

# Where does the water come from?

Four summit reservoirs supply water to the Tring Summit of the Grand Union Canal. These reservoirs store water, mainly from local springs, which is then pumped to the summit

The largest single water source is Wendover Spring. Water from this source transfers down the Wendover Arm to the reservoirs

At the south end of the summit adjacent to Cowroast and Northchurch Locks, two pumping stations lift water from boreholes in the chalk aquifer

The Tring Summit of the Grand Union Canal sits on top of chalk bedrock. Chalk has a fine network of cracks in it which hold water. This is called an aquifer

Sometimes natural springs occur when the water wells up out of the ground

We can also abstract water by drilling a borehole into the rock and pumping the water out



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