

Caring for the Kennet & Avon Canal

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 this World Heritage Site and many more places, for today and generations to come.

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Please support our work & donate today

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Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

Despite incorporating two rivers linked by a canal, the full stretch of waterway, from Bristol to Reading (87 miles/140km), is known as the Kennet & Avon 'Canal'.

In 1810, the 57 mile (92km) canal section was completed, enabling cargo to travel from Bristol to London avoiding the perilous journey along the English Channel.

The opening of the Great Western Railway in 1841 heralded the gradual decline of the waterway. After decades of dereliction, dedicated volunteers restored the waterway, and it was fully reopened in 1990.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers



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Welcome to Bath Locks

A peaceful oasis in this historic city.



We're the charity making life better by water

The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Bath Locks, 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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FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Explore this hidden world, just minutes from Bath city centre. The Kennet & Avon Canal joins the River Avon in Bath to complete the once important trade route from Bristol to London.

Visit us at:
 Sydney Road, Bath BA2 6NT

 Allow half a day for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  tunnel
-  café
-  bench/picnic area
-  play area
-  point of interest
-  museum
-  QR trail
-  boat hire
-  bike hire
-  railway station

Stay SAFE
 Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:
canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety



Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

5 things to do at Bath Locks

- 1** **Take** a boat trip along the Kennet & Avon Canal and get a new view of the historic city.
- 2** **Escape** the hustle and bustle of the city and relax by the canal with a picnic in Sydney Gardens.
- 3** **Stroll** along the towpath to the crossover bridge, which was originally built for boaters where towpaths switched sides. This meant they didn't need to unhitch their horses when towing boats along the canal.
- 4** **Discover** more about the waterway with the audio trails between Halfpenny Bridge and Darlington Wharf – keep a look out for the trail signs as you walk along.
- 5** **Stop** for a chat with our friendly volunteers who will tell you more about the area and the work we do.

Did you know?

The lock gates that you can see on the canal are made in our workshops using the same methods as were used 200 years ago. Each lock gate is unique and can take up to a month to make.

