



Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water



Discover Brentford Gauging Lock

Brentford Gauging Lock was once one of the busiest places on The Grand Union Canal. Today, Brentford Lock is a great place for a walk, cycle or jog.

Little adventures on your doorstep



Grand Union Canal to Bulls Bridge, Osterley Park & Hanwell

Brentford High Street shops and cafe's



STAY SAFE:
Stay Away From the Edge

(path subject to tide)

A little bit of history

Brentford Gauging Lock is so-called because here, the toll keeper checked how much cargo boats were carrying. He used a gauging rod to measure how high the boat sat out of the water and calculate the amount of cargo carried. From that, he could work out the toll to be paid to use the canal.



Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Brentford Gauging Lock

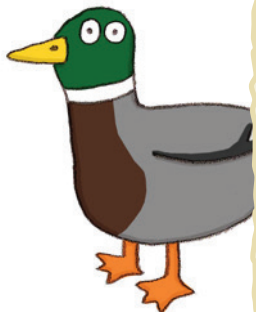
- Watch** the boats working the locks.
- Spot** the gauging lock and the nearby toll house where the toll keeper operated.
- In the early days** of canals, horses towed the boats. Find a ramp to help horses out of the canal when they fell in. Look for raised bricks so they didn't slip when going up or down a slope.
- Lots of water birds** are attracted to the canal. See how many you can spot and name in 5 minutes.
- Enjoy** water sports such as canoeing at weekends or school holidays.

Did you know?...

It's best to feed ducks tasty treats like:


- porridge oats
- rice
- peas
- chopped lettuce
- birdseed


Whilst they will gobble up white bread, crisps and chips its junk food for you and ducks!



Information

Brentford Gauging Lock
Brentford TW8 8HP

 Parking
(on street only)


 Toilets

 Café/
restaurant

 Pub

 Cycling

 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.

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

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