



# Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water



## Explore Berkhamsted

Berkhamsted, on the Grand Junction Canal, was once a busy inland port and the centre of boat building activity. It is still called the Port of Berkhamsted today.



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

## A little bit of history

The Grand Junction Canal linked London to Birmingham, cutting through Berkhamsted. Castle Wharf was once the centre of canal trade and boat building. Today, Berkhamsted is a great place to explore the canal, especially by bike as there is a good track all the way to London.



Best of all  
it's FREE!\*


### Five things to do at Berkhamsted

- Walk** along the towpath and explore the pretty town of Berkhamsted.
- Take** a picnic and feed the ducks.
- Check out** the Canadian totem pole which marks the site of an old boat building and timber yard.
- Visit** Ashridge estate woods, once the home of Francis Edgerton, Duke of Bridgewater. Known as the Canal Duke he invested the money to build the first canals.
- See** the ruins of Berkhamsted Castle, built by one of William the Conqueror's knights.



### Information

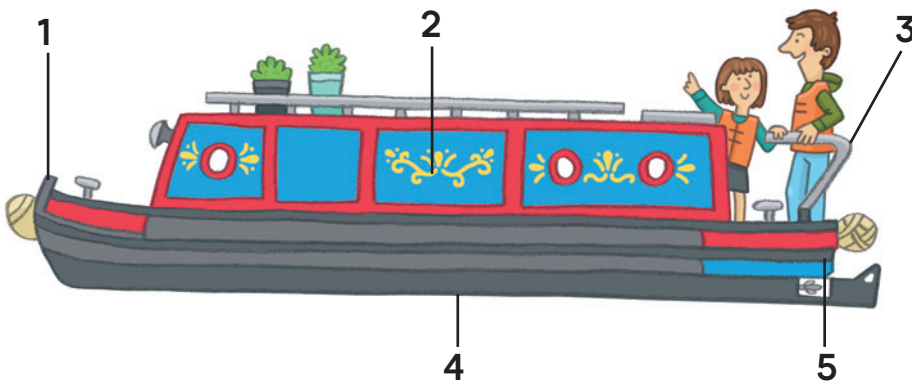
Canal Fields,  
Broadwater,  
Berkhamsted HP4 2AL

-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Picnic
-  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.

### Can you name the different parts of a narrowboat?



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

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