



# Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

## Explore Braunston

Braunston is where the Oxford Canal joins the Grand Union Canal. It's one of the busiest places on the waterways where canals, boats and people meet.



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

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

## A little bit of history

Braunston was an important depot on the canal system and many former boating families have links to the town. In 1923, a canal boatmen's strike took place here. Hundreds of boats, many carrying perishable goods, were jammed together for fourteen weeks!



Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### Five things to do at Braunston










- ❑ **Walk** to Braunston Tunnel past the marina and lock flight. There's no towpath through it so in the early days of canals, boats were 'legged' through and horses led over the top.
- ❑ **Look out for** traditional 'roses and castles' decoration on narrowboats.
- ❑ **Check out** quirky canal bridges including the famous iron turnover bridge. Its ingenious design meant the horse didn't have to be unhitched when the towpath changed sides.
- ❑ **Find** the Stop House where tolls were collected. Charges were based on the amount of cargo carried.
- ❑ **Visit** All Saints Church known as the Boatman's Church. Many boaters have been christened, married or buried there.

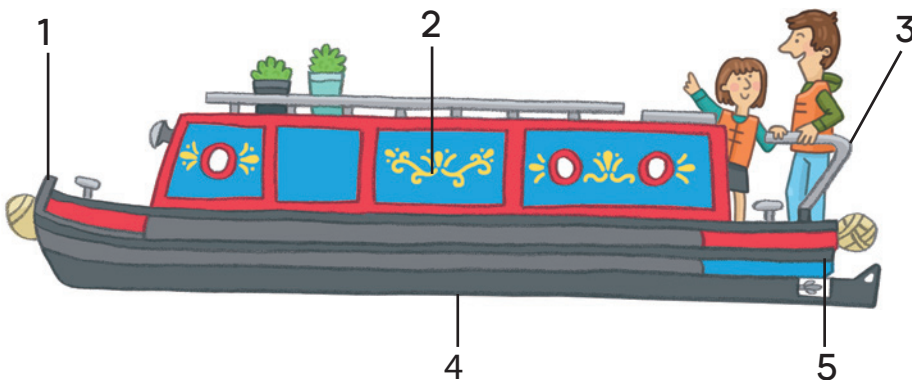


### Information

The Wharf, Braunston  
Daventry NN11 7JH

-  Parking (for pub customers)
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Picnic
-  Day hire & holidays
-  Path
-  Allow 2-3 hours for this visit

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



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

#### \* 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](http://canalriverexplorers.org.uk) to discover lots of fun things to do with the family.



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