

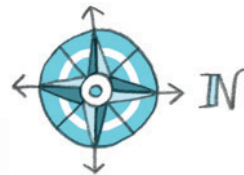


# Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

## Discover Foxton Locks

At Foxton Locks, check out two ingenious ways of getting boats up a steep hill. And find out what happened next!



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

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

## A little bit of history

Early canal engineers solved the problem of getting boats up a steep hill at Foxton by building staircase locks. This means they share bottom and top gates. A boat lift was designed to take wider boats up the hill in giant tanks of water. Sadly, it was too expensive to run and closed soon afterwards.



Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### Five things to do at Foxton Locks

- Spot** the remains of the boat lift from the viewing platform.
- Visit** the Boilerhouse to see how the boat lift worked and discover what a tourist attraction it became in Victorian times.
- Watch** how narrowboats work the locks and find out how they manage to pass each other.
- Take** a boat ride along the Grand Union Canal Leicester Line.
- Find** out about 'Dolly' the canal horse who towed boats along in the early days of canal. Check out her full-size bronze sculpture.

### 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


Foxton Locks, Foxton,  
Leicestershire  
LE16 7RA


 Parking  
(pay & display)


 Toilets + baby  
changing

 Café


 Pub

 Visitor centre

 Picnic (on  
grass)

 Boat trips

 Path

 Allow half to full  
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.

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

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