Discover Trent Lock

Trent Lock is a major waterway junction where rivers and canals meet. It’s a good spot to view one of England’s awesome rivers – and a great place to spot boats too.

Map not to scale: covers approx 1.4 miles/2.4km

STAY SAFE: Stay Away From the Edge
A little bit of history

Before the railways were built, ships sailed inland as far as Shardlow. Trent Lock was the scene of much activity as ships and shallow bottomed barges called ketches passed through. Today it is still a working river but now better known as a wonderful place to spot wildlife.

Five things to do at Trent Lock

- **Trent Lock** is a haven for wildlife. Look out for coots, mute swans, moorhens, herons, kingfishers and mallard.
- **Watch** boats working the lock. You may even spot a working barge.
- **Check out** the building adjoining Lock House café. It was once used as a toll office. Other outbuildings were a shop for boaters and stables for the horses that towed boats in the early days of canals.
- **Take a bike ride** along a designated cycle track by the Erewash Canal.
- **Walk** to the Cranfleet Cut. It was built so boats didn’t haven’t to navigate a short stretch of the River Trent.

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.

Information

Trent Lock
Long Eaton
NG10 2FY

- Parking
- Toilets
- Café
- Pub
- 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.

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

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