Discover Bath Locks

Passing through the lush countryside of Somerset, Wiltshire and Berkshire, the Kennet & Avon Canal is one of the best-loved of our waterways.

Map not to scale: covers approx 1.4 miles/2.4km
A little bit of history
Minutes from the magnificence of Bath and overlooked by most of the millions of tourists that flock to the city each year, is the hidden world of the Kennet & Avon Canal. Here in this great city, the canal joins the River Avon to complete the once important trade route from Bristol to London.

Best of all it’s FREE!*  

Five things to do at Bath Locks

☐ Take a boat trip. It’s a great way to explore this beautiful canal and admire the fabulous views of the city.

☐ Look out for Cleveland House and the square hole in the roof of the tunnel. Nobody knows what it was used for!

☐ Have a picnic in Sydney Gardens. There’s a great museum and good play area there too.

☐ Discover the crossover bridge. It was built so that when the towpath changed sides, the horses towing boats didn’t have to be unhitched.

☐ Download audio trails which explore the canal between Halfpenny Bridge and Darlington Wharf. There’s also a two mile circular trail that links with key features in the city centre.

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.

Information
Sydney Road
Bath
BA2 6NT

Street parking only
Toilets
Café
Picnic area
Play area
Path

Allow 3-4 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.

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

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