



Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Discover Newbury Wharf



Newbury was once a busy inland port on the Kennet & Avon Canal. Today, it's a great place to start exploring one of the most scenic canals in the country.



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

A little bit of history

200 years ago, Newbury Wharf was on the main trading route between London and Bristol. When the railway arrived, trade decreased and the Kennet & Avon Canal was threatened with closure. Fortunately, a team of dedicated volunteers took it on and restored it for leisure use.

Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Newbury Wharf

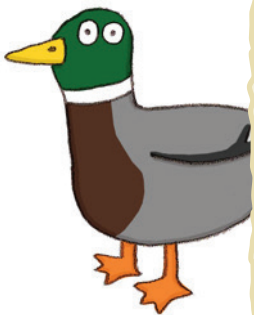
- Watch** the boats work the locks in the centre of this bustling market town.
- Visit** the Kennet & Avon Information Centre on the Wharf to find out more about the canal.
- Walk along** to Town Bridge. The towpath is not continuous under the bridge. Horses, which towed boats in the early days of canals, went up the alley and across the street. Spot where the towropes wore away the bricks on corner of the passageway.
- Take a boat trip** and explore more of the canal.
- Have a picnic** in Victoria Park and feed the ducks.

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

Newbury Wharf
Wharf Street
Newbury RG14 5AP

-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Information
-  Picnic
-  Play area
-  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.

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

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped produce these.