

Where does the water come from?

Napton Locks

Napton Locks are a flight of 9 locks descending from the Oxford Summit to the Braunston Pound on the Oxford Canal.

The main source of water here comes from the three summit reservoirs: Boddington, Clattercote and Wormleighton.

There are also back pumps at Napton which recirculate lockage water from the Braunston Pound back up to the summit.



Napton Reservoir is a balancing reservoir located three miles downstream of Napton Locks on the Grand Union Canal

Canal Pound: a level stretch of water impounded between two locks

Summit: the Canal pound at the highest point

Napton Reservoir is used to store and re-use lockage water pumped back up the Calcutt Lock Flight onto the Braunston Pound.

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