



# Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

↑ Kidlington

College Cruisers Boat Hire

Overflow from canal

The Thames Path

Historic swing bridge

To Christchurch Meadows

Sheepwash Channel

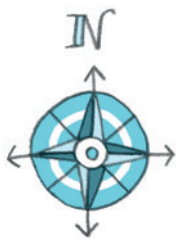
Old boatyard

Turnover bridge

Isis Lock

Worcester College Lake

Little adventures on your doorstep



Oxford City Centre

Hythe Bridge Street  
← Oxford (5 mins walk)

Park End Street

Worcester Street  
New Road

Oxford Castle

## Discover the canal in Oxford

Passing through the lovely countryside of Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire, the Oxford Canal is one of the most scenic waterways.

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



## A little bit of history

Minutes from the grandeur of Oxford University and overlooked by most of the millions of tourists that flock to the city each year, is the hidden world of the Oxford Canal. Here in Oxford City, the canal meets the River Thames that once completed an important trade route from the Midlands to London.


Best of all  
it's FREE!\*

### Five things to do on the Oxford Canal

- ❑ **Discover** the turnover bridge designed so that horses didn't have to be unhitched when the towpath changed sides.
- ❑ **Spot** the narrowboats that still sell coal and logs to river and canalside households.
- ❑ **Look for** the old Oxford boatyard (now closed) where Lyra meets the 'gyptians', in the novel *The Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman.
- ❑ **Hire** a bike in town and cycle up the towpath.
- ❑ **Follow** the canal round to the Thames Path. About a mile further south is Christ Church Meadows, one of the most famous river landscapes in the world.

### Information

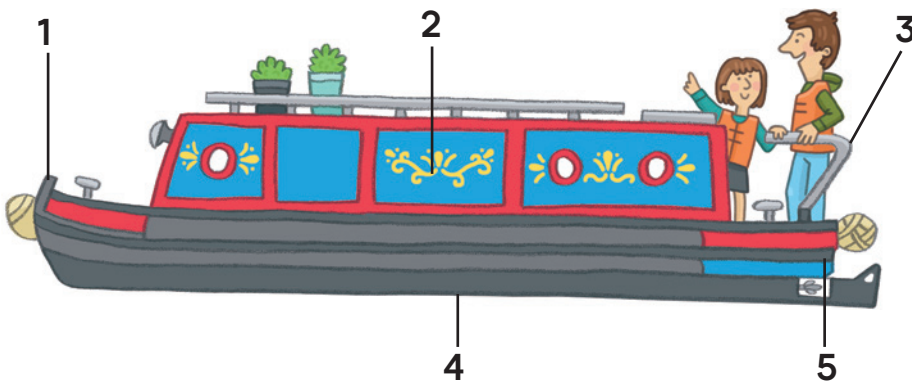
Worcester St Car  
Park, Oxford OX1 2BQ

-  Parking + 
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Cycling
-  Boat hire
-  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.

### Can you name the different parts of a narrowboat?



Answers: 1 bow; 2 cabin; 3 tiller; 4 hull; 5 stern

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

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