



Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water



Discover County Lock, Reading

The Kennet & Avon Canal runs through the heart of Reading. Shop till you drop then relax by the water's edge!

Map not to scale: covers approx 1.2 miles/1.9km

A little bit of history

The Kennet & Avon Canal was once the main trading route from Bristol to London. The canal brought great prosperity to Reading and saw industries such as brewing, sawmilling and biscuit-making thrive. Simond's Brewery once occupied the land around the lock. Today, it's a great place to watch boats.




Best of all
it's FREE!*


Five things to do at County Lock, Reading

- Go shopping** in the Oracle Shopping Centre and keep an eye open for boats passing through!
- Huntley & Palmer** used the canal to transport biscuits from its factory here. Visit Reading Museum and see an amazing collection of old biscuit tins.
- Spot** the traffic lights for boats.
- Check out** the amazing weir at County Lock.
- Walk** along the towpath to the point where the canal joins the River Thames and completes its journey to London.

Information



The Oracle Shopping Centre
Reading RG1 2AG


 Parking (pay & display)

 Toilets

 Café

 Pub

 Path

 Allow 3-4 hours for this visit

* Don't forget:

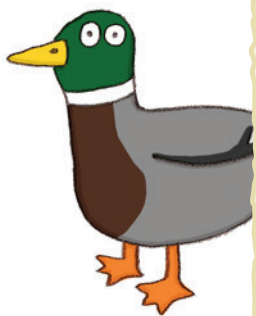
Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

Did you know?...

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!



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

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