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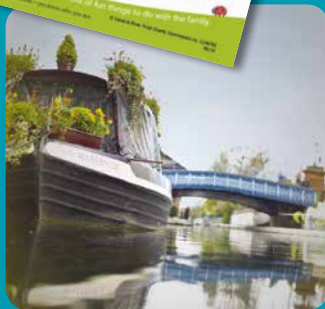
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The Tees Barrage & Stockton

1

Viewing platform, take binoculars, seals, water sports, boat trips, picnic area, café, pub. **Tees Barrage Way, Stockton-on-Tees TS17 6QA**



Sowerby Bridge

11

Tuel Tunnel Lock, lock keeper, boat hire, Wainhouse Tower, feed the ducks, narrowboats, picnic area, café, pub. **Stanley St, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2AJ**



Ripon

2

Bird hides, boat trips, towpath, wildflowers, visit Ripon Cathedral, converted canal buildings, walk down the towpath, café. **Canal Wharf, Ripon HG4 1AQ**



Standedge Tunnel

12

Boat trips, Tunnel End Reservoir Nature Trail, visit Loft Space Creative hub, picnic area, Information Centre, play area, café. **Waters Rd, Marsden, Huddersfield HD7 6NQ**



Lune Aqueduct

3

One of the 'Seven Wonders of the Waterways', boat trips, newly opened cycle path, bird-spotting, digital memories trail, café, pub. **Caton Rd, Lancaster LA1 3PE**



Uppermill

13

Walk to Standedge Tunnel, Information Centre, picnic area, visit Saddleworth Museum, boat trips, pub. **Wool Rd, Uppermill OL3 5QR**



Lancaster & Penny Street Basin

4

Information Centre, waterbus, café, pub, QR trail waymarkers, Lancaster Castle. **Water Witch Basin, Aldcliffe Ln, Lancaster LA1 1SU**



Portland Basin

14

Portland Basin Museum, Peak Forest Canal, narrowboats, picnic area, café, boat trips. **Portland Place, Heritage Wharf, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 0QA**



Garstang

5

Quaint bridges, stone aqueduct, no locks – great to explore by canoe, Information Centre, Fairtrade shopping, cycling, café, pub. **Kepple Ln, Garstang PR3 1PA**



Wigan Pier

15

Boats passing through the locks, Wigan Pier, old canal cottages, dry dock, café, boat trips, restored Trencherfield Mill Steam Engine, pub. **Wallgate, Wigan WN3 4EU**



Skipton

6

Skipton Castle, Springs Branch forming a moat, water mill, boat trips, eat fish & chips, feed the ducks, cycling, café, pub. **Coach St Car Park, Coach St, Skipton BD23 1LE**



Albert Dock & Liverpool Canal Link

16

Spot ocean-going cruisers, cycling, sail on a Mersey Ferry, visit the Museum of Liverpool, café, pub. **Albert Dock, Liverpool L3 4AA**



Bingley Five Rise Locks

7

Boats working through the locks, café that was once stables, cycling, interactive QR trail, picnic area, café. **Beck Ln, Bingley BD16 4DT**



Marple Locks

17

Deepest locks in the country, quirky foot bridge, picnic area, take binoculars, woodlands, bird spotting, boat trips café, pub. **Marple Locks, Station Rd, SK6 7DA**



Saltaire

8

Picnic area, cycling, play area, Saltaire to Bingley QR trail, visit Salts Mill home to works by David Hockney, café, pub. **Salts Mill, Victoria St, Saltaire BD98 8AA**



Bugsworth Canal Basin

18

Visitor Centre, limekiln remains, water birds, picnic area, cycling, café, pub. **Brookside, Buxworth, High Peak SK23 7NE**



Pocklington (Canal Head to Melbourne)

9

Boat trips, Information Centre, bring binoculars, picnic area. **Melbourne, York, YO42 4QJ & Pocklington YO42 1NW**



Clarence Mill & Adelphi Mill

19

Visit Bollington Discovery Centre, cycling, picnic area, play area, boat trips, café, pub. **Clarence Rd, Bollington SK10 5JZ**



Hebden Bridge

10

Boat trips, art galleries & independent shops, heritage trail, Information Centre, picnic area, café, pub. **King St, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6LU**



Sprotborough

20

Bird spotting, take binoculars, boat trips, picnic area, cycling, feed the ducks, holiday & taster cruises, pub. **Nursery Ln, Sprotborough, Doncaster DN5 7NB**



Drakeholes

Take a fishing net, go canal dipping, bring binoculars, picnic area, Drakeholes Tunnel, visit the haunted White Swan pub. **Eel Pool Rd, Doncaster DN10 5DH**

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Nantwich

Cast iron aqueduct, boat trips & hire, pack a picnic, Information Centre, visit Nantwich Museum, café, pub. **First Wood St, Nantwich CW5 5EG**

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Torksey Lock

Bird spotting, peewits, narrowboats, barges, clapper gate, six pairs of lock gates, Information Centre, café.

Torksey, Lincolnshire LN1 2EH

22



Audlem

13th century church, water taxi, marina, Mill Craft Centre & Canal Shop, café, pub, Information Centre, picnic area, wildlife. **Cheshire St, Audlem CW3 0AH**

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Brayford Pool, Lincoln

Narrowboats, cycling, visit Lincoln Cathedral, boat trips, walk along High Bridge, marina, café, pub & mute swans!

Lucy Tower St, Lincoln LN1 1XW

23



Ellesmere

Sculpture Trail, Information Centre, marina, narrowboats, mere, picnic area, boat hire, café, pub, shopping town. **Cross St, Rd, Ellesmere SY12 9AA**

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Anderton Boat Lift

Visitor Centre, Northwich Woodlands, willow & wood sculptures, mosaic, picnic area, boat trips, café, pub.

Lift Ln, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 6FW

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Pontcysyllte Aqueduct & World Heritage Site

Boat trips & hire, picnic area, Offa's Dyke National Trail, pub, Information Centre. **Pontcysyllte Aqueduct LL20 7YQ**

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Middlewich

Boat hire, find the plaque on the bridge, Canal & Salt Trail, water birds, have a picnic, play area, café, pub.

Civic Way, Middlewich CW11 1HZ

25



Llangollen

Steam railway, visit Llangollen Museum, boat trips, pack a picnic, Information Centre, take binoculars, café, pub.

Main Car Park, Market St, Llangollen LL20 8RT

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National Waterways Museum

Old docks, warehouse, step inside a traditional narrowboat, sculptures, boat trips, café.

South Pier Rd, Ellesmere Port CH65 4FW

26



Newark

Picnic area, play area, boat trips, Information Centre, café, pub, Historic Riverside Trail, visit Newark Castle, walk to the locks. **Tolney Ln, Newark NG24 1BZ**

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Westport Lake

Bird spotting, migrating birds, hunt for insects, circular walk, Information Centre, narrowboats, café, play area.

Westport, Lake Rd, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 4RZ

27



Gunthorpe

Huge bottom gate, boat trips, walk the historic Gunthorpe Bridge, water birds, narrowboats, cycling, café, pub. **Trentside, Gunthorpe NG14 7FB**

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Chester

Bridge of Sighs, Northgate Locks, King Charles's Tower, café, pub, restaurant boat, picnic area, Information Centre. **Gorse Stacks, Chester CH1 3EQ**

28



Stoke Lock & Woods

Woodpeckers, pike, walk in the woods, picnic area, play area, narrowboats, clapper gate, cycling, pub. **Riverside, Stoke Bardolph, Nottingham NG14 5HX**

38



Rudyard Lake

Boat trips, miniature railway, take a camera, play area, rowing, canoeing, sailing, fishing, picnic area, Information Centre, café. **Lake Rd, Leek ST13 8XB**

29



Castle Wharf - Nottingham

Visit Nottingham Castle, walk south to Victoria Embankment, cycling, waterside cafés, pub. **Nottingham Castle, Canal St NG1 7HG**

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Consall Forge

Consall Forge Nature Park, spot birds of prey, picnic area, bring a fishing net, go canal dipping, cycling, pub. **Wetley Rocks, Stoke-on-Trent ST9 0AF**

30



Victoria Embankment - Nottingham

Viewing platform, pack a picnic, cycling café, pub, boat trips, Memorial Gardens, Trent Bridge, watch boats. **Nottingham, NG2 2JY**

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Trent Lock

41

Walk Cranfleet Cut, cycling, wildlife, coots, swans, kingfishers, buildings to explore, spot a working barge, café, pub.

Long Eaton NG10 2FY



Earlswood Lakes

51

Water birds, watch anglers, Old Engine House, fishing, heritage walk with small brass-rubbing plates, picnic area, play area, café, pub. **Wood Ln, Earlswood, B94 6AD**



Great Haywood

42

Essex Bridge, woodlands, Shugborough Hall, Chartley Castle, boat trips, kingfishers, pike, picnic area, café, pub.

Mill Ln, Great Haywood, Staffordshire ST18 0RQ



Stourport on Severn

52

Explore the town, wide locks, canal basins, take a boat trip, picnic beside the river, café, pub.

For Riverside parking: DY13 8UJ



Fradley Junction

43

Audio trail, dry dock, go pond-dipping, Nature Reserve, crane, Information Centre, café, pub.

Alrewas, Staffordshire DE13 7DN



Hatton Locks

53

21 locks, picnic area, go for a family bike ride, amazing steel sculptures, nature trail, old brick narrow locks, café, pub. **Canal Rd, Warwick CV35 7JL**



Sutton Cheney

44

Pack a picnic, canal dipping, canoeing, waterside café, site of Battle of Bosworth. **Wharf Ln, Sutton Cheney, Nuneaton CV13 0AL**



Braunston

54

Quirky bridges, marina, find the stop house, visit All Saints Church, picnic area, Information Centre, café, pub.

The Wharf, Braunston, Daventry NN11 7JQ



Bratch Locks

45

Visit Bratch Pumping Station, take binoculars, Bumblehole Lock, picnic area, circular walk, Railway Café, pub.

Bratch Ln, Wombourne, Staffordshire WV5 8DH



Stratford-upon-Avon

55

Boat trips, picnic area, pub, café Information Centre, see one of Shakespeare's plays, cycle to Mary Arden's house!

Swan's Nest Ln, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BB



Dudley Tunnel

46

Boat trips through Dudley Tunnel, visit Black Country Living Museum, café, pub, picnic area, Outdoor Activity Centre. **Tipton Rd, Dudley DY1 4SQ**



Diglis Basin

56

Visit Worcester Cathedral, swan sanctuary, picnic area, boat trips, explore the circular walk, take a break on the floating café, pub. **Diglis Rd, Worcester WR5 3BW**



Windmill End

47

Netherton Tunnel, arts trail, cast iron bridges, Windmill End Pumping Station, café, pub, evening walks, grey herons & bats, picnic area. **Derby End, Dudley DY2 9HS**



Stoke Bruerne

57

Visit the Canal Museum, take woodland walk, picnic area, boat trips, go pond dipping, café, pub, narrowboats. **Nr. Towcester, Northants NN12 7SE**



Birmingham City Centre Canal

48

Narrowboats, go canoeing guided tour, café, pub, picnic area, boat trips, visit the Sea Life Centre, museums. **Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2JF**



Cosgrove & Wolverton

58

Trunk Aqueduct, cattle creep, Ornamental Bridge, picnic area, boat trips, pub. **Lock Ln, Cosgrove MK19 7JR or Old Wolverton Rd, Wolverton MK12 5NL**



Foxton Locks

49

Visit the Canal Museum, Information Centre, boat trips, café, pub, picnic area, viewing platform, bronze sculpture.

Foxton, Leicestershire LE16 7RA



Banbury

59

Tom Rolt Bridge, Information Centre, picnic area, boat trips, visit Banbury Museum, café, pub. **Spiceball Park Rd, Banbury OX16 2PQ**



Market Harborough

50

Marina, craft workshops, 'Frank the Plank' sundial, explore the town, cycling, café, pub. **Union Wharf, Leicester Rd, Market Harborough LE16 7UW**



Brecon Basin

60

Bird spotting, see the beautiful Brynich Aqueduct, pack a picnic, boat trips, café, pub, fish, spot birds. **Brecon Basin, Powys LD3 7EW**



Gloucester Docks

61

Visit the Waterways Museum or the Soldiers Of Gloucester, Custom House, Mariner's Chapel, boat trips, take a break in a dockside café or pub. **Gloucester Docks GL1 2EH**



Hanwell Lock Flight

71

Watch the boats, spot the filled-in arch in St Bernard's Hospital, cycling, picnic area, look out for birds inc. herons, pub. **Green Lane, Ealing W7 2PJ**



Saul Junction

62

Boat trips, Information Centre, cycle to the Wetlands & Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge, picnic area, Stables Café, pub. **Church Ln, Saul, Gloucester GL2 7LA**



Brentford

72

Toll house, boats working the locks, water birds, water sports, canoeing, cycling, café, restaurant, pub. **Brentford Gauging Lock, Brentford TW8 8HP**



Thrupp

63

Canal cottages, quirky bridges, pack your wellies, chat to boaters, picnic area, lift bridge, watch the boats, café, pub. **Canal Yard, Canal Rd, Thrupp OX5 1JZ**



Little Venice

73

Spot the gates under Warwick Avenue Bridge, Browning's Pool, sculptures by Sean Henry, picnic area, café, pub. **Blomfield Rd, London W9 2PF**



Oxford

64

Old Oxford boat yard, narrowboats, turnover bridge, cycling, boat & cycle hire, Thames Path, café, pub. **Worcester St Car Park, Oxford OX1 2BQ**



Camden Locks

74

Pirate Castle, go across Turnover bridge, visit Camden markets, boat trips, cycling, lockside café, pub. **Camden Locks, London NW1 8AF**



Tring (Marsworth)

65

Way-marked circular walks, cycling, bird hide, Tringford Pumping Station, café, pub. **Tring Reservoirs, Marsworth, Tring, HP23 4LL**



King's Cross

75

Visit London Canal Museum, cycling, see trains, walk to Islington Tunnel, have a picnic on the steps of St Martins, café, pub. **Central St Martins, London N1C 4AA**



Berkhamsted

66

Canadian totem pole, old boat building, ruins of Berkhamsted Castle, picnic area, café, pub. **Canal Fields, Broadwater, Berkhamsted HP4 2AL**



Islington City Road Basin

76

Water sports, canoeing, watch boats working the locks, narrowboats, festival, cycling, canalside café, pub. **Graham St, Islington N1 8GJ**



Apsley

67

Marina, bridges with double arches, play area, Visitor Centre, café, pub. **Stationers Pl, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9RH**



Old Ford Lock & Bow Wharf

77

Water birds, Chinese Pagoda in Victoria Park, Olympic Park, cycling, play area, café, pub. **Bow Wharf, Wennington Rd E3 5SN**



Watford, Cassiobury Park

68

Playground, picnic, park, ice-cream, locks, feed the ducks. **Gade Avenue, Watford WD18 7LG**



Limehouse Basin

78

Spot the accumulator tower, historic Narrow Street, The Grapes, yachts, look out for tall ships, cycling, pub. **Limehouse Basin, Horseferry Rd, Limehouse E14 8DY**



Denham

69

Information Centre, feed the ducks, bring your wellies, cycling, take a break in the tearooms, visit old Denham village. **Denham Court Dr, Denham, Bucks. UB9 5PG**



Three Mills & Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

79

Water taxis, cycling, play area, picnic area, café, restaurant, take a tour of House Mill, sculptures. **Three Mills Ln, London E3 3DU**



Brent Reservoir (Welsh Harp)

70

Bird spotting, take binoculars, spot sailing boats, walk around the reservoir, picnic area, café. **Aboyne Road, London NW10 OEX**



West India Docks

80

Visit Museum of London Docklands, Thames Riverboats, cycling, Olympic Park, sculptures, café, restaurant, pub. **West India Docks, Lawn House Close E14 9YQ**



Harlow

81

Boat trips & hire, picnic area, Moorhen Marina, feed the ducks, Parndon Mill, modern sculptures, chat to boaters, pub. **Burnt Mill Ln, Harlow CM20 2QS**



Caen Hill Locks

91

Pond dipping, picnic tables, cycling, take a break in the café, water birds, help boaters work the locks, wildlife. **The Locks, Deveses SN10 1QR**



Bishop's Stortford

82

Take a fishing net, go canal dipping, feed the ducks, Information Centre, cycling, play area, picnic area, waterside café, pub. **Station Rd, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3BL**



Seend Locks

92

Pack a picnic, lovely woodland walk, swing bridge, cycle along the towpath, wildlife conservation, pub. **Seend Cleeve SN12 6QB**



Reading

83

Shopping, towpath walk, visit Reading Museum, boat traffic lights, amazing weir at County Lock, café, pub.

The Oracle Shopping Centre, Reading RG1 2AG



Bradford-on-Avon Wharf

93

Play area, picnic, boat trips, cycling, café, pub watch the narrowboats. **Canalside car park, Baileys Barn, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1BX**



Aldermaston Wharf

84

Modern electric lift bridge, Information Centre, cycling, wildlife conservation, spot Dutch barges, picnic area, café, pub. **Aldermaston Wharf, Aldermaston RG7 4JS**



Avoncliff Aqueduct

94

Take a picnic, cycle to Dundas Aqueduct, kingfishers, visit the tiny hamlet of Avoncliff, weir, café, pub. **Avoncliff Aqueduct, Avoncliff BA15 2HB**



Newbury

85

Information Centre, play area, picnic area, boat trips, bustling market town, walk along to Town Bridge, café, pub.

Newbury Wharf, Wharf St, Newbury RG14 5AP



Dundas Aqueduct

95

Brass Knocker Basin, cycling & hire, restaurant, Information Centre, boat trips, boat & canoe hire, picnic area.

Brassknocker Hill, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7JD



Kintbury

86

Take a horse-drawn boat trip, visit Kintbury Parish Church, cycling, clear chalk streams, wildlife conservation, café, pub.

Station Rd, Kintbury RG17 9UT



Bathampton

96

Buildings made of golden Bath stone, cycle up to Claverton Pumping Station, picnic on the banks, café, pub.

Mill Ln, Bathampton, Bath BA2 6TR



Hungerford Wharf

87

Wildlife conservation, visit St Lawrence's Church, quirky canal bridges, boat trips, feed the ducks, café, pub.

High Street, Town Centre, Hungerford RG17 0DN



Bath Locks

97

Audio canal trail, picnic at Sydney Gardens, museum, play area, boat trips, café, Cleveland House, crossover bridge. **Sydney Rd, Bath BA2 6NT**



Crofton

88

Visit the pumping station – Crofton Beam Engines, visit

Wilton Water, picnic, Information Centre, cycling, café. **Off Crofton Rd SN8 3DW**



Bridgwater Docks

98

Quirky bridges, Old Crane, Admiral Court, poem inscribed into wooden beams, Information Centre, café, pub.

Admirals Court, The Marina, Bridgwater TA6 3EX



Pewsey

89

Pillboxes built as mini forts, kingfishers, winding hole, relax with a picnic, walk to Ladies Bridge, bistro, pub.

Pewsey Wharf, Marlborough Rd, Pewsey SN9 5NT



Huntworth

99

Take binoculars, osprey, cycling, canalside pub, splash in puddles, picnic area, feed the ducks, boats by the swingbridge.

Meads Crossing, Huntworth TA7 0AQ



Devizes Wharf

90

Visit the museum, chat with boaters, shop, Information Centre, cycling, boat trips, café, pillbox, canoe race.

Devizes Wharf, Couch Ln, Wiltshire SN10 1EB



Maunsel Lock

100

Second World War pillboxes, tearooms, café, boat trips, Somerset Space Walk, picnic area, art trail. **Maunsel Lock Canal Centre, Bankland, North Newton TA7 0DH**

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