



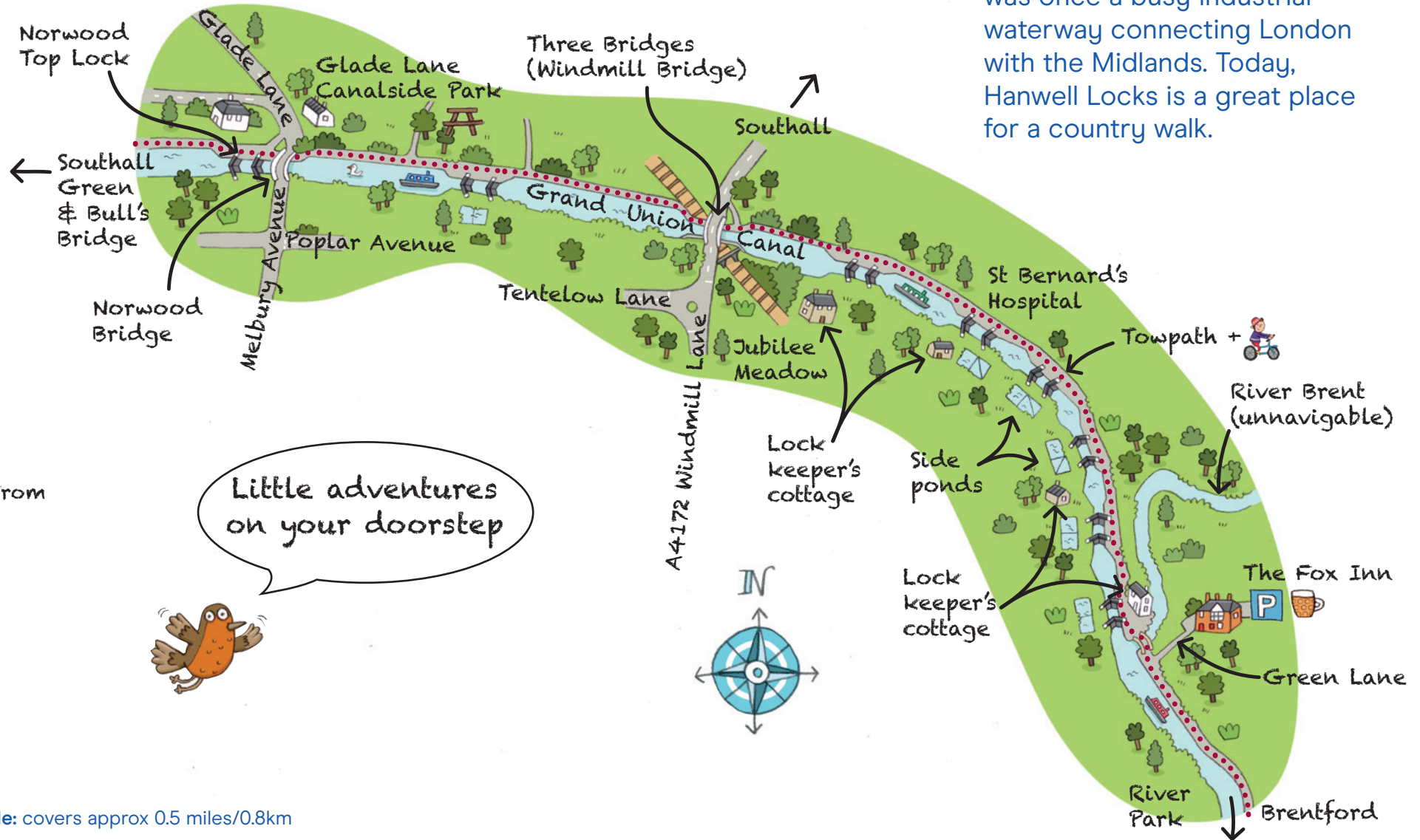
# Canal & River Trust

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## Discover Hanwell Lock Flight

The Grand Union Canal was once a busy industrial waterway connecting London with the Midlands. Today, Hanwell Locks is a great place for a country walk.



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## A little bit of history

Framed by motorways, railways and busy London suburbs, Hanwell Lock Flight is an escape to the country. The six locks are well-used by boats so there's a good chance to see them in operation. And the good wide towpath makes a great cycle ride as the canal descends towards the Thames.



Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### Five things to do at Hanwell Lock Flight

- Watch** the boats – it takes at least 1½ hours to pass through the locks built in 1794.
- Spot** the filled-in arch in St Bernard's Hospital wall, the entrance to Asylum Dock. Coal for the hospital boilers was delivered here.
- Check out** old canal features such as lock keeper's cottages, bollards made from tree trunks, and a ramp to help horses out of the canal when they fell in.
- Look for** Three Bridges (Windmill Bridge) designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. It's actually two bridges, with road, canal and railway routes meeting on three different levels.
- Look out for** birds such as heron, insects and small mammals.

### Information

Hanwell Lock Flight,  
Green Lane,  
Ealing W7 2PJ

-  Parking (limited street)
-  Pub
-  Picnic
-  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.

### Did you know?...

Our lock gates are handbuilt by skilled carpenters in our workshops in the West Midlands and Yorkshire, from FSC Green Oak. Each one is unique and can take up to a month to make. Once built they last for about 25 years.



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