

**MOORING PLACES ON THE BCN
BIRMINGHAM CITY CENTRE**

There are many excellent visitor moorings
Barclaycard Arena, National Sealife Centre & Oozells Street loop.
Between the Worcester Bar and Holliday Street Bridge.
Cambrian Wharf and Gas Street basin visitor moorings.
PUBS: Many to choose from, but the "Prince of Wales" (beside the
ICC, on Cambridge Street) is a boaters' favourite.

BIRMINGHAM & FAZELEY

Farmers Bridge top lock & Cambrian Wharf.
Aston Business Park (offside between Locks 8 & 9
on Aston flight). **P K**

Cuckoo Wharf – at the bottom of Aston flight near Salford Junction.
North of Curdworth Tunnel

PUBS: "Dog & Doublet" (between Curdworth locks 8 & 9)

DIGBETH BRANCH B&F

Near Aston Science Park at top of Ashted Locks.
Typhoo Basin. (No outside access after hours)

NEW MAIN LINE

Near Engine Branch Aqueduct, Smethwick.
A few quiet spots in Galton Valley north of Galton Bridge.
Coseley Stop (south of tunnel).
Wolverhampton (near Broad St basin.)
Wolverhampton Top Lock.

Dunstall Racecourse (between Locks 17 & 18)

OLD MAIN LINE & LOOPS

Sherborne Wharf Marina (payment needed) **P K**
Hockley Port visitor moorings **K**
Engine Arm (Outside Galton Valley Centre).
Handsworth Wharf end of Engine Arm **K**
Smethwick Pump House (Offside) **K**
Whimsey Bridge, Oldbury (next to Mecca complex).
Valencia Wharf (No outside access after hours) **P K**
Tividale Quays to Tipton Junction.
Black Country Museum **K**
Coronation Gardens, Tipton.

PUBS: Oldbury "Wagon & Horses" & "The Hardy"
Tividale "The Boat" & "The Wonder"
Tipton "The Pie Factory" & "The Fountain"
Wolverhampton centre - many to choose from, but the
"Great Western" on Sun Street is a boaters' favourite.

WEDNESBURY OLD CANAL (RIDGEACRE BRANCH)

Navigation is now difficult or impossible because of weeds. C&RT
have asked boaters not to try, because of the fish deaths

WEDENSBUURY OAK LOOP

C&RT Workshop basin. Mooring has been permitted, by prior
arrangement – particularly in association with their open days.
Check with the workshop.

TAME VALLEY CANAL

Between Lock No.11 & No.12 adjacent to park and container base.
Good stretch between M6 and Lock No.7.

Perry Barr Top Lock.

PUBS: "Boars Head" on College Road above
Perry Barr Lock No.11.

DAW END BRANCH & RUSHALL

Longwood Boat Club towpath side
or on club moorings by arrangement.

Outside the "Manor Arms"

Near "Park Lime Pits" nature reserve.

Aldridge Wharf (Daw End Visitor Moorings)

PUBS: "The Manor Arms"
"The Bell (North East of Bell Bridge)

ANGLESEY BRANCH

Ogley Junction

Anglesey Basin

PUBS: "The Anchor" (just north of Catshill Junction).

CANNOCK EXTENSION

Selected quiet spots along the entire length of this mostly rural
stretch but moorings recommended at Grove Colliery Basin
and Norton Canes terminus.

PUBS: "The Turf" (50yds from terminus on A5 Watling Street).

WYRLEY & ESSINGTON

Lane Head Bridge **K**

Holly Bank Basin

Sneyd Wharf visitor mooring.

Pelsall Common (one of prettiest locations on the BCN)
depth is greatest adjacent to the "Finger Post".

Brownhills close to Tesco

PUBS: "Finger Post" (York's Foundry Bridge)

TITFORD CANAL

Titford Pump House visitor mooring

Opposite Langley Maltings.

Titford Pools (v shallow adjacent to towpath)

Jarvis Bridge (Adjacent to "New Navigation")

PUBS: "New Navigation" (Jarvis Bridge)
"Crosswells" (Langley town centre).

WALSALL CANAL

Walsall Locks Top Lock, off side **K**

Walsall Town Arm secure off side before town basin.

Walsall Town Basin

Willingsworth Hall Bridge (adjacent to Patent Shaft site).

Ocker Hill moorings (just inside arm) **K**

Top of Ryders Green Locks. (off side)

PUBS: "New Navigation" (Walsall Top Lock);
"Eight Locks" (Ryders Green Top Lock).

DUDLEY NO.1 CANAL

Black Country Museum end of Dudley Tunnel **K**

Parkhead end of the Dudley Tunnel

Some quiet spots between Parkhead and Woodside Bridge.

Waterfront (Merry Hill) – moorings on hotel side of basin.

Merry Hill on the embankment (South of Waterfront

Delph flight (Arm adjacent to Bottom Lock).

PUBS: "The Woodside" (off Woodside Bridge). A lot of choice at
Merry Hill's Waterfront development and a real ale fan's
paradise at the bottom of the Delph flight.

Try the "Bull & Bladder"; "Black Horse" or "Tenth Lock".

DUDLEY NO.2 CANAL

Hawne Basin. **P K**

Windmill End Junction

Withymoore Island **P K**

Some quiet spots between Blackbrook and Parkhead.

Parkhead Junction



The BCN Society shares the ownership of two working boats, Atlas
& Malus with Coombeswood Canal Trust.

Members of both societies man this pair regularly at canal festivals,
and on trips (often with young people doing their Duke of
Edinburgh award.)

If you are would like to join the crew, contact us via the website or
email info@bcnsociety.com

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WATER POINTS & SANITARY STATIONS

With water point, toilet, chemical toilet disposal unless noted.

S indicates there is also a shower.

Birmingham & Fazeley

Farmers Bridge Top Lock **S**

Cuckoo Wharf **S**

Minworth Locks San station – often water point only

Bodysmoor Heath (Water point only)

Fazeley Junction (Water point only)

Peels Wharf

Main Line

Hockley Port (Soho Loop) **S**

Handsworth Wharf (Engine Arm)

Broad Street Basin Wolverhampton **S**

Titford Canal

Titford Pump House **S**

Dudley No 1

Black Country Museum **S**

Parkhead Junction

Waterfront (at north end offside) **S**

Dudley No 2

Hawne Basin **S**

Windmill End (by visitor centre) (Water point only)

Withymoor Island **S**

Walsall

Ocker Hill **S**

Walsall Top Lock

Tame Valley

Perry Barr Top Lock **S**

Daw End / Rushall

Longwood Junction (no toilet)

Wyrley & Essington

Sneyd Wharf moorings **S**

Brownhills **S**

Worcester Birmingham Canal

Holliday Wharf

PUMP-OUT

Fiddle & Bone (Central Birmingham)

Away 2 Service (mobile) (Central Birmingham 0845 644 5344)

Black Country Museum (C&RT pumpout card)

Engine Arm moorings (C&RT pumpout card)

Hawne Basin (Dudley No.2)

Withymoor Island (Dudley No 2)

Aldridge Marina (contact 01922 743874 to arrange purchase of the required non C&RT card)

Ocker Hill (C&RT pumpout card).

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Dudley No 1

Black Country Museum (Because of the Dudley tunnel this is only accessible from Tipton Junction / Old Main Line)

Parkhead Junction

Dudley No 2

Hawne Basin

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Ocker Hill

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Longwood Junction

Wyrley & Essington

Sneyd Wharf moorings

Brownhills

DIESEL, COAL & GAS

Fiddle and Bone (Central Birmingham)

Away 2 Service (mobile) (Central Birmingham - 0845 644 5344)

Caggy's Boat Yard Tipton (New Main Line) (Diesel only)

Hawne Basin (Dudley No.2)

Withymoor Island (Dudley No 2) (Gas only)

SLIPWAYS AND DRY DOCKS

Hawne Basin slip (Dudley No.2)

Hockley Port dock (Book through Sherborne Wharf)

Caggy's Yard dock (New Main Line at Tipton)

Brownhills (Wyrley & Essington)

Slip suitable for launching canoes and small trail boats.

We welcome contributions and comments on this guide

most easily done via our website

<http://bcnsociety.com/moorings/>



BIRMINGHAM CANAL NAVIGATIONS SOCIETY MOORINGS & FACILITIES ON THE BCN

The Birmingham Canal Navigations (BCN) is a 100 mile network of narrow canals situated at the very heart of the Midlands waterway system.

Unfortunately, the BCN harbours a serious burden – its image. To the uninitiated the BCN is still perceived as grimy and unpleasant, but this is simply no longer true.

Admittedly, some parts do pass through industrialised areas – but remember – that is the reason they were built in the first place! There are others parts which have returned to rural and are quite beautiful. Nowhere is this more apparent than the delightful areas of the Northern BCN, which provides many miles of tranquil, trouble-free cruising.

Fortunately the Canals & Rivers Trust (C&RT) in conjunction with local councils, ourselves and other canal societies, have done much to enhance the waterside, to improve navigation and to promote the BCN as a valuable leisure resource.

We hope that this brief introduction to the available moorings and facilities will serve to stimulate those unfamiliar with the area to visit, and encourage those with preconceived notions to reconsider.

There is much more than can be conveyed by words alone and the only path to true enlightenment lies with personal experience. Come and take a fresh look at the Birmingham Canal Navigations – you may be surprised!

NOTES

These are moorings that society members have found to be safe – but this is not a guarantee.

Any decision as to where you moor your boat must be your own.

P shows privately run moorings, where the owners welcome visiting boats.

K means you need a key to get out. This may not be a C&RT key, and your only exit maybe to find a keyholder. Details on website.

The BCN Society, a Company Limited by Guarantee exists to conserve and improve the canals of the West Midlands (Registered Charity number 1091760).

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