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River Trust**

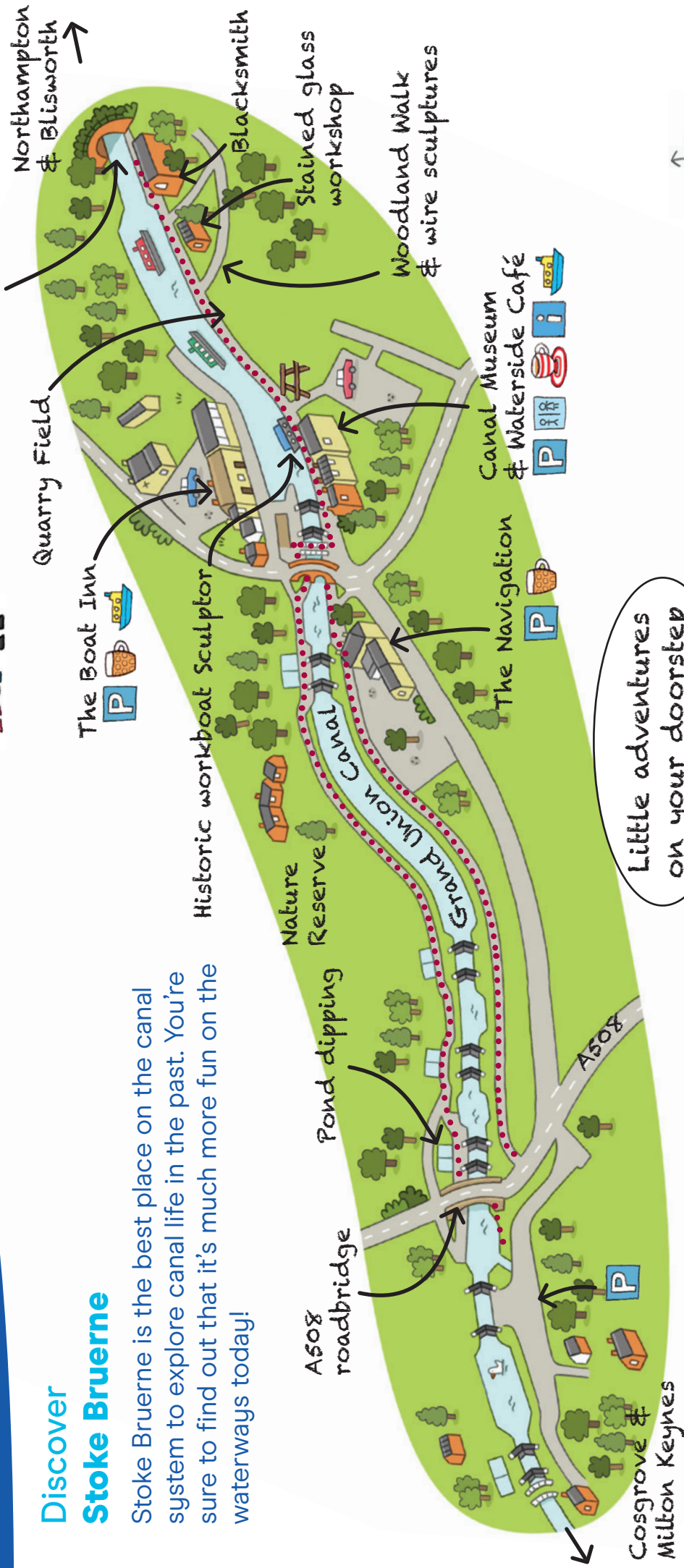
Making life better by water

Discover Stoke Bruerne

Stoke Bruerne is the best place on the canal system to explore canal life in the past. You're sure to find out that it's much more fun on the waterways today!



Blisworth Tunnel
entrance



Little adventures
on your doorstep



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

A little bit of history

When work began on the Grand Union Canal at Stoke Bruerne in 1793, the main village street was diverted, cutting the village in half. But, after much grumbling no doubt, the villagers found they could make money by supplying food, drink and trades to the navvies who built the canal, and then to the boaters.

Best of all
it's FREE!*

Six things to do at Stoke Bruerne

- Pop** into the Canal Museum and find out all about narrowboats and the people who worked on them.
- Take** a boat trip into the Blisworth Tunnel. In the early days of canals, boats had to be 'legged' through while the horse was led over the top.
- Stroll** down the towpath and watch the boats working the locks.
- Take** a woodland walk and look out for the wire sculptures of wildlife.
- Go** pond dipping from the special platforms – nets are available to purchase at the Canal Museum or you could bring your own.
- Feed** the ducks – food is available for purchase in the Canal Museum


Information

Stoke Bruerne
nr Towcester
Northants. NN12 7SE


-  Parking + 
-  Toilets (in the museum)
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Visitor Centre
-  Picnic area
-  Boat trips
-  Path
-  Allow half a day for this visit

What to Spot


Explore the waterside together.
How many of these can you spot?




A duck quacking




The number of a bridge or lock




A fascinating insect




An interesting stone or brick



The names of two boats



A face or animal in the clouds



* 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.

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