



Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

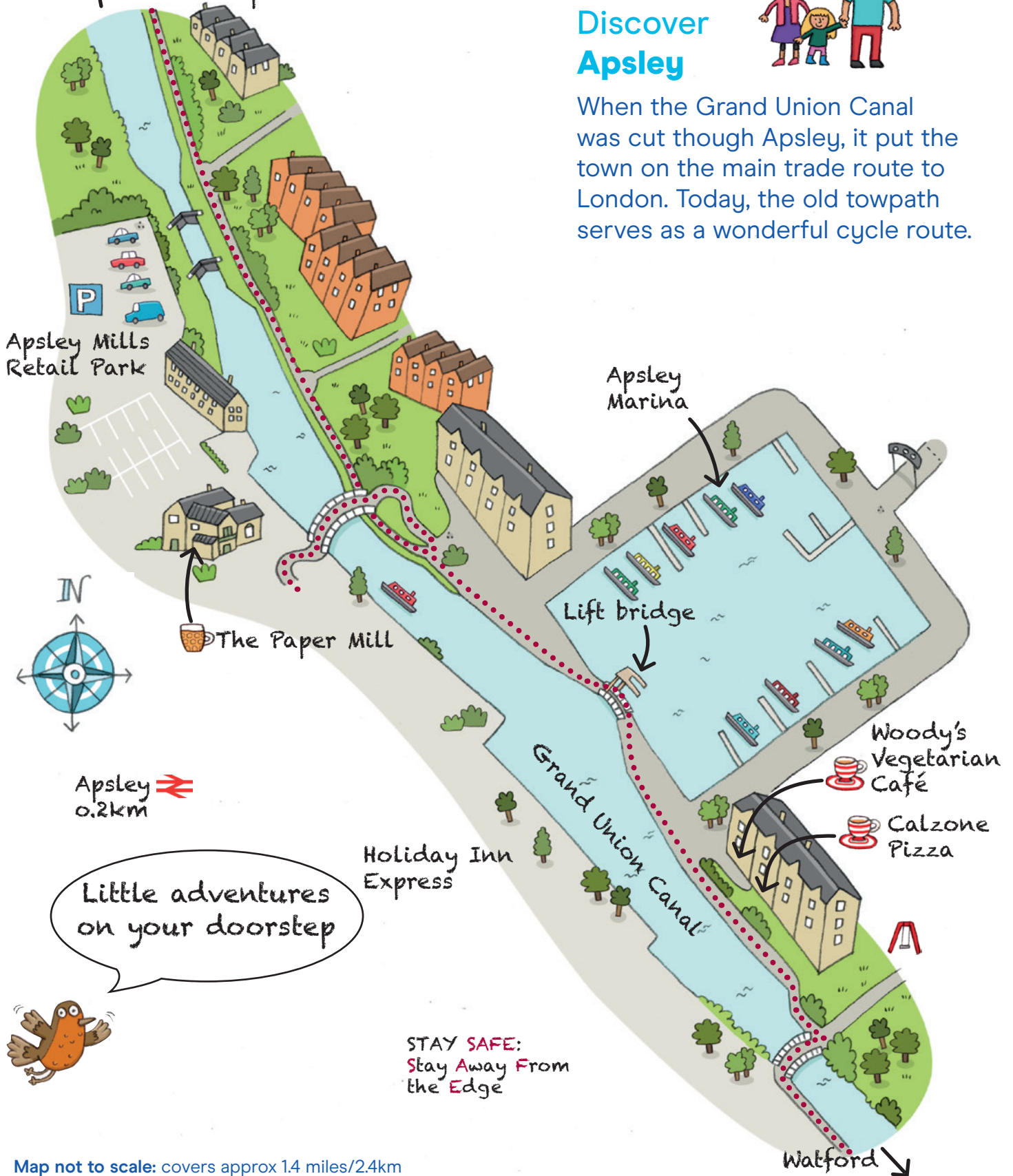
The Paper Trail Visitor Centre (approx 500m) Hemel Hempstead



Discover Apsley



When the Grand Union Canal was cut through Apsley, it put the town on the main trade route to London. Today, the old towpath serves as a wonderful cycle route.



Apsley 0.2km

Little adventures on your doorstep

STAY SAFE: Stay Away From the Edge

A little bit of history

Apsley was once an important centre for paper manufacture. The Grand Union Canal transported huge amounts of raw materials on barges to the paper mills here. Full-scale production of paper only ceased in the Second World War. Today, the old industrial buildings are now cafés, pubs and a visitor centre – and make a great day out.

Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Apsley

- **Walk** around the marina and spot the different types of boats.
- **Look for** bridges with double arches. At one time the canal was planned to have double locks for bigger barges, but they were never built.
- **Check out** The Paper Mill pub in an old converted paper mill.
- **Visit** The Paper Trail Visitor Centre located in Frogmore Mill, an old paper mill. It houses the world's oldest mechanised paper mill.
- **Count** how many water birds you can spot and name in five minutes.

Information

Stationers Place
Apsley
Hemel Hempsted
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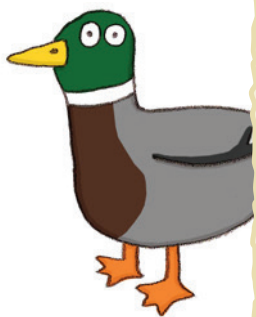
-  Parking
-  Toilets (in the visitor centre)
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Play area
-  Path
-  Allow 1-2 hours for this visit

* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

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.



Go to canalriverexplorers.org.uk to discover lots of fun things to do with the family.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped produce these.

