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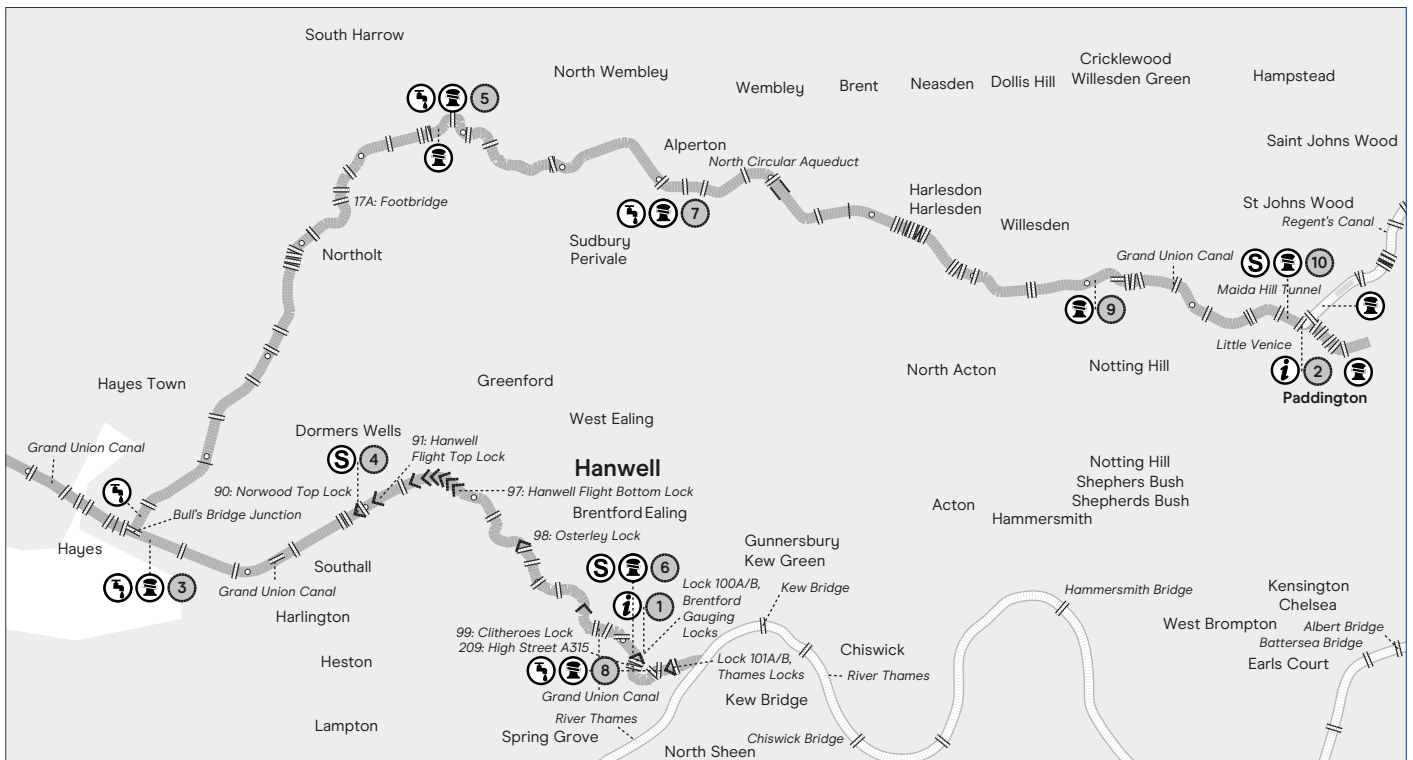
A note about the data

These guides list information we currently have on our facilities, dimensions and navigation guidance, based upon local knowledge and expertise. Whilst we anticipate that this data is reasonably accurate, we cannot guarantee its precision. Therefore, this data should only be used as a helpful guide and you should always use your own judgement taking into account local circumstances at any particular time. If you spot something wrong, please let us know canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us

Key to facilities

-  Winding hole (length specified)
-  Winding hole (full length)
-  Visitor mooring
-  Information and office
-  Dock and/or slipway
-  Slipway only
-  Services and facilities
-  Water point only

Grand Union Canal



Navigation notes

Grand Union Canal

Brentford to Berkhamsted (Lock 54):

The section from Thames Lock to Brentford Gauging Locks is semi-tidal. Please remember to allow for changes of water level, especially when mooring.

Entrance to Brentford Basin: Since one of these duplicated locks is larger than the other, navigation should be possible for boats of up to 83ft 4in length and 18ft 6in beam, but please consult the waterway office first.

River Thames

Teddington to Romney Lock, Windsor:

River Thames dimensions reduce gradually as you proceed upstream, so larger vessels may be able to travel some way upstream of Teddington.

Locks & bridges

Grand Union Canal

Lock 90, Norwood Top Lock:
Canal & River Trust key required.

Lock 91, Hanwell Flight Top Lock; and Lock 92, Hanwell Flight; and Lock 93, Hanwell Flight; and Lock 94, Hanwell Flight; and Lock 95, Hanwell Flight; and Lock 96, Hanwell Flight; and Lock 97, Hanwell Flight Bottom Lock:
Canal & River Trust key required. Passage only permitted during daylight hours.

Bridge 209, High Street A315:

This section is semi-tidal: consequently, there is low headroom underneath the bridge at High Water. It may be impassable at high spring tides.

Lock 100A/B, Brentford Gauging Locks:
Canal & River Trust key required. Push-button operated. Open between 6am and 9pm.

Lock 101A/B, Thames Locks:
Length 83ft 4in, beam 18ft 6in. (The locks are duplicated: one is larger than the other).

Bridge 17A, Footbridge:

The footbridge south of Western Avenue Bridge has restricted headroom.

Regent's Canal

Maida Hill Tunnel: Boats may only pass through in one direction at a time. Please check there are no oncoming boats before entering. All boats must have a head light on in the tunnel. Boats travelling west to east should enter the tunnel on the left of the navigation, using the appropriate signals to indicate they are doing so. No unpowered boats (canoes, rowing boats etc.) are allowed in the tunnel.

Services & facilities

Grand Union Canal

- 4 Norwood Top Lock:**
Water, refuse disposal.
- 6 Brentford:** Water, pump-out, toilet, shower, refuse disposal. Additional facilities: Laundry.
- 10 Little Venice:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Additional facilities: payphone, groceries, pub, restaurant, tube link, train link.

Maximum Dimensions

Brentford to Bulls Bridge

Length: 21.34m (70ft)
Beam: 4.26m (14ft)
Draught: 1.2m (4ft 3")
Headroom: 2.53m (8ft 4")

Bulls Bridge to Lock 82 Rickmansworth

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 4.26m (14ft)
Draught: 1.1m (3ft 7")
Headroom: 2.34m (7ft 8")

Lock 82 Rickmansworth to Berkhamsted

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 4.26m (14ft)
Draught: 1.1m (3ft 7")
Headroom: 2.28m (7ft 6")

Berkhamstead to Long Buckby

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 3.81m (12ft 6")
Draught: 1.1m (3ft 7")
Headroom: 2.36m (7ft 9")

Long Buckby to Camp Hill Locks

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 3.81m (12ft 6")
Draught: 1.11m (3ft 8")
Headroom: 1.9m (6ft 3")

Camp Hill Locks to Digbeth and Salford

Length: 21.69m (71ft 2")
Beam: 2.23m (2ft 6")
Draught: 1.17m (3ft 10")
Headroom: 2.44m (8ft)

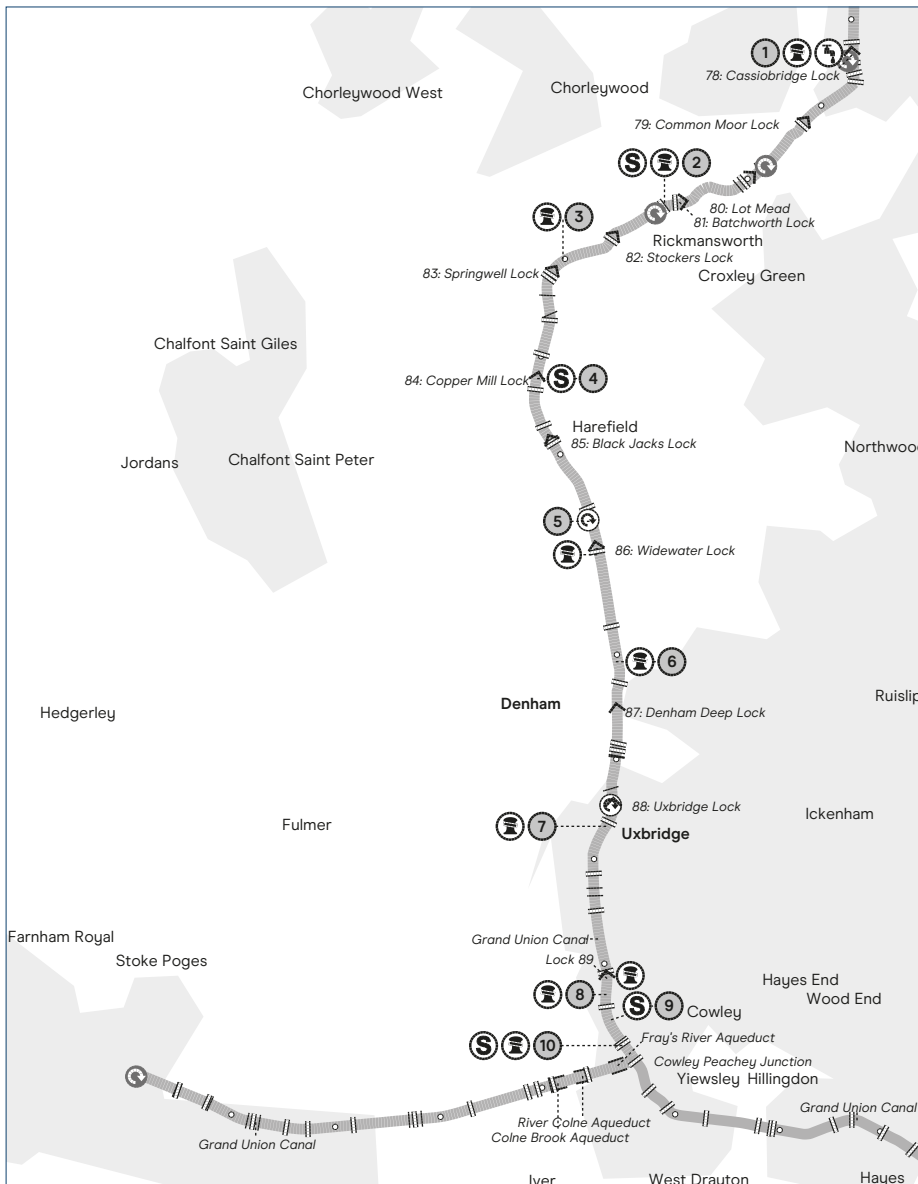
Retailers & information

- 1 Riverside Cafe, Brentford Lock:** The cafe in Unit 1, Brentford Lock, Brentford – in the plaza behind the Brentford Gauging Locks sells service and electricity cards.
- 2 Waterside Cafe, Pool of Little Venice:** Sells cards, info available. Tel: 020 7266 1066.

Visitor moorings

Grand Union Canal

- 2 Paddington Basin Bookable moorings:** Maximum 7 days.
- 3 Bulls Bridge, Hayes:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 5 Greenford:** Maximum 14 days.
- 6 Brentford:** Maximum 14 days.
- 7 Alperton, Two mooring sites:** One maximum 14 days, one maximum 4 hours.
- 8 Thames Lock:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 9 Kensal Green, Two mooring sites:** One maximum 14 days, one maximum 4 hours.
- 10 Little Venice:** Maximum 14 days. Double berthing permitted.



Navigation notes

Grand Union Canal

Freight movement in this area.

Slough Arm: The channel is currently only dredged to narrow canal profile, therefore broad-beam craft will have difficulty passing other craft.

River Thames

Romney Lock to Osney Lock, Oxford:

River Thames dimensions reduce gradually as you proceed upstream, so larger vessels may be able to travel some way upstream of Teddington. See A users' guide to the River Thames' published by the Environment Agency, for exact dimensions. www.visitthames.co.uk

Locks & bridges

Grand Union Canal

Lock 81, Batchworth Lock: Large weir offside above lock.

Lock 84, Copper Mill Lock: In adverse weather conditions there can be a strong current across the canal in this area.

Services & facilities

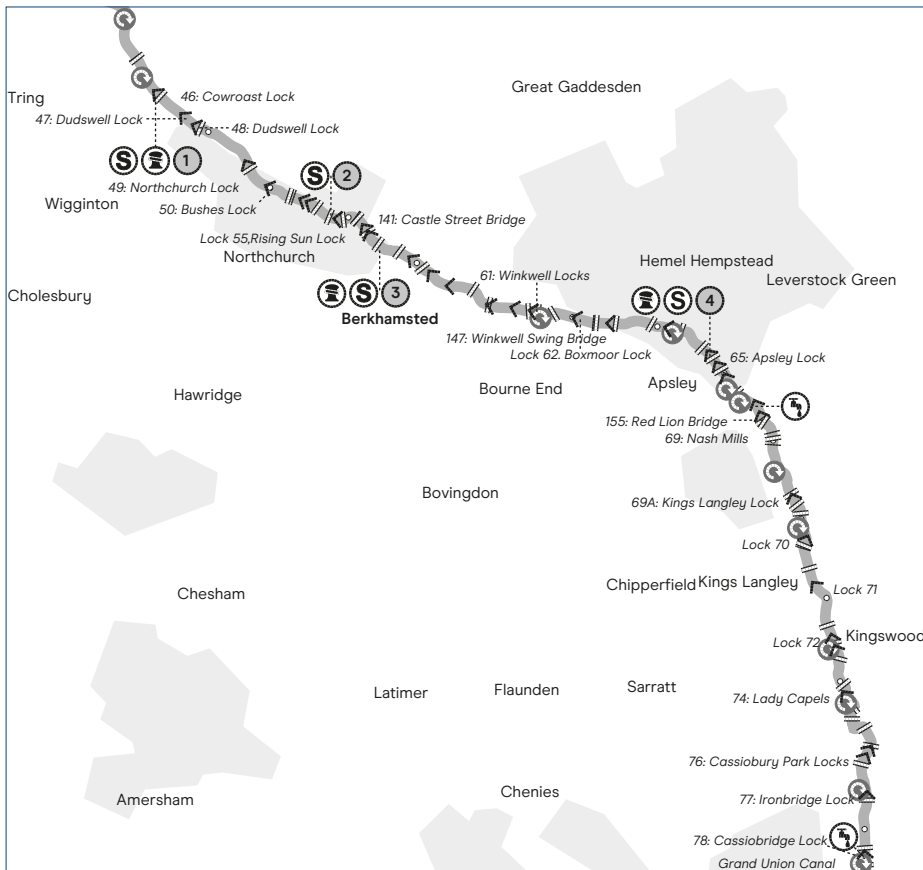
Grand Union Canal

- 2 Sanitary station, Batchworth:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 4 Coppermill Lock:** Water, refuse disposal.
- 9 Cowley:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.
- 10 Packet Boat Marina - Residential:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower, refuse disposal. Additional facilities: Electricity, diesel, gas, wet dock, laundrette.

Visitor moorings

Grand Union Canal

- 1 Cassiobridge service mooring:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 2 Batchworth:** Maximum 14 days.
- 3 Springwell, Maple Cross:** Maximum 14 days.
- 5 Horse & Barge:** Maximum 14 days.
- 6 Denham:** Maximum 14 days.
- 7 Browns Meadow, Uxbridge:** Maximum 14 days.
- 7 Swan and Bottle:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 8 Cowley south (towpath side):** 7 days. Cowley north: Maximum 14 days.



Navigation notes

Berkhamsted to Braunston:

Boats up to 14ft 3in beam may be able to navigate this section, but some bridges have low arches or restricted width below water level. Locks are more than 14ft wide so two narrowboats can safely share. Boats over 7ft beam must make special arrangements for passage of Blisworth and Braunston tunnels.

Locks & bridges

Lock 46, Cowroast Lock; and
Lock 48, Dudswell Lock:

Leave lock empty after use, due to leakage.

Lock 49, Northchurch Lock; and
Lock 50, Buses Lock; and

Lock 51, Gas Lock 1: Locked 9pm to 8am.

Lock 53: Canal & River Trust key required.

Bridge 141, Castle Street Bridge:

Arched 8ft (2.44m) height.

Bridge 147, Winkwell Swing Bridge:

Canal & River Trust key required.
Instructions for use on control panel.

Lock 61, Winkwell Locks:

River inlet on towpath lock landing.

Bridge 155, Red Lion Bridge:

Flat-topped bridge, 8ft (2.44m) headroom.

Services & facilities

1 Cowroast lock 46: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Local authority recycling facilities available at end of Northbridge Road in Berkhamsted approximately 5 minutes' walk from Crooked Billet Lane Bridge.

2 Water point Berkhamstead:
Water, refuse disposal.
Offside water point above lock 53.

3 Old Mill Berkhamstead:
Water, refuse disposal.

4 Apsley Marina sanitary station: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out. Canal & River Trust key required. Card type: Canal & River Trust. Pump-out is in marina.

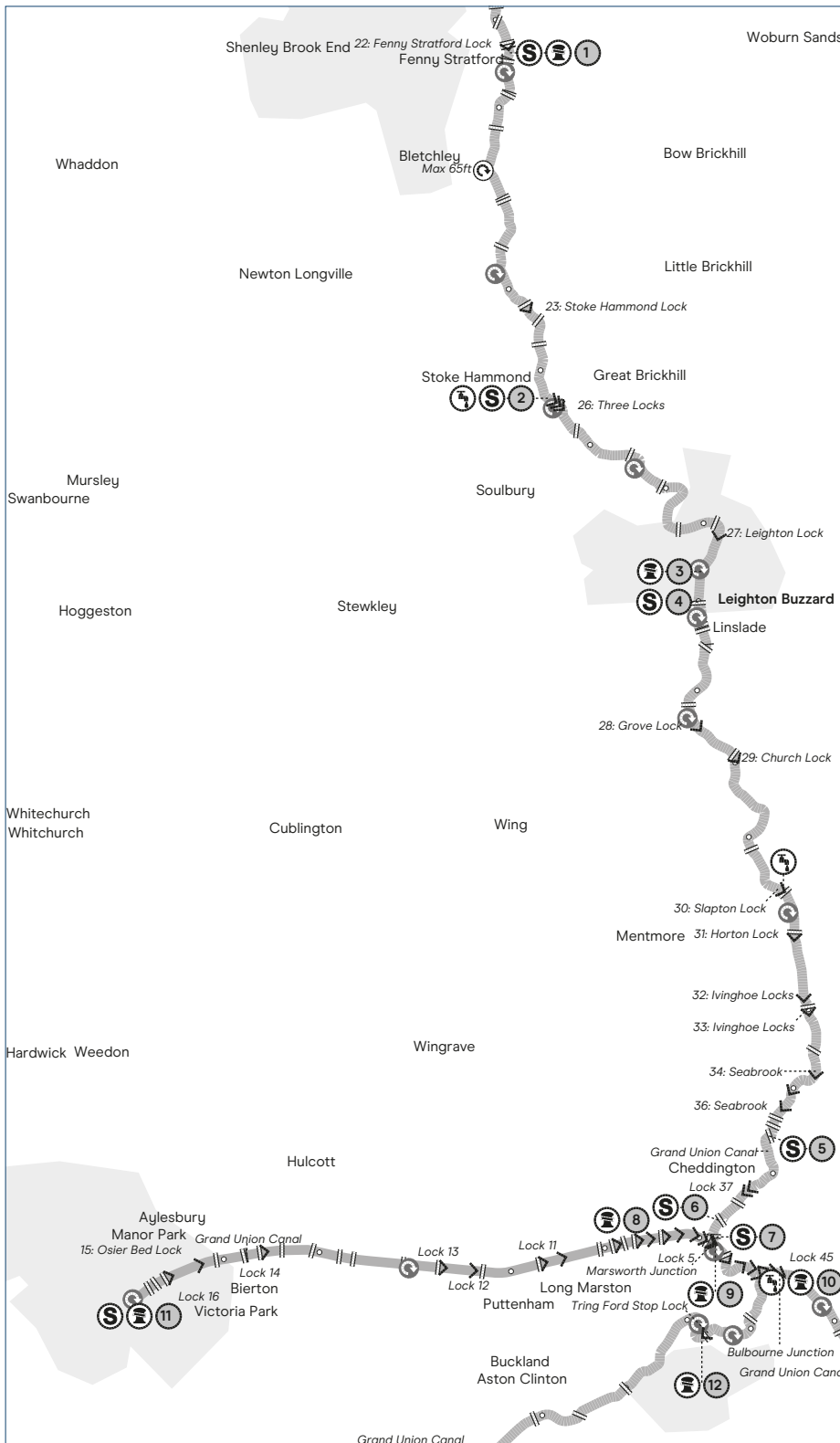
4 Apsley Yard Lock 66: Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.

Visitor moorings

1 Cowroast: Maximum 14 days.

3 Berkhamstead: Maximum 24 hours.

4 Apsley: Maximum 24 hours.



Navigation notes

Linslade Narrows: Linslade “narrows” are now very restricted, only approx. 14ft wide. Boats must proceed in single file.

Locks & bridges

Lock 7; and
Lock 9; and
Lock 10; and
Lock 11; and
Lock 12:
 Leave lock empty after use, due to leakage.

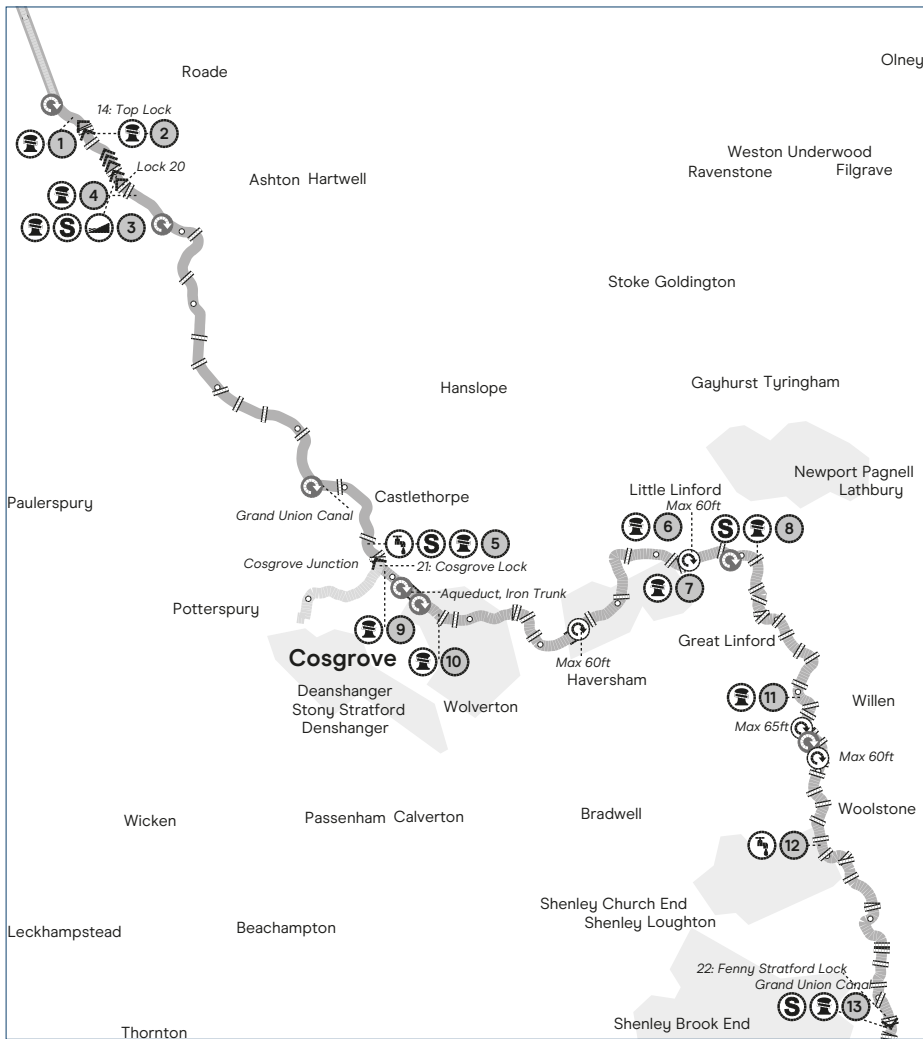
Lock 14; and
Lock 15, Osier Bed Lock:
 Canal & River Trust key required.

S Services & facilities

- 1** **South of Lock 22, Fenny Stratford:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 2** **Between locks 25 and 26, Soulbury:** Refuse disposal, recycling facilities for papers, bottles and cans.
- 4** **Leighton Sanitary Station:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Rubbish disposal is at Brampton’s Wharf.
- 5** **Cooks Wharf, Bridge 126 Pitstone:** Refuse disposal.
- 6** **Bridge 130, Marsworth:** Refuse disposal.
- 7** **Marsworth Yard:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal, recycling facilities for bottles, cans and papers.
- 11** **Aylesbury Basin:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

M Visitor moorings

- 1** **Fenny Stratford:** Maximum 14 days.
- 3** **Leighton Buzzard:** Maximum 14 days.
- 8** **Wilstone:** Maximum 14 days.
- 9** **Marsworth:** Maximum 4 days.
- 10** **Bulbourne:** Maximum 14 days.
- 11** **Aylesbury:** Maximum 14 days.
- 12** **Wendover Arm:** Maximum 48 hours. The Wendover Arm is under restoration and the winding hole beyond Little Tring Bridge is the current limit of navigation.



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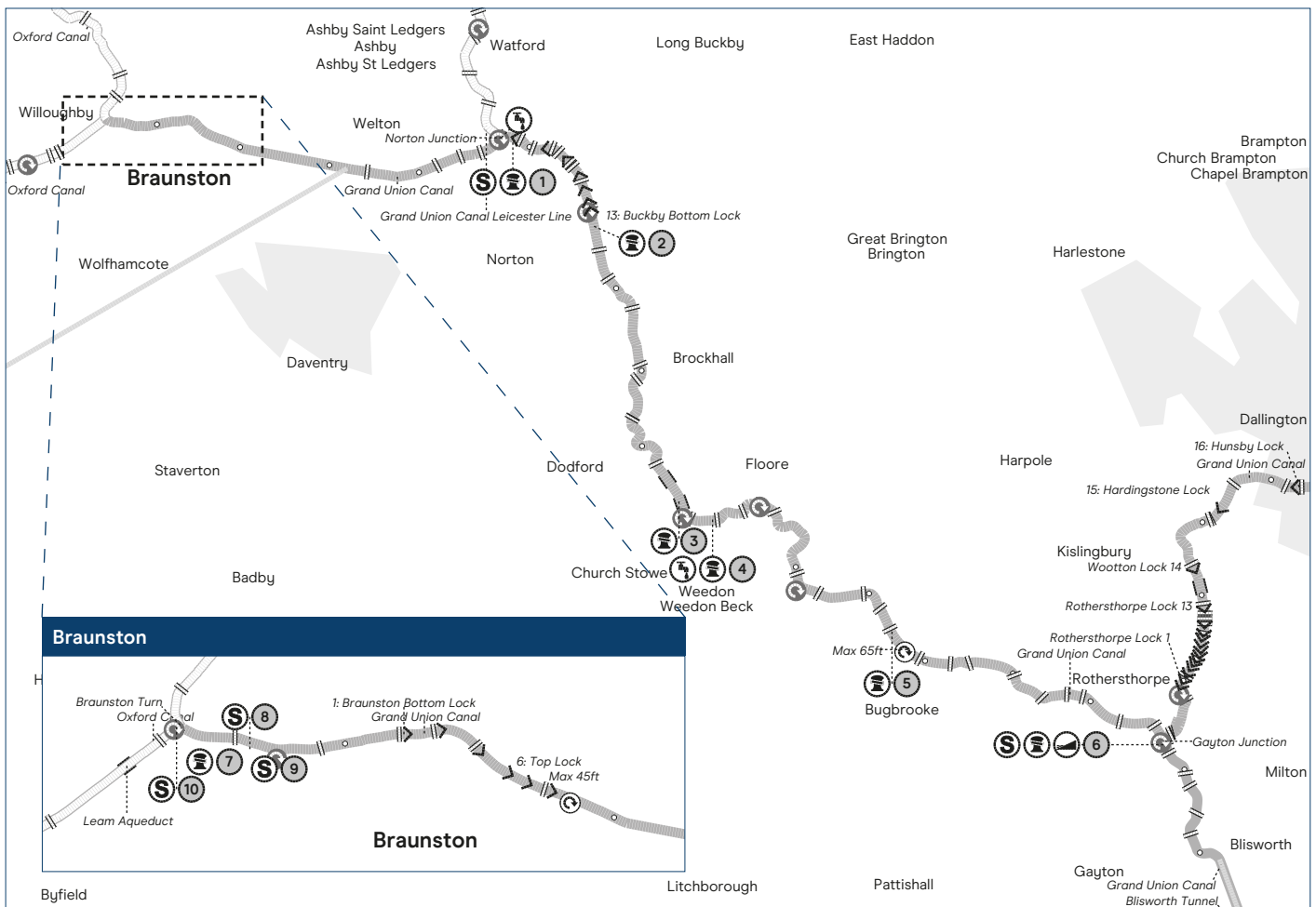
- 3** **Stoke Bruerne Sanitary Station:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 5** **Water point, Lock 21, Cosgrove:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 5** **Cosgrove sanitary station:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 8** **Giffard Park:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 12** **South of Bridge 88, near MK Marina:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 13** **South of Lock 22, Fenny Stratford:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

Visitor moorings

- 1** **Stoke Bruerne, tunnel to lock 14:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 2** **Stoke Bruerne, lock 15-16:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 3** **Stoke Bruerne:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 4** **Stoke Bruerne, lock 20 to weir:** Maximum 14 days and 48 hours.
- 5** **Cosgrove:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 6** **Blackhorse:** Maximum 14 days.
- 7** **Blackhorse:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 8** **Great Linford:** Maximum 48 hours. Milton Keynes Parks Trust moorings.
- 9** **Cosgrove:** Maximum 14 days.
- 10** **Old Wolverton:** Maximum 14 days.
- 11** **Campbell Park:** Maximum 14 days. Milton Keynes Parks Trust moorings.
- 13** **Fenny Stratford:** Maximum 14 days.

Slipways & docks

- 3** **Stoke Bruerne Lock 19:** Slipway. Maximum beam: 7ft. Good access. Tel: 03030 404040 to book 48 hours in advance.



Navigation notes

Grand Union Canal

Braunston to Camp Hill Top Lock:

Navigation should be possible for boats of up to 78ft, but please consult the waterway office first. Boats up to 14ft beam may be able to navigate this section (with the exception of a 12ft 6in bridge at Blue Lias, Stockton), but some bridges have low arches and may not be passable, depending on cabin profile. Locks are more than 14ft wide so two narrowboats can safely share.

Grand Union Canal Leicester Line

Norton Junction to Foxton Locks:

Occasionally, craft of full 7ft beam may experience difficulty in Foxton Locks.

Locks & bridges

Grand Union Canal

Braunston Tunnel: Widebeam boats must book passage in advance. Follow tunnel safety requirements. Tel: 03030 404040 to book 48 hours in advance.

Blisworth Tunnel: Widebeam passage must be booked 48 hours in advance tel: 03030 404040.

S Services & facilities

Grand Union Canal

- 1** **Buckby Top Lock:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 6** **Gayton sanitary station:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 8** **Braunston Towpath Elsan:** Water, Elsan disposal.
- 9** **Braunston Stop House water point:** Water, refuse disposal.

Oxford Canal

- 10** **Braunston Turn:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Dog waste bins. Other facilities are available, provided by private operators.

Visitor moorings

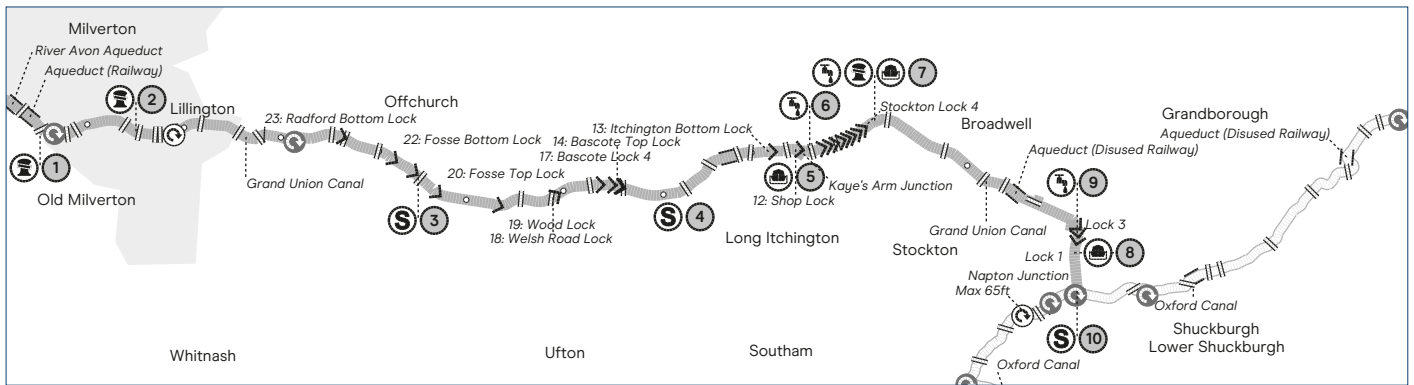
Grand Union Canal

- 1** **Buckby:** Maximum 48 hours and 14 days.
- 2** **Whilton:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 3** **Weedon:** Maximum 14 days.
- 4** **Stowe Hill:** Maximum 14 days.
- 5** **Bugbrooke:** Maximum 14 days.
- 6** **Gayton:** Maximum 14 days.
- 6** **Gayton:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 7** **Braunston:** Maximum 48 hours and 14 days.

Slipways & docks

Grand Union Canal

- 6** **Gayton slipway:** Slipway. Maximum beam: 7ft. Restricted room to reverse trailers. Tel: 03030 404040 to book 48 hours in advance.



🅈 Services & facilities

Grand Union Canal

- 3 Fosse Road, Br 32:** Water, Elsan disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 4 Bascote Wharf, Br 27:** Water, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 6 Stockton, Br 23:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 7 Calcutt Top Lock:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

Oxford Canal

- 10 Wigrams Turn Marina:** Full service marina with 190 berths. Contact 01926 817175.

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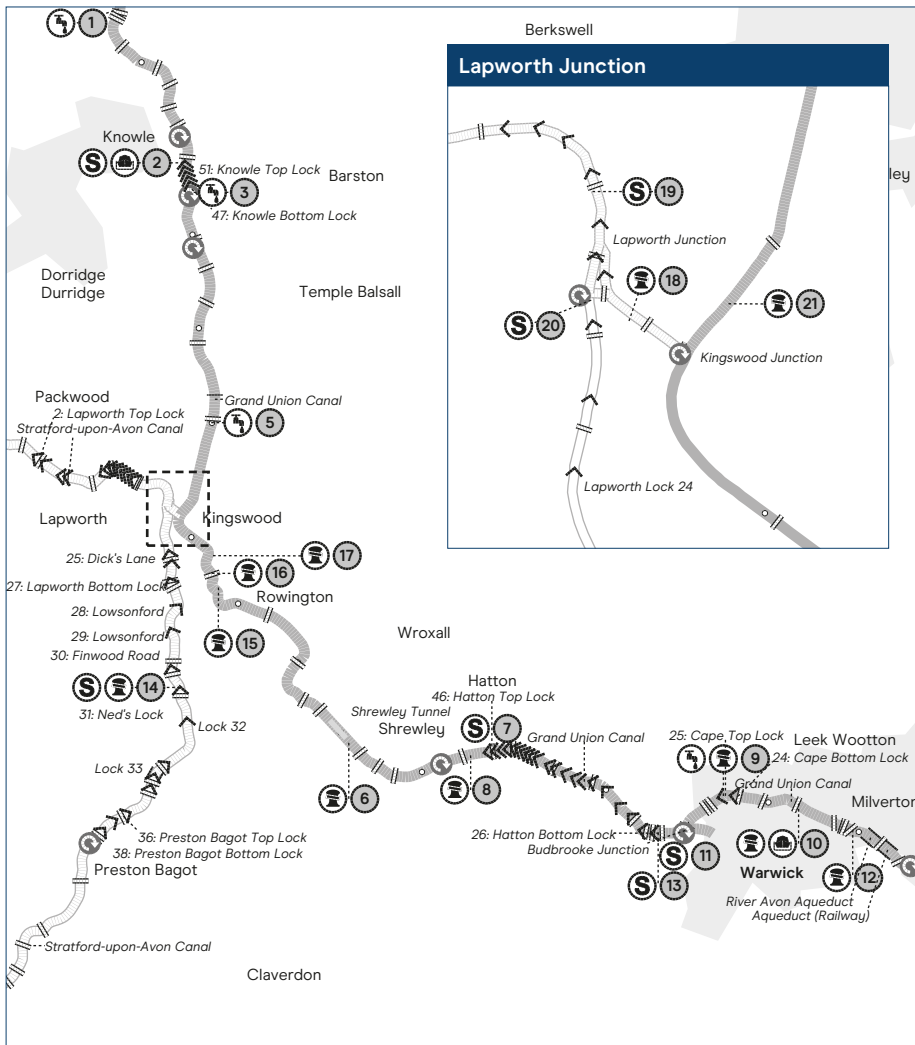
Grand Union Canal

- 1 Lidl:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 2 Leamington Spa, Clements Street:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 7 Stockton, Br 23:** Maximum 48 hours.

🚤 Slipways & docks

Grand Union Canal

- 5 Warwickshire Fly Boats, Stockton:** Dry-dock. Maximum length: 72ft. Maximum beam: 7ft 6in. Please note these are private facilities at Warwickshire Fly Boats: please call 01926 812093 for bookings and information.
- 7 Stockton Top Marina:** Slipway, wet-dock. Maximum length: 72ft. Maximum beam: 7ft 6in. Please note these are private facilities at Stockton Marina please call 01926 492968 for bookings and information.
- 8 Calcutt Boats, Calcutt Locks:** Slipway, dry-dock. Maximum length: 72ft. Maximum beam: 7ft 6in. Please note these are private facilities at Calcutt Boats: please call 01926 813757 for bookings and information.



Navigation notes

Stratford-upon-Avon Canal

Stratford to Lapworth: Navigation should be possible for boats of up to 71ft 6in length and 7ft beam, but please consult the waterway office first. Boats of full 7ft beam may encounter difficulties in locks 44 and 50. Lock 47 is also short and care is required by boats over 70ft. Please beware of low bridges and narrow locks.

Lapworth to King's Norton: Lock 16 is tight for boats over 70ft and care is required in this lock.

Locks & bridges

Stratford-upon-Avon Canal

Bridge 28, Drawbridge Farm Lift Bridge: Windlass-operated hydraulic lift bridge.

Lapworth Lock 15: Due to rebuilding, the chamber is now over 2ft shorter than the other locks. Those in full-length boats should take extra care when descending.

Services & facilities

Grand Union Canal

- 1 Copt Heath Wharf:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 2 Knowle Top Lock:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 3 Knowle Bottom Lock:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 5 Rising Lane, Br 66:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 7 Hatton Top Lock:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 9 Cape Locks, Warwick:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 11 Saltisford Arm, Warwick:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 13 Hatton Bottom Lock:** Water, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

Stratford-upon-Avon Canal

- 14 Lawsonford Br. 41:** Water, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 19 Lapworth Locks Nos. 18-19:** Refuse disposal.
- 20 Lapworth Locks No. 22:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower. Canal & River Trust key required. Self pump-out. Please note that pump out is card operated. Pump out cards cost.

Visitor moorings

Grand Union Canal

- 6 Shrewley Tunnel, south:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 8 Hatton Top Lock:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 9 Cape Locks, Warwick, top of Locks:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 10 Coventry Road:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 12 Leamington Spa, Emscote Road:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 15 Tom O' The Wood:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 16 Rowington:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 17 Turners Green:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 21 Kingswood Junction, link:** Maximum 48 hours.

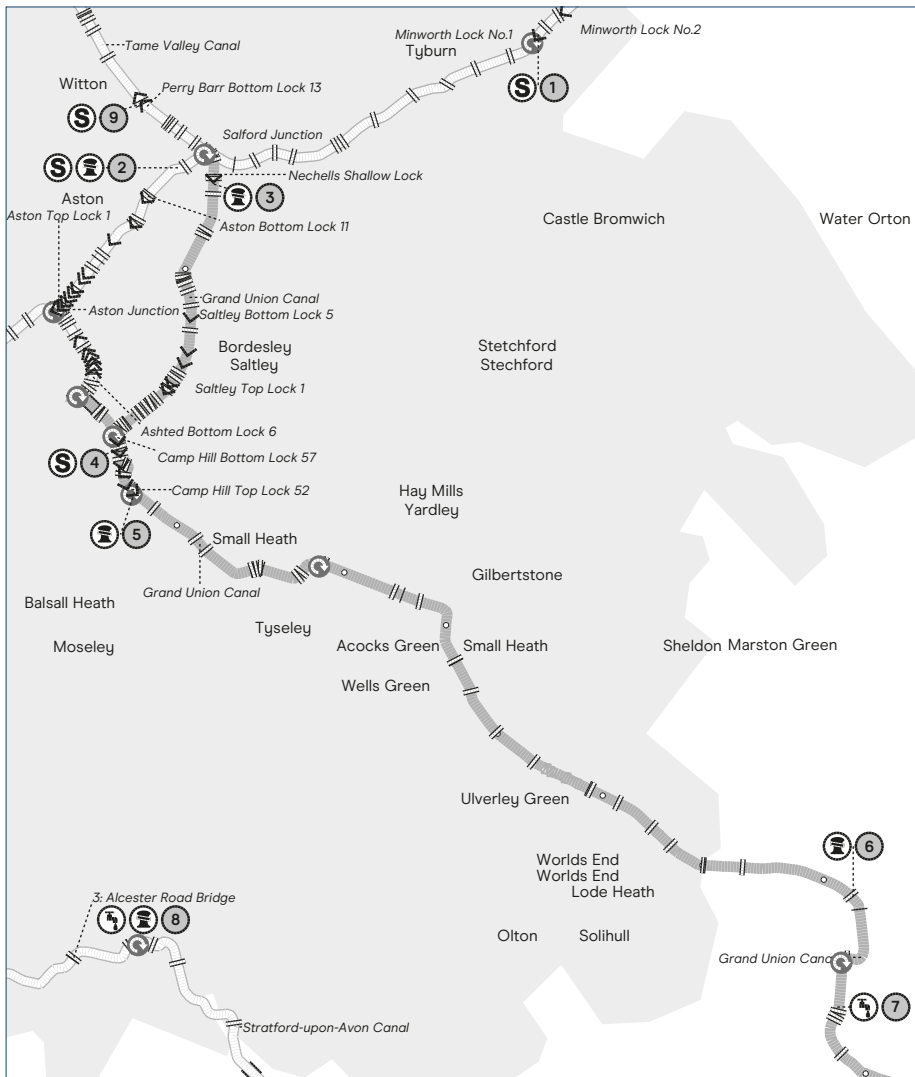
Stratford-upon-Avon Canal

- 14 Lawsonford:** Maximum 48 hours.

Slipways & docks

Grand Union Canal

- 2 Stephen Goldsbrough Boats, Hatton Lock No 43:** Dry-dock. Maximum length: 72ft. Maximum beam: 7ft 6in. Please note these are private facilities at Stephen Goldsbrough Boats please call 01564 778210 for bookings and information.
- 10 Kate Boats, Warwick:** Wet-dock. Maximum length: 72ft. Maximum beam: 7ft 6in. Please note these are private facilities at Kate Boats: please call 01926 492968 for bookings and information.



Navigation notes

Grand Union Canal

Camp Hill Top Lock to Salford Junction:
Water conservation keys are required for all locks in the West Midlands area. Camp Hill Top Lock to Salford Junction:

Locks & bridges

Digbeth Branch Canal

Ashted Tunnel: One-way passage only.

Services & facilities

Birmingham & Fazeley Canal

- 1** **Minworth Top Lock:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal.
- 2** **Cuckoo Wharf, Aston:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet.

Grand Union Canal

- 4** **Camp Hill:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, shower, refuse disposal. Washing machines and dryers without card readers.
- 7** **Copt Heath Wharf:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

Stratford-upon-Avon Canal

- 8** **Yardley Wood, Br 5:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

Tame Valley Canal

- 9** **Deykin Avenue:** Refuse disposal.

Visitor moorings

Birmingham & Fazeley Canal

- 2** **Cuckoo Wharf, Aston:** Maximum 14 days.
- 3** **Star City:** Maximum 14 days.

Grand Union Canal

- 5** **Camp Hill, Top Lock:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 6** **Catherine-de-Barnes:** Maximum 48 hours.

Stratford-upon-Avon Canal

- 8** **Yardley, Br 5:** Maximum 48 hours.