

## Caring for Tring Reservoirs

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning England and Wales. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for Hertfordshire's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Tring Reservoirs, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.

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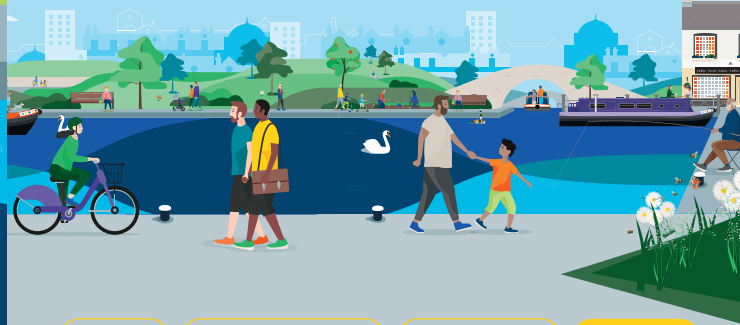
Making life better by water

## Keeping history alive

Tring Reservoirs were created to supply water to the Grand Union Canal and its two arms, Wendover and Aylesbury.

Vast quantities of water were needed to enable the boats to move through the locks. Shortly after the construction of the canal it became clear that there was insufficient water supplies at the Tring Summit. To remedy this, a reservoir was built at Wilstone and water was pumped by steam engine to the canal. In 1817 two more reservoirs were built at Tringford and Startop's End.

Discover lots of fun things to do  
with the family by and on the water.  
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## Welcome to Tring

A nature lover's paradise.



We're the charity making life  
better by water

Discover an array of wildlife at Tring Reservoirs, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The waters of the reservoirs attract many plants, fish and insects, and large numbers of breeding, wintering and migrating birds.



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Map not to scale:-  
covers approx.  
1¼ mile / 2.8km

**Stay SAFE**  
**Stay Away From the Edge!**

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

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**Visit us at:**  
Tring Reservoirs,  
Marsworth, Tring,  
Bucks HP23 4LL

Allow half to a full  
day for your visit

Find your  
way around

- towpath
- unnavigable canal
- café
- pub
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- point of interest
- nature reserve
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- railway station

## 5 things to do at Tring

- 1** **Sit** in one of the bird hides and watch swifts and common terns during the day, or pipistrelle bats hunting for insects in the evening.
- 2** **Follow** one of the three way-marked circular walks around the reservoirs.
- 3** **Walk** along the towpath to Tringford Pumping Station, built in 1818 and still working today.
- 4** **Watch** the boats pass through the staircase lock on the Aylesbury Arm.
- 5** **Leave** the car at home and catch the train to Tring station and enjoy a traffic-free walk or cycle ride to the reservoirs (1.8 miles/3km).

## Did you know?

Each time a boat crosses Tring Summit water flows away through the locks on each side. In the peak boating season (March – October) four million gallons of water are needed each day to top up the canal. That's equivalent to six Olympic-sized swimming pools.

