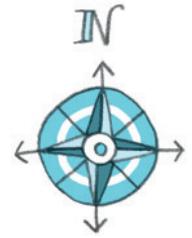




Discover Great Haywood Junction



Great Haywood Junction was built as a great interchange between two major canals – the Trent & Mersey and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire. Today, it's where boats and people meet.



A little bit of history

James Brindley, the great canal engineer, planned the Trent & Mersey and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire canals as part of his grand cross scheme to link the River Trent, Thames, Severn and Mersey. There's plenty to see here from one of England's great stately homes to quirky canal bridges.



Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Great Haywood Junction

- ❑ **Check out** the Essex Bridge built in the 1550s. It's said that the Earl of Essex built it so that Queen Elizabeth I could visit him in nearby Chartley Castle.
- ❑ **Walk** through woodlands to the magnificent Shugborough Hall, begun in 1695.
- ❑ **Take** a boat trip and discover more about the Trent & Mersey and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire canals.
- ❑ **Picnic** on the canal banks and look out for kingfishers and the splash of pike as they hunt their prey.
- ❑ **Watch** the boats go through the locks.



Information

Mill Lane
Great Haywood,
Staffordshire ST18 0RQ

-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Picnic
-  Boat trips
-  Path
-  Allow 2-3 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.

Did you know?...



Coots have a **white spot** on the front of their head and moorhens have a **bright red beak tipped with yellow**, and a white stripe on their side.

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

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