



Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Little adventures on your doorstep



Explore West India Docks

West India Docks were the first purpose-built docks to be built in London. Closed in 1980, the old docks were regenerated as Canary Wharf, the capital's hi-tech business area.



Map not to scale: covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km

A little bit of history

West India Docks were built in 1802. Here, for nearly 200 years, ships unloaded rum, sugar and coffee from the Caribbean. Cargo was loaded into warehouses, transferred on to barges and delivered all over the country via the canal system.



Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at West India Docks

- **Spot** barges and leisure river craft moored in West India Docks.
- **Look** out for the Blue Bridge which lifts up in to West India Docks to allow huge ships to enter the lock.
- **Find** the old Victorian warehouses, now listed buildings, amongst the many cafés and restaurants.
- **Don't miss** One Canada Square 224 metres (800 feet high) and designed by Cesar Pelli.
- **Visit** the Museum of London Docklands and find out about the history of London's docks from Roman times until the present day – it's free!



Information

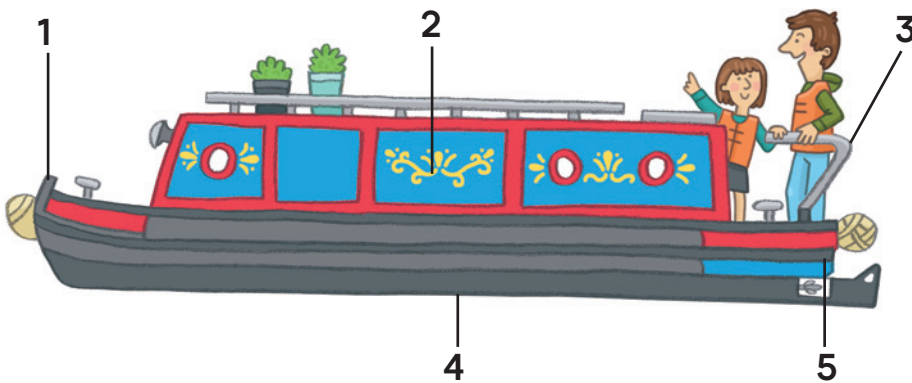
West India Docks
Lawn House Close
E14 9YQ

- Parking
- Toilets
- Café/restuarant
- Pub
- Cycling
- Thames Riverboats
- Docklands Light Railway (DLR)
- Footpath
- Allow a half to full day 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

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