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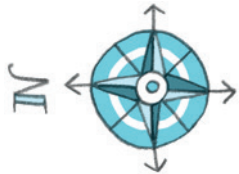
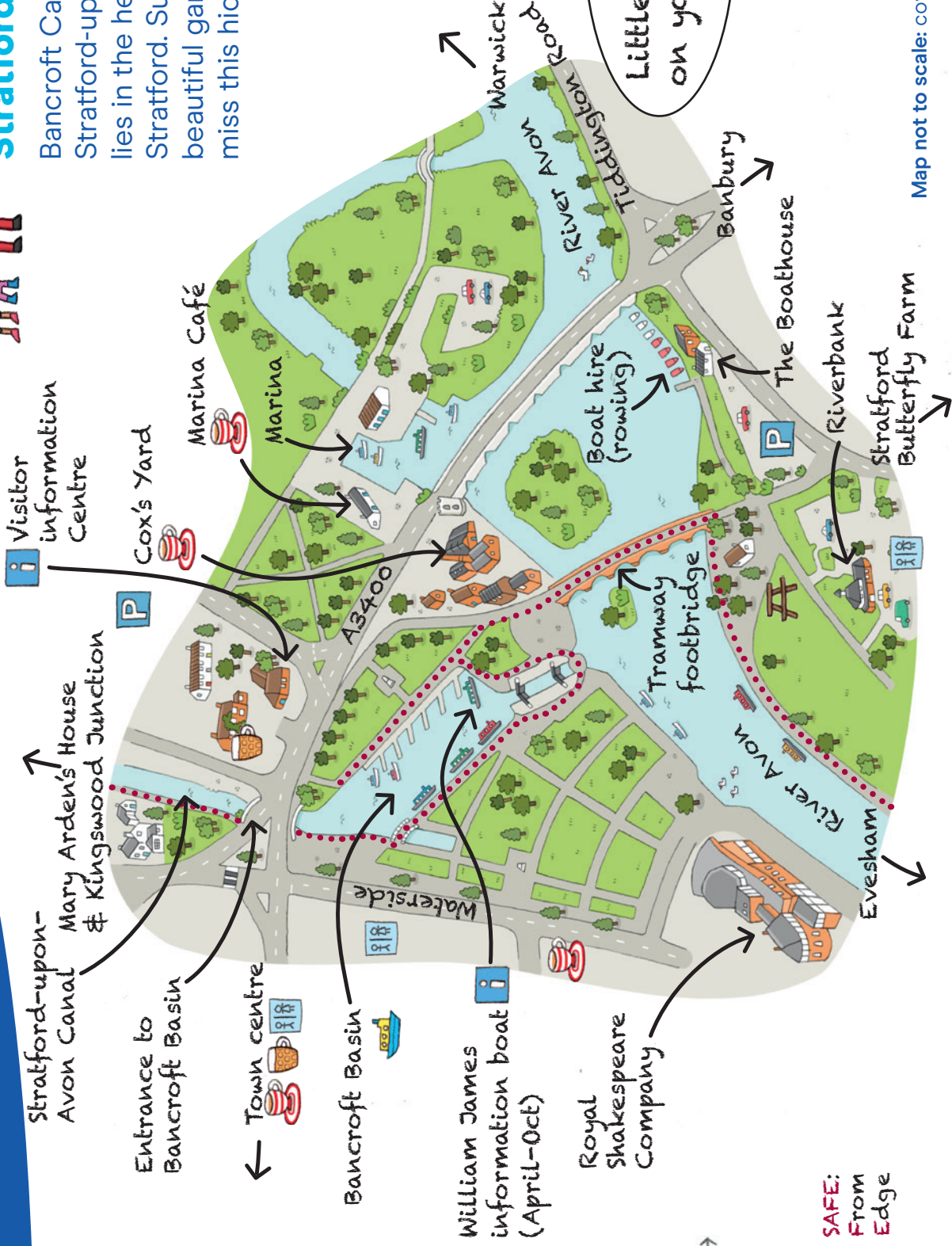
Making life better by water



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.



**STAY SAFE:**  
Stay **Away From** the **Edge**

Little adventures on your doorstep



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

## 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.



Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### 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

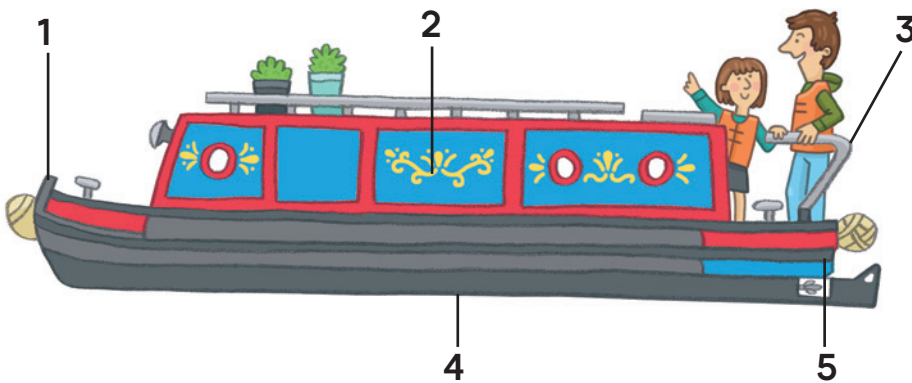
-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Information
-  Picnic
-  Boat trips
-  Path

 Allow up to half a 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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