

BIRMINGHAM CANAL NAVIGATIONS SOCIETY

MOORINGS & FACILITIES GUIDE



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

Like most cities, the BCN harbours a serious burden – its image. To the uninitiated it is still perceived as grimy and unpleasant and while some parts pass through industrialised areas, (because that's the reason they were built in the first place!), other areas 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 volunteer 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! If you would like to do it in company, consider joining one of our Explorer Cruises.

NOTES

Society members have used these moorings overnight and found them to be satisfactory. Some may be a little noisy due to high footfall on the towpaths. Antisocial behaviour towards boats and boaters is most unusual.

- 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 an onsite keyholder.
 - DF indicates that a pub has been reported as dog friendly.

*The BCN Society, a Company Limited by Guarantee exists to conserve and improve the canals of the West Midlands (Registered Charity number 1091760).
Birmingham Canal Navigations Society
Titford Pump House, Engine Street, Oldbury B69 4NL*

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	No toilet
Bodmoor Heath	Water point only
Fazeley Junction	Water point only

Daw End / Rushall

Longwood Junction	no toilet
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Dudley No 1

Black Country Museum	S
Parkhead Junction (Blowers Green)	
Waterfront (at north end towpath side)	S

Dudley No 2

Hawne Basin	S (& bath)
Windmill End (by visitor centre)	Water point only
Withymoore Island	S

Main Line

Handsworth Wharf (Engine Arm)	
Broad Street Basin Wolverhampton	S

Tame Valley

Perry Barr Top Lock	S
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Titford Canal

Titford Pump House	S
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Walsall

Ocker Hill	S
Walsall Top Lock	

Worcester Birmingham Canal

Holliday Wharf	S
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Wyrley & Essington

Sneyd Wharf moorings	S
Brownhills	S

PUMP-OUT

The Distillery	(Central Birmingham)
Black Country Museum	(C&RT pumpout card)
Engine Arm moorings	(C&RT pumpout card)
Ocker Hill	(C&RT pumpout card)
Hawne Basin	(Dudley No.2)
Withymoore Island	(Dudley No 2)

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Birmingham & Fazeley

Farmers Bridge Top Lock
Cuckoo Wharf
Fazeley Mill Marina (P)

Daw End / Rushall

Longwood Junction

Dudley No 1

Black Country Museum (only accessible from Tipton Junction)
Parkhead Junction (Blowers Green)

Dudley No 2

Hawne Basin

Main Line

Handsworth Wharf (Engine Arm)
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Ocker Hill

Wyrley & Essington

Sneyd Wharf moorings
Brownhills

DIESEL, COAL & GAS

The Distillery	(Central Birmingham)
Hawne Basin	(Dudley No.2)

SLIPWAYS AND DRY DOCKS

Hawne Basin slip	(Dudley No.2, prior booking)
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/>

or by emailing:- webmaster@bcnsociety.com or editor@bcnsociety.com

MOORINGS ON THE BCN

ANGLESEY BRANCH

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

BIRMINGHAM CITY CENTRE

Many visitor moorings – look for notices giving the length of stay.
On the New Main Line from Monument Road Basin to Deep Cuttings Junction, & on Oozells Street loop by the Sea Life Centre.
Between the Worcester Bar and Holliday Street Bridge.
Cambrian Wharf and Gas Street basin visitor moorings.
PUBS: "The Bull", Price Street (DF)
"Prince of Wales", (DF), Cambridge Street
"Craven Arms", (DF), Upper Gough St
and many others.

BIRMINGHAM & FAZELEY

Farmers Bridge top lock & Cambrian Wharf.
Aston Business Park (offside between Locks 8 & 9
on Aston flight). (P) (K)
Anywhere after The Boat pub
PUBS: "Dog & Doublet", (DF), (between Curdworth locks 8 & 9)

CANNOCK EXTENSION

Many quiet spots along the length of this mostly rural canal.
Particularly recommended at Grove Colliery Basins and
Norton Canes terminus.
PUBS: "Toby Carvery" (on island left from moorings, WS11 9NO).

DAW END BRANCH & RUSHALL

Longwood Boat Club - towpath side
Outside the "Manor Arms"
Near "Park Lime Pits" nature reserve.
Aldridge Wharf (Daw End Visitor Moorings).
PUBS: "The Manor Arms" (DF), "The Bell Inn" (Birmingham Road).

DIGBETH BRANCH B&F

Aston Junction (under construction May 2022)
Near Aston Science Park at top of Ashted Locks.
Typhoo Basin. (Closed from June 2022 for construction works)

*The BCN Society shares the ownership of two working boats, Atlas & Malus with Coombeswood Canal Trust.
Members of both societies operate this pair regularly at canal festivals, and on trips (often with young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh award.)
If you would like to join the crew, contact us via our website or email webmaster@bcnsociety.com*

DUDLEY NO.1 CANAL

Black Country Museum.
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: "Vine Inn" (aka "Bull & Bladder");
"Black Horse" or "Tenth Lock",
The Olde Swan, (Ma Pardoes), (DF) Halesowen Rd.

DUDLEY NO.2 CANAL

Hawne Basin. (P) (K) (Seek advice - friendly and cheap diesel).
Hawne on line - after Coombswood Bridge
Windmill End Junction
Withymoor Island. (P) (K) (Seek advice - friendly group)
Some quiet spots between Blackbrook and Parkhead.
Parkhead Junction above the four locks.
PUBS: "Waggon & Horses", (DF), Stourbridge Rd.
"William Shenstone", Queensway, Haleowen.

NEW MAIN LINE

Near Engine Branch Aqueduct, Smethwick.
A few quiet spots in Galton Valley north of Galton Bridge.
Coseley Stop (south of tunnel), Wallbrook Bridge -
(look for Jubilee Court Nursing Home.)

Wolverhampton

outside Broad St basin on towpath
or off side opposite but no land access.
Above Wolverhampton Top Lock.
Dunstall Racecourse (between Locks 17 & 18)
PUBS: "Great Western", (DF), Corn Hill/Sun Street.

OLD MAIN LINE & LOOPS

Engine Arm terminus (Outside Galton Valley Centre).
Handsworth Wharf end of Engine Arm (K)
Smethwick Pump House (Offside by steps) (K)
Whimsey Bridge, Oldbury (off-side pontoon next to Mecca complex).
Whimsey Bridge, Oldbury (Towpath side bollards).
Inside Tividale Quays and toward Tipton Junction.
Black Country Museum (K)
Tipton - Coronation Gardens,
"John the Lock" moorings, Neptune Surgery (either side
opposite "The Fountain" pub).
PUBS: Oldbury "Court of Requests", Wagon & Horses (DF)
& "Crosswells", (DF) in Langley.
Tipton "The Pie Factory", "The Fountain" (DF)

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" - College Road above Perry Barr Lock No.11.

TITFORD CANAL

Titford Pump House visitor mooring
Mooring rings from Top Lock to Uncle Ben's Bridge
Opposite Langley Maltings.
Titford Pools (very shallow adjacent to towpath)
PUBS: "Crosswells", (DF) (Langley town centre),
"Court of Requests" (Oldbury 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 Moorcroft Junction).
Ocker Hill moorings (just inside arm) (K)
Top of Ryders Green Locks. (off side)
PUBS: "Black Country Arms" (DF), High Street.

WEDNESBURY OAK LOOP (BRADLEY ARM)

Between Banks Bridge & Glasshouse Bridge.
C&RT Workshop basin -
mooring has been permitted, by prior arrangement. Check with
the workshop. (No off site access outside office hours).

WYRLEY & ESSINGTON

Holly Bank Basin
Sneyd Wharf - speak with permanent moorers.
Pelsall Common (one of prettiest locations on the BCN)
depth is greatest adjacent to the "Finger Post".
Brownhills close to Tesco
PUBS: "Finger Post", (DF), (York's Foundry Bridge).
"Jiggers Whistle Micro Pub", (DF).