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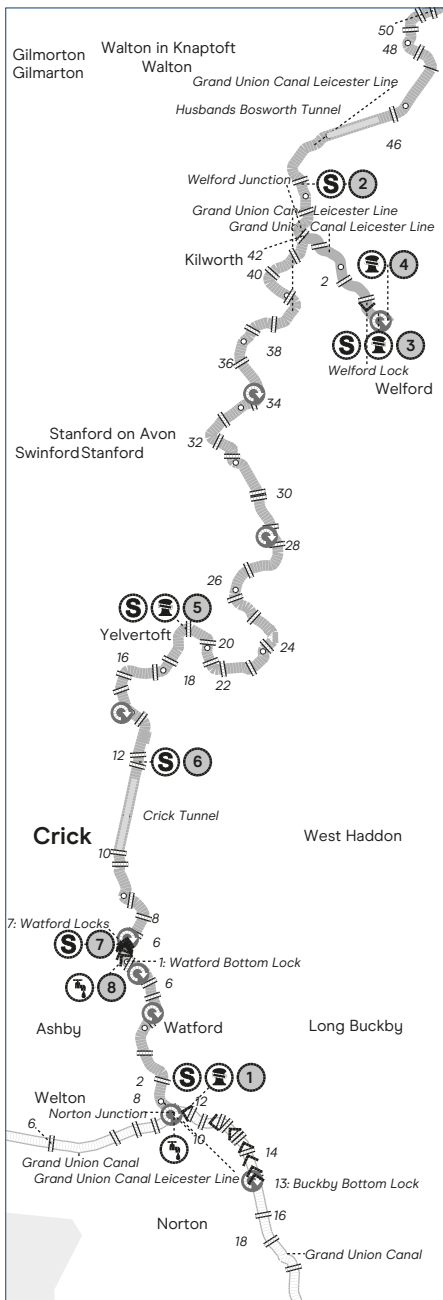
## A note about the data

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](https://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 Leicester Line



## Navigation notes

### Grand Union Canal

**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. Contact the Trust on 03030 404040.

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**Norton Junction to Foxton Locks:** Occasionally, craft of full 7ft beam may experience difficulty in Foxton Locks.

### Grand Union Canal

**Braunston Tunnel:** Wide-beam boats must book passage in advance. Follow tunnel safety requirements.

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**Husbands Bosworth Tunnel:** Follow tunnel safety requirements.

**Lock 1, Watford Bottom Lock; and Lock 2, Watford Locks; and Lock 3, Watford Locks; and Lock 4, Watford Locks; and Lock 5, Watford Locks; and Lock 6, Watford Locks; and Lock 7, Watford Locks:**

See lock keepers before entering flight during British Summertime. Check published opening hours.

**Crick Tunnel:** Follow tunnel safety requirements.

## Services & facilities

### Grand Union Canal

**1 Buckby, top lock:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

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**2 North Kilworth Wharf:** Refuse disposal. Offside, in marina.

**3 Welford Wharf:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

**5 Yelvertoft, Br 19:** Water, refuse disposal.

**6 Crick Wharf:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required. Offside.

**7 Watford Top Lock:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal. Canal & River Trust key required.

**8 Watford Bottom Lock:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.

## Maximum Dimensions

### Norton Junction to Foxton

**Length:** 21.79m (71ft 6")  
**Beam:** 2.12m (6ft 11")  
**Draught:** 1m (3ft 3")  
**Headroom:** 2.28m (7ft 6")

### Foxton to Kings Lock

**Length:** 21.94m (72ft)  
**Beam:** 3.05m (10ft)  
**Draught:** 1m (3ft 3")  
**Headroom:** 2.13m (7ft)

### Kings Lock to Leicester

**Length:** 24.1m (79ft)  
**Beam:** 3.05m (10ft)  
**Draught:** 1m (3ft 3")  
**Headroom:** 2.13m (7ft)

## Visitor moorings

### Grand Union Canal

**1 Buckby:** Maximum 48 hours and 14 days.

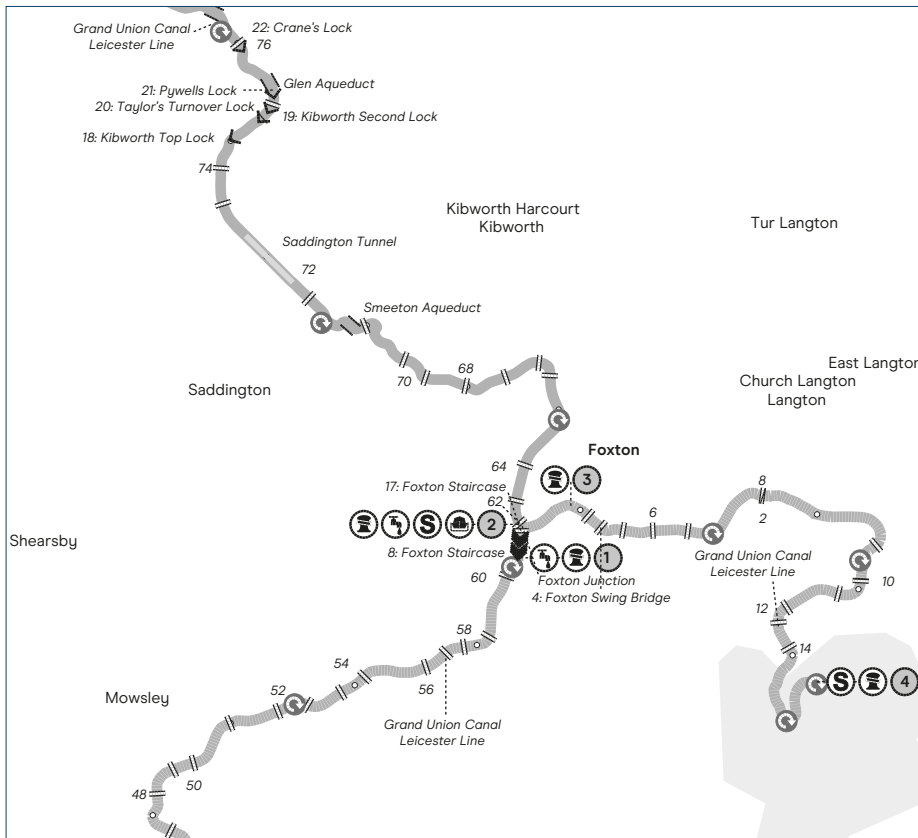
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**3 Welford, short-stay:** Maximum 48 hours.

**4 Welford:** Maximum 14 days.

**5 Yelvertoft:** Maximum 14 days.

**6 Crick visitor moorings:** Maximum 14 days.



## Navigation notes

**Kilby Bridge to Debdale:** All this length is a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

**Foxton Junction to King's Lock, Leicester:** Headroom is more limited for boats of more than 10ft 6in beam, and especially so approaching the maximum beam. It will be necessary for such boats to proceed with extreme caution. The channel width is restricted in some places, and broad-beam boats may have difficulty passing other boats.

### Saddington Tunnel:

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

## Locks & bridges

### Bridge 4, Foxton Swing Bridge:

Please leave this padlocked swing-bridge exactly as you found it.

**Lock 17, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 16, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 15, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 14, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 13, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 12, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 11, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 10, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 9, Foxton Staircase;** and **Lock 8, Foxton Staircase:**

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## Services & facilities

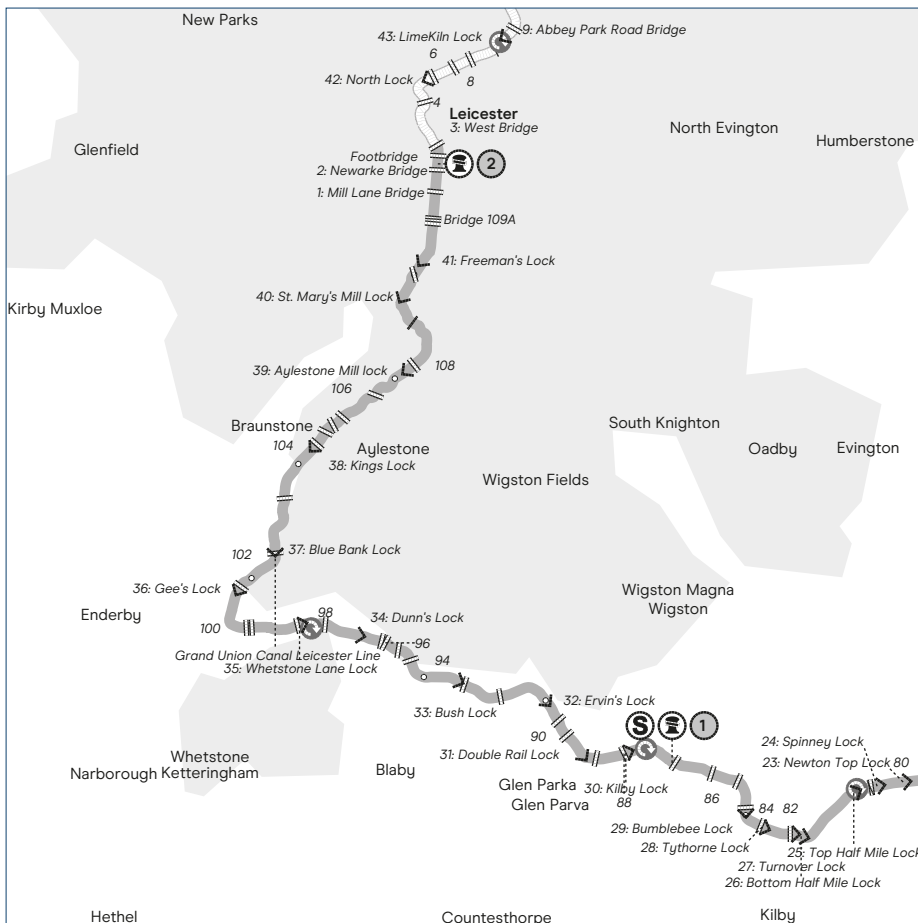
- 1 Foxton Top Lock:** Water. Canal & River Trust key required.
- 2 Foxton Site:** Elsan disposal, toilet, refuse disposal.
- 4 Market Harborough Basin:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower. Canal & River Trust key required. Standard Canal & River Trust card used. Parking and local shops nearby.

## Visitor moorings

- 1 Foxton, top lock:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 2 Foxton, north of lock:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 2 Foxton lock Inn:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 3 Foxton Basin:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 4 Market Harborough Basin:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 50 metres.

## Slipways & docks

- 2 Foxton Boat Services:** Slipway, wet-dock, tel: 0116 279 2285.



## Locks & bridges

### Grand Union Canal Leicester Line

**Footbridge;** and **Bridge 2, Newark Bridge;** and **Bridge 1, Mill Lane Bridge;** and **Bridge 109A:** this is a highly used bridge in the centre of Leicester.

**Lock 41, Freeman's Lock:** large weir on the topside with navigation signs.

**Lock 38, Kings Lock;** and **Lock 37, Blue Bank Lock;** and **Lock 36, Gee's Lock;** and **Lock 34, Dunn's Lock;** and **Lock 35, Whetstone Lane Lock;** and **Lock 33, Bush Lock;** and **Lock 32, Ervin's Lock;** and **Lock 31, Double Rail Lock;** and **Lock 30, Kilby Lock:**  
Canal & River Trust key required.

### River Soar

**Bridge 3, West Bridge:** this is a highly used bridge in the centre of Leicester.

**Bridge 9, Abbey Park Road Bridge:** silting up under this bridge due to floodwater.

## Ⓢ Services & facilities

### Grand Union Canal Leicester Line

- 1 Kilby Bridge:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower, parking. Canal & River Trust Card.

## Ⓜ Visitor moorings

### Grand Union Canal Leicester Line

- 1 Kilby Bridge:**  
Maximum 48 hours. Total 100 metres.

### River Soar

- 2 Castle Gardens:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 45 metres. Canal & River Trust key required to gain access.