Canal & River Trust
Making life better by water

Discover **Beeston Lock**

Beeston Lock is just an easy cycle ride from Nottingham. It's a great place to escape to the country, watch boats working the lock and see the magnificent weir which generates hydro-electric power.

Map not to scale: covers approx 0.5 miles/0.8km

A little bit of history

Beeston Lock is located where the Nottingham-Beeston Canal bypasses unnavigable parts of the River Trent. The canal was built to provide a through-route for coal so that the citizens of Nottingham didn't miss out on the great wealth it brought to the city. Today it enables boaters to bypass the tricky shallows of the Trent.

Best of all it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Beeston Lock

- ☐ **Walk** up to the Turnover Bridge designed so that horses could cross the bridge without being unhitched. Genius!
- ☐ **Find out** more about the Nottingham-Beeston Canal at the Heritage Centre being developed in old converted lock cottages
- ☐ **Check out** the 2 mile circular route following the canal and the River Trent. It's part of Nottingham's Big Track for walkers and cyclists
- ☐ **Find** a spot to admire the weir which generates enough electricity for 2000 homes through the hydro-electric plant
- ☐ **Stop** for a coffee at the boathouse café overlooking the marina.

Information

Riverside Road
Beeston
Nottingham
NG9 1NR

- Parking (free)
- Toilets
- Café
- Pub
- Path
- Allow 1-2 hours for this visit

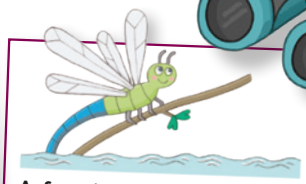
*** Don't forget:**
Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

What to Spot

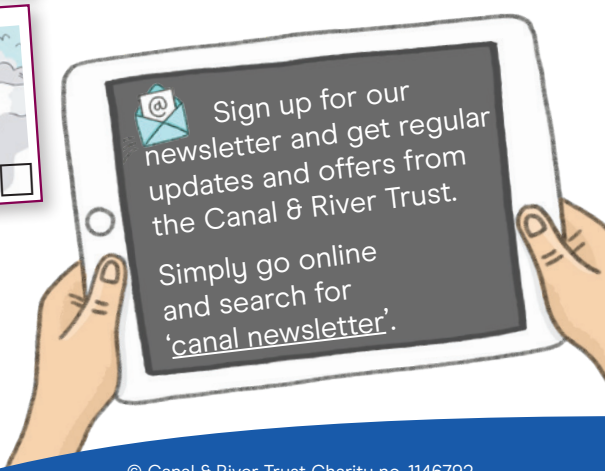
Explore the waterside together.
How many of these can you spot?

- ☐ A duck quacking 

- ☐ 

The number of a bridge or lock
- ☐ 
A fascinating insect
- ☐ 
An interesting stone or brick
- ☐ The names of two boats 

- ☐ A face or animal in the clouds 



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