

Birmingham, Stourport & Hatton Locks

YOUR LOCAL CANAL

It's
time
well spent

West Midlands canals

You'll find something to look at, something to interest you or something fun to do along almost every mile of the canals in the heart of England. We've chosen three great locations to give you an idea of the enormous variety the canals offer, from the vibrant urban to the quietly rural.

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It's a national treasure



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It's a chat room

Water is good for you. You only have to stroll, sit, eat, drink or just chat beside a canal and you can feel yourself unwind, let go of the stresses of life and generally enjoy yourself more. Try life in the slow lane by your canal.



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It's free gym membership

Leave the monthly fees, machines and MTV behind and get fit for free. Your local canal is your chance to get out of the gym onto the towpath and remind yourself that getting fit is about fun, fresh air and freedom.

Central Birmingham

Once the lifeblood of an industrial age, the canals of Birmingham are now both a haven of tranquillity and a focal point for cosmopolitan life.

Take to the water

There are a number of trip boats in central Birmingham:

-  **1** **Away2dine**
Worcester Bar Basin, Gas Street,
Birmingham B1 2JU Tel: 0845 644 5244
-  **2** **Sherborne Wharf Heritage Narrowboats**
Sherborne Wharf, Sherborne Street,
Birmingham B16 8DE Tel: 0121 455 6163

Just off the towpath

Brindleyplace

Ideal for a visit in all weathers, Brindleyplace lies just off the New Main Line Canal and only a short walk from the Worcester & Birmingham Canal. This is where you will find the National Sea Life Centre and the Ikon Gallery, as well as cafés, bars and restaurants.



The Mailbox

The Worcester & Birmingham Canal is an easy way to reach the Bullring's 140 shops, or The Mailbox – which includes Harvey Nichols amongst its retail attractions.



Jewellery Quarter

Leave the canal at Lock 11 of the Farmers Bridge flight, Ludgate Hill, and you're only a short walk from the diamonds and pearls of the famous Jewellery Quarter.

Gas Street Basin

Named because it was the first place in Birmingham to be lit by gaslights, Gas Street Basin was a busy canal terminal for the loading and unloading of coal, glass and chocolate crumb. It lies mostly on the New Main Line Canal – built by Thomas Telford to cut seven miles off the journey from Birmingham to Wolverhampton. The basin is still bustling, but now as the heart of the city's modern regeneration.



There is full information available at the British Waterways Visitor Information Centre (& gift shop).

Where to eat & drink

-  **1** **Handmade Burger Company**
The Water's Edge,
Brindleyplace B1 2JB
Tel: 0121 665 6542
-  **2** **Floating Coffee Company**
Narrowboat George
The Water's Edge,
Brindleyplace B1 2HL
Tel: 0121 633 0050
-  **3** **Canalside Café**
Canalside Cottage
35 Worcester Bar,
Gas Street B1 2JU
Tel: 0121 248 7979
-  **4** **Tin Tin Cantonese Restaurant**
The Water's Edge
Brindleyplace B1 2HL
Tel: 0121 633 0888
-  **5** **Pitcher & Piano**
The Water's Edge
Brindleyplace B1 2HP
Tel: 0121 643 0214
-  **6** **Slug & Lettuce**
The Water's Edge, Brindleyplace
66 Broad Street B1 2HL
Tel: 0121 633 3049
-  **7** **The Malt House**
75 King Edwards Road
Brindleyplace B1 2NX
Tel: 0121 633 4171

More waterside pubs and restaurants can be found at www.waterscape.com/pubs

Kids Go Free at the National SEA LIFE centre



Birmingham's National SEA LIFE centre provides encounters with everything from giant turtles to sharks, rays and otters. New for 2009 is the Sensorama 4-D Cinema launching with Planet Earth: Shallow Seas™. Creatures leap out of the screen as audiences are plunged into the action with special effects like rain, wind and even smells!

Terms & Conditions. This offer allows admission for one free child* into Birmingham's National SEA LIFE centre when accompanied by a full paying adult. Offer valid until 31/12/09, excluding 25/12/09. This offer is not valid in conjunction with any other offer, promotion, fast track entry, tickets purchased on-line, pre-paid tickets or voucher. This voucher has no cash value. This voucher is non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Photocopies are not accepted. Only one voucher per transaction permitted. SEA LIFE reserves the right to alter, close or remove details/exhibits without prior notice. Children must be accompanied by an adult. SEA LIFE reserves the right to refuse entry without explanation. *Children are classed as 3-14 years. (Ref: WATERWAYS09)



Voucher valid until 31.12.09

Stourport

With all the charm and life of a traditional seaside resort, this historic inland port on the River Severn has long been a favourite for a day out with people from all over the region. Stourport's jewel in the crown is the beautifully restored canal basins leading to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. There is a wealth of history in Stourport including nearly 30 listed buildings. A number of self-guided trails allow you to get immersed in this fascinating place, with events from spring to autumn. Boasting a funfair, boat trips, and award-winning chip shops, Stourport really does have something for everyone. Nearby are many other exciting tourist attractions, including the Severn Valley Railway and the West Midlands Safari Park.



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It's commuter heaven

Want to enjoy getting to work? Then try taking the towpath to the office. Cutting through the heart of the city, the canals are a quiet, traffic-free route that will set you up for the day.

Events 2009

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2009
THE RAT RACE URBAN ADVENTURE
– Birmingham City Centre

Saturday 27 June 2009
DRAGONBOAT RACES
– Birmingham City Centre

Sunday 28 June 2009
BROWNHILLS 6TH ANNUAL CANAL FESTIVAL

Saturday 4 July 2009
BIRMINGHAM BLACK COUNTRY HALF MARATHON
– Wolverhampton to Birmingham

Sunday 12 July 2009
ROSIE'S WALK & FESTIVAL
– Walsall

Tuesday 21 July 2009
EVENING BAT WALK
– Kingswinford

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 August 2009
STOURPORT REGATTA

Friday 21 August 2009
BAT WALK
– Fradley Junction

Sunday 23 August 2009 8:30pm to 10:00pm
GAILEY RESERVOIR'S DAUBENTON'S BATS!
– Gailey Reservoir, Nr Cannock, Staffordshire

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 September 2009
STOURPORT LAND & RIVER CARNIVAL

Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September 2009
BLACK COUNTRY BOATING FESTIVAL
– Dudley

Saturday 12 September 2009
SALT DAY
– Vines Park, Droitwich Spa

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September 2009
HERITAGE BOATERS GATHERING
– Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

Full details of events taking place on or by local canals can be found in the 2009 West Midlands Canalside Events leaflet downloadable from www.waterscape.com/westmidlandsevents or by emailing enquiries.westmidlands@britishwaterways.co.uk

Treasure Island Amusement Park

20% off

20% off a sheet of 10 ride tickets at Treasure Island Amusement Park, Stourport-on-Severn.

Valid May to September 2009. Photocopies will not be accepted

Where to eat and drink

This is just a small selection of the many eating and drinking places next to, or close by, the canal.

11 8 The Angel
14 Sevenside DY13 9EW
Tel: 01299 822661

11 9 The Riverside Fish Bar
13 Bridge Street DY13 8UX
Tel: 01299 823382

11 10 Goodnight Sweetheart Café – 40's memorabilia cafe
The Lock, York Street DY13 9EE
Tel: 01299 829442

11 11 Windlass Café
1 Sevenside DY13 9EN

Places of interest

★ 7 Treasure Island Amusement Park
Riverside House, Bridge Street
DY13 8UY Tel: 01299 877377

11 8 Stourport Steamers Trip Boats
For information Tel: 01299 871177

11 9 River Severn Ferry Company
For information visit
www.severnerry.co.uk

Art at the basins

Discovery Trail

A self-guided tour by map discovering the history of the basins, including research and archaeology unearthed during the recent restoration project. The trail explains the background to new interpretive landscape features.

Black Water, Brown Water

One of a number of arts pieces, this mystical sound walk immerses the listener in the worlds of Sabrina the Goddess for the River Severn and James Brindley the great Canal Engineer. Adds a fascinating experience to a visit to the canal basins. This sound walk requires an MP3 player which is available to borrow from the Windlass Café.

Hatton Locks

Originally built to link the industrialised Midlands with London, the canal from Warwick to Birmingham features a steep series of 21 locks at Hatton, taking it out of the Avon Valley, fondly known as the stairway to heaven by the boating community.

A walk on the wild side

The interpretive Nature Trail around Hatton Locks features six wildlife markers, positioned at specific locations, to help you spot the wide variety of wildlife living in the area.

Stepping out

There are three circular walks around Hatton Locks, which take in towpaths, public footpaths through fields, and some roads. You can follow the routes featured in the Hatton Circular Walks leaflet (available from the café or www.waterscape.com), or combine walks to create your own route.

Where to fish

Coarse fishing is available at nearby Blythe Waters, 10 miles from Hatton Locks. For further details contact enquiries.westmidlands@britishwaterways.co.uk

Access for all

The café is accessible for wheelchairs.

Many interpretive displays are tactile, to help visually impaired visitors, and promotional literature is available in text-only format, downloadable via www.waterscape.com

Where to eat and drink

11 12 The Waterman Canalside Pub & Restaurant
Birmingham Road,
Hatton, Warwickshire CV35 7JJ
Tel: 01926 492427

11 13 Hatton Locks Café
Canal Lane, Hatton, Warwickshire CV35 7JL
Tel: 01926 409432
The café was once the stables for the horses which pulled the barges.

Hatton Farm Village

One Child Goes Free!



This voucher admits one child free to Hatton Farm Village with one full paying adult day ticket. Valid until 01/11/09. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer, school/group booking or Annual Pass. Not valid on Bank Holidays. Only one child (up to 13 years old) admitted free with one full paying adult day ticket (aged 14+) per voucher. No photocopies accepted.

Hatton Farm Village, Hatton Country World, Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick CV35 8XA.
Open daily 10am – 5pm. Tel: 01926 843411 www.hattonworld.com

Pitcher and Piano

20% off food



Offer is for 20% off food only, excluding any other offers and bank holiday weekends. Valid from 1st May to 31st August 2009, only at Pitcher & Piano, Brindleyplace.

Pitcher & Piano, the Water's Edge, Brindleyplace. 0121 643 0214
Photocopies will not be accepted.

A day afloat is great fun!

£25 off boat day hire

BOOK TODAY

Not only is it fun it's also great value. Get a group of friends or family together and hire a boat for the day and enjoy a great day out on the water. Most boats hold eight people and hire starts from as little as £95 per boat per day. And, if you log on to waterscape.com/offers you can download a voucher to get a £25 discount off your booking. It's yours to enjoy for even less!



Offer for a limited period only and may be withdrawn at any time. Terms and conditions apply. See website for details.

Inclusion in this leaflet does not constitute a recommendation.

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Stourport-on-Severn



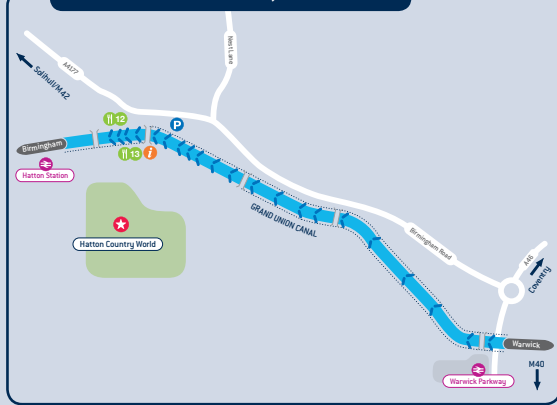
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Find local area canal maps at www.waterscape.com
just click on the interactive map

For further information please contact
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Hatton Locks off M40, Junction 15



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