

Visit Information

For Teachers

Our Learning Programmes

All the resources, lesson plans and activities on offer at National Waterways Museum Gloucester are developed in partnership with teachers and education consultants. This means they are very closely linked to the National Curriculum and can be easily updated to comply with any curriculum changes. Learning materials and activities are evaluated throughout the academic year using teacher and pupil evaluation methods. This information is then used to continually improve the quality of resources and standard of provision.

Our Volunteers

The majority of educational visits are run by the education volunteer team which is managed and supported by the Education Coordinator. Recruitment of volunteers is targeted; volunteers are interviewed, must provide two references and are required to have a standard DBS check. They also undertake health and safety training, safeguarding training and specific training around leading educational activities. Volunteers are closely monitored by the Education Coordinator and their training is recorded through our volunteer database. The quality of delivery is monitored through the evaluation forms that are provided to every teacher and group leader visiting the museum, as well as to all teachers who book outreach activities.

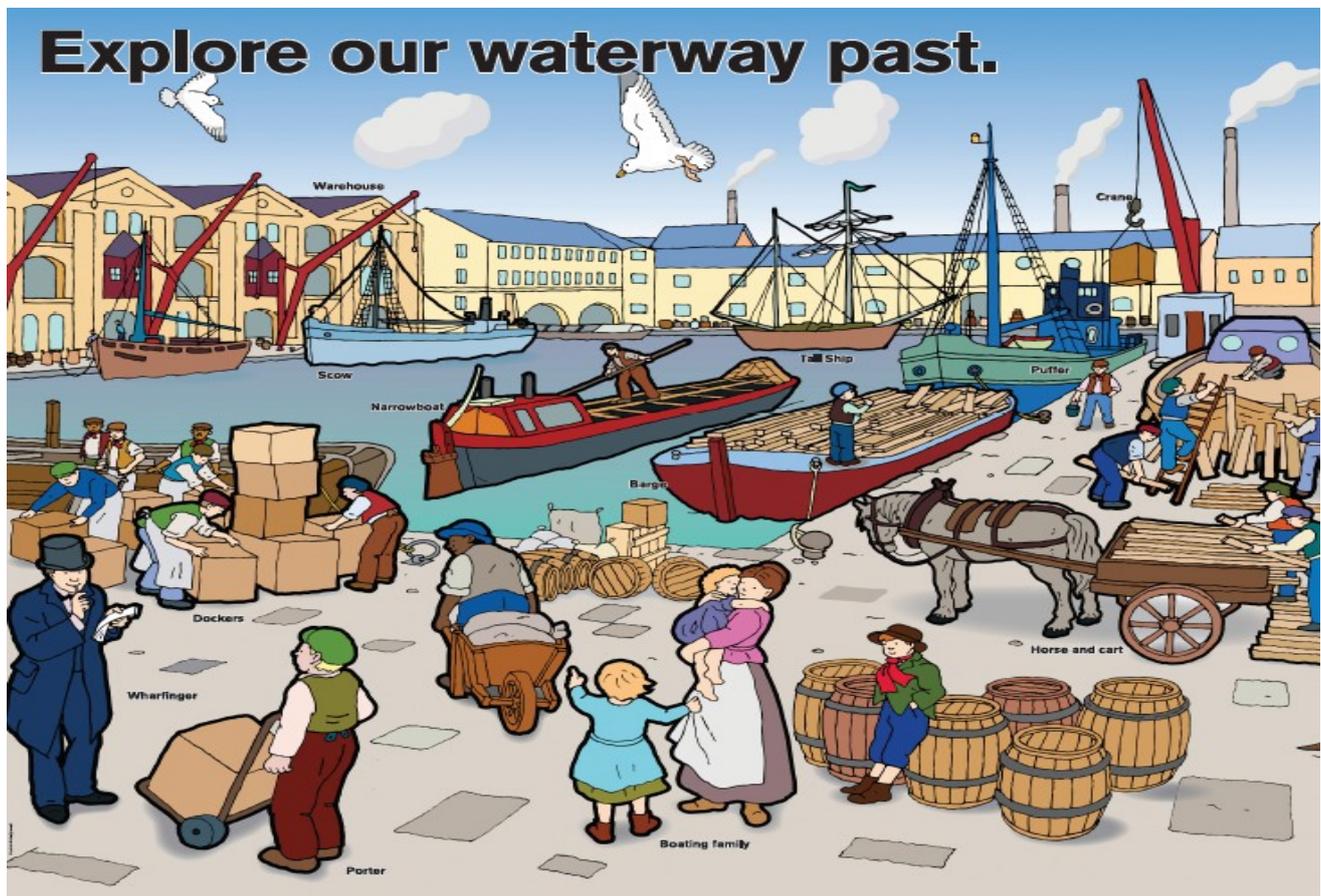


Please remember that teachers and group leaders are responsible for children at all times.



A Brief History!

The Gloucester Waterways Museum is part of Llanthony Warehouse, Gloucester, built in 1873. Designed by Capel N Tripp, it is six storeys high, built of red bricks, with a slate roof. The warehouse would have been used for timber, grain and alcohol. The building was designated Grade II listed status on 14 December 1971 and was converted to become the National Waterways Museum in 1987. The museum now tells the story of Gloucester Docks and the historic trade routes from Birmingham to the sea.



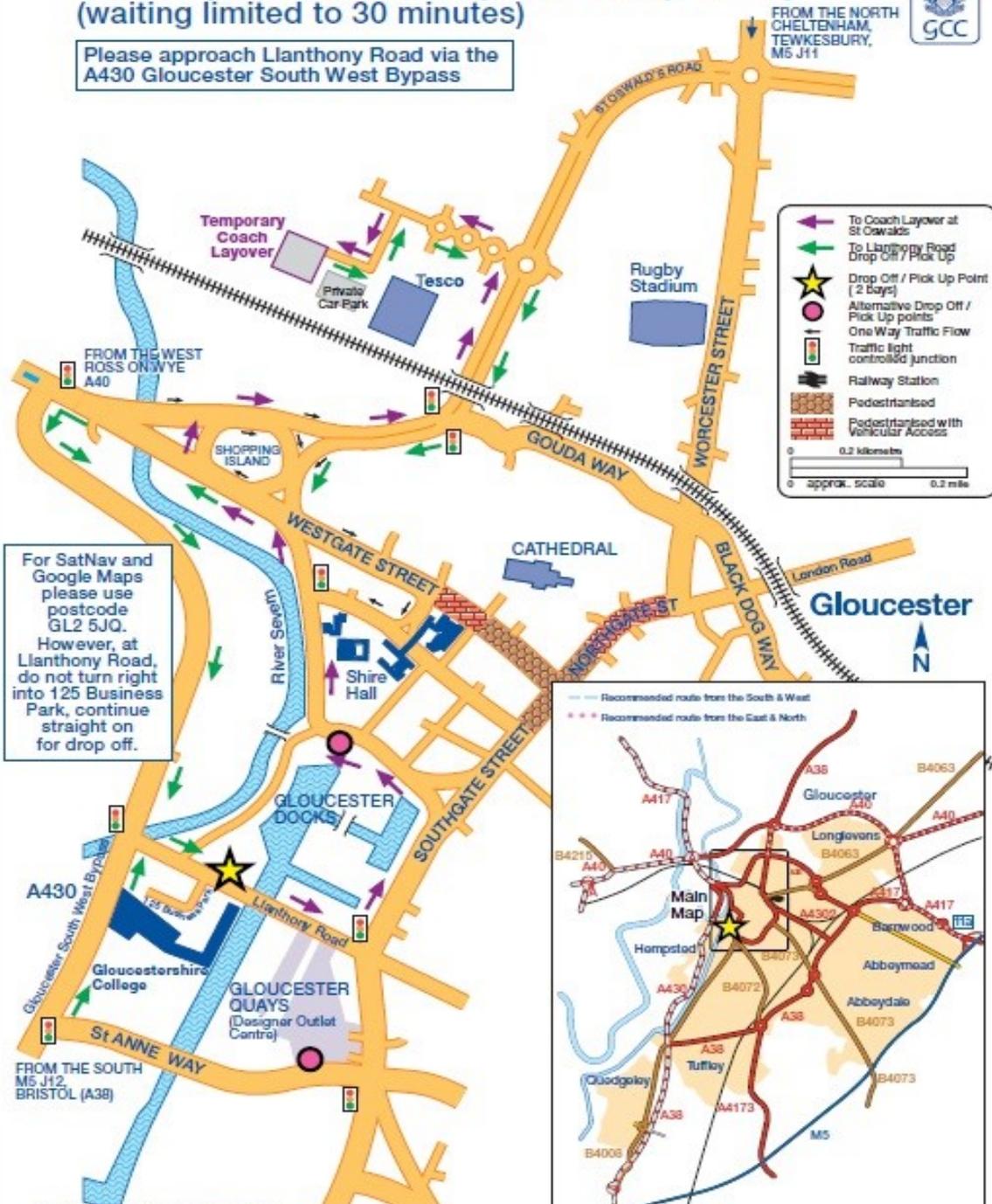
Make sure you visit
www.canalriverexplorers.org.uk for National
 Curriculum linked pre and post visit resources.



Arriving at the Museum

GLOUCESTER Llanthony Road Coach Drop Off/Pick Up Facility (waiting limited to 30 minutes)

Please approach Llanthony Road via the A430 Gloucester South West Bypass



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Book a Self-Led Visit

£6 per pupil

A self-led visit to the museum is good value and allows you more freedom and choice. It is still important that you book your visit and discuss your requirements with our Education Coordinator, who will be able to advise you about the most suitable activities for your group.

Key Stage One Itinerary

10am Arrive

Morning Activity: Docks Trail

This takes you on a walk around the historic docks, giving you a flavour of their thriving industrial past.

12noon Boat Trip & Lunch Aboard

Afternoon Activity: Museum Visit

Enjoy exploring the museum in small groups. Complete our wildlife trail, experience our interactive exhibits and challenge yourselves at our activity tables.

2pm Depart

Key Stage Two Itinerary

10am Arrive

Morning Activity: Docks Trail

This takes you on a walk around the historic docks, giving you a flavour of their thriving industrial past.

12noon Boat Trip & Lunch Aboard

Afternoon Activity: Museum Visit

Enjoy exploring the museum in small groups. Complete our STEM trail, experience our interactive exhibits and challenge yourselves at our activity tables.

2pm Depart

Why not try out our water safety challenge?

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/water-safety>



Book a Volunteer-Led Visit

£8 per pupil

A volunteer-led visit to the museum gives you the added benefit of an expert on-hand to answer questions and to lead a half day activity. It is important that you book your visit and discuss your requirements with our Education Coordinator.



Key Stage One Itinerary

10am Arrive

Morning Activity: Build a Canal Workshop

Learn about the construction of canals, local trade & transport, why canals are here in Gloucester and work as a team.

12noon Boat Trip & Lunch Aboard

Afternoon Activity: Museum Visit

Enjoy exploring the museum in small groups. Complete our wildlife trail, experience our interactive exhibits and challenge yourselves at our activity tables.

2pm Depart

Key Stage Two Itinerary

10am Arrive

Morning Activity: Workshop

Choose from our float a boat, erosion or cranes workshops. Please contact the learning team for more information about individual workshops.

12noon Boat Trip & Lunch Aboard

Afternoon Activity: Museum Visit

Enjoy exploring the museum in small groups. Complete our STEM trail, experience our interactive exhibits and challenge yourselves at our activity tables.

2pm Depart

Contact:

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for further information



Museum Facilities

Toilets

Disabled toilets are located on the ground floor to the right hand side of the reception area. There are also standard toilets at this location.

Additional toilets are located on the first floor, next to the lifts.

Lunch

Lunches can be eaten aboard our trip boat during your cruise. Please bring packed lunches as we have very limited café facilities at the museum.



We offer a FREE teacher pre-visit to the museum .

Access

All our main exhibitions, activities and trip boats are wheelchair accessible. (Please note that there is limit to the number of wheelchairs we can accommodate on our trip boats, so please do let us know if you have members of your group in a wheelchair.) There are lifts for access to the upper floor of the museum.

The only exhibit not wheelchair accessible is our steam dredger—due to it's historic nature it cannot be altered. Mobility restricted pupils (not in a wheelchair) should be able to access it.

Our learning team are proficient in adapting activities to suit a wide range of learning needs, so please indicate on your booking form if there are any additional needs for your group.

Exploring the Museum

Great for Local Schools

The museum story focusses on local and regional history, perfect for a local history study. We also have lovely personal stories from local people in print, film and audio.

Great for Creative Play

For our younger visitors we have a beautiful canal boat play area. Children can role play as dock workers loading and unloading cargo.



Ask us about our FREE out-reach visits to your school or group.

Interactive Exhibits— Things to do with your group!

- Ground Floor: Docks Model: Load the boat
- First Floor: Talking Heads: Listen to real life dock stories
- First Floor: Sack Hoist: Can you figure out how they work?
- First Floor: Costume: Dress as a canal family
- First Floor: Gauging: What is it and how does it work?
- First Floor: Narrow Boat Play Area: How quickly can you load the cargo?