



Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Explore Banbury

In the centre of this busy modern Oxfordshire town discover Tooley's Boatyard, the oldest continuous working dry dock in the country.



A little bit of history

The arrival of the Oxford Canal to Banbury brought a cheap supply of coal from Warwickshire, and much prosperity to the town. The main boatyard was established to build and repair the horse-drawn narrowboats which plied their trade up and down the canal. Now known as Tooley's Boatyard, it's still there for all to explore.



Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Banbury

- Take** a boat trip and learn more about the Oxford Canal.
- Relax** in a canalside café and watch narrowboats passing by.
- Walk** to Tom Rolt Bridge named after the man largely responsible for encouraging the interest in the history and preservation canals.
- Visit** Banbury Museum located on the canalside and discover more about the Tooley family featured in Tom Rolt's famous book **The Narrow Boat**. It was republished in 1990 when the future of the boatyard was threatened.
- Stroll** along the towpath and check out the sculpture and poem.



Information

Banbury Museum
Spiceball Park Rd,
Banbury OX16 2PQ

 Parking
(pay & display)

 Toilets + baby
changing

 Café

 Pub

 Visitor centre

 Picnic

 Boat trips

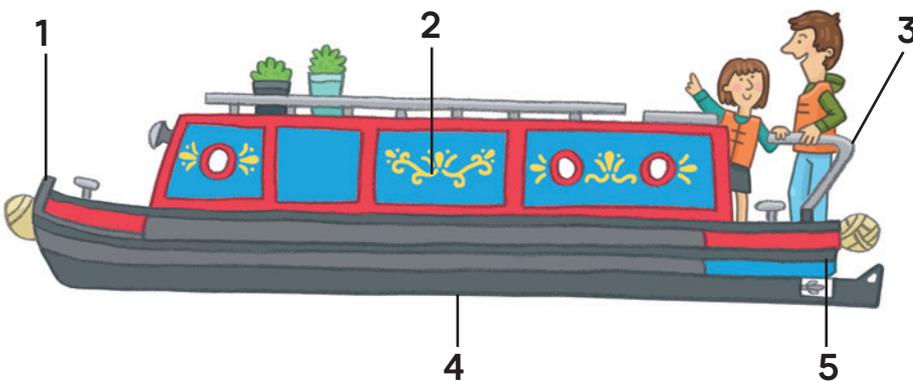
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 Allow half to full
day for this visit

* 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.

Can you name the different parts of a narrowboat?



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

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