwickshire. Today, it's difficult to imagine that Sutton Wharf, a picture of rural peace, was once a noisy, dusty industrial site, busy with canal trade.



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Five things to do at Sutton Cheney

- Relax** in a waterside café and watch the boats.
- Try** canal dipping – fresh water mussels are to be found here.
- Explore** the canal by canoe or along the towpath by bike.
- Visit** the site of the Battle of Bosworth where Richard III, whose body was recently discovered buried in Leicester, was killed fighting for the crown.
- Pack** a picnic and keep a look out for ducks, moorhens and coots.



Information

Sutton Cheney Wharf,
Wharf Lane
Sutton Cheney
Nuneaton CV13 0AL



Parking
(pay & display)



Toilets



Café



Picnic area



Path

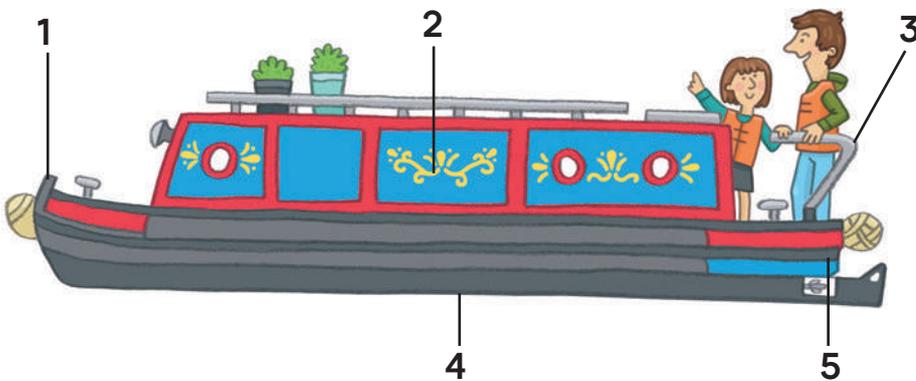


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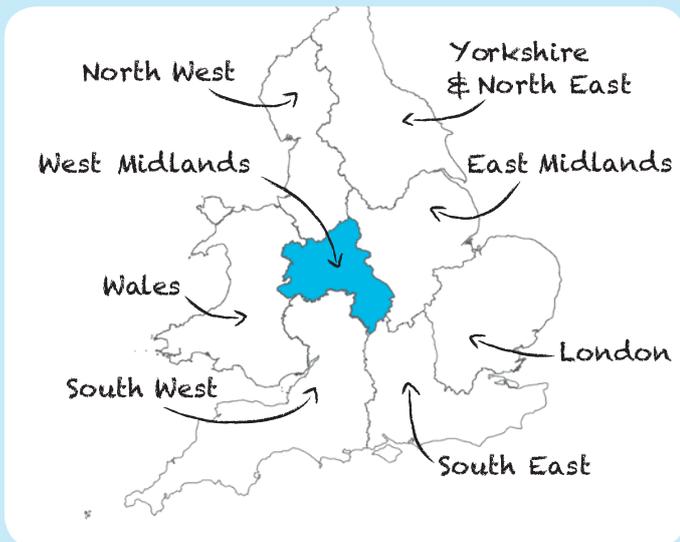
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