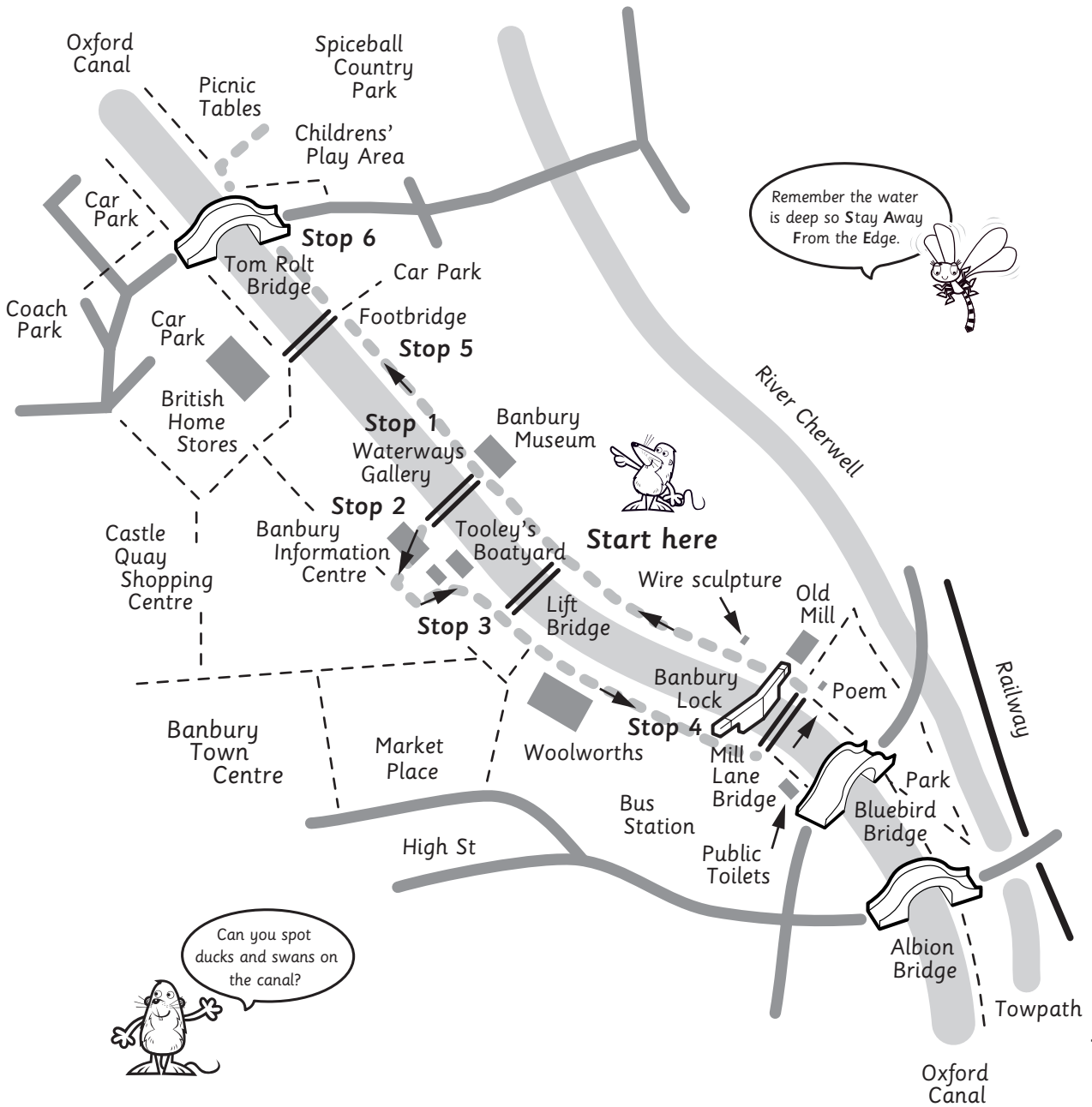


Banbury Canal Trail

Oxford Canal



Remember the water is deep so Stay Away From the Edge.

Can you spot ducks and swans on the canal?

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Stop 1: Waterways Gallery, Banbury Museum



Look at the displays about the Oxford Canal in the Waterways Gallery at Banbury Museum.

The Oxford Canal was built to carry coal from mines at Coventry to homes and factories in Oxford.

Look at the 'Building the Waterways' display near the entrance to the information centre.

When was the Act of Parliament authorising the canal? _____

Who was the engineer who planned the route? _____

Watch and listen to the videos about the Oxford Canal.

Try operating the models of a lock and the lift bridges.

Can you spot the canal beneath the gallery ?



Stop 2: Banbury Information Centre

Go out of the Waterways Gallery into the Banbury Information Centre. Look at the display panel on your left overlooking Tooley's Historic Boatyard.

How long has the boatyard been here? _____

When was the historic boatyard built? _____

When did the canal reach Oxford? _____

Look at the diagram of the old boatyard.

Can you spot: The original dry dock (1)?



The old shelter for protection (4)?



The steam chest for bending wood (6)?

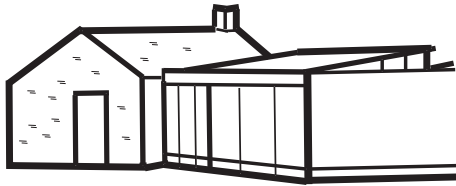


Go out of the Information Centre, turn left, then left again. Walk down the steps or use the disabled lift for wheelchairs.



Stop 3: Tooley's Historic Boatyard

On your left, at the bottom of the steps, is an old boatyard. It was built shortly after the canal reached Banbury in 1778.



The red brick building near the steps is the old forge. Iron parts for boats were heated until they

were red hot. Then they were hammered into shape.

Can you spot: the chimney on the roof of the forge?

Look through the glass windows of the new shelter (built 2001).

Can you spot: a narrowboat in the old dry dock?

Walk to the new lift bridge (re-built in 2001).

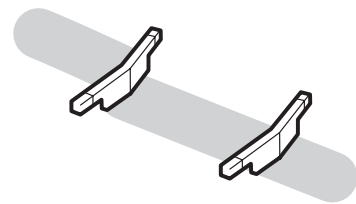
What is the bridge number? _____

How is the bridge raised? _____

Stop 4: Banbury Lock

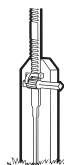
Keep right and proceed towards Woolworths. Keep **SAFE!**
Remember to **Stay Away From the Edge.**

The lock acts like a staircase, enabling boats to climb down from the higher level to the lower level of the canal.

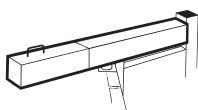


Can you estimate the width of the lock? _____ metre(s)

Can you spot:



Paddle gear (to let water in and out of the lock)?



Balance beams that make opening the lock gates easier?

Cross the bridge, turn left and walk back alongside the lock.

What is the Old Mill used for today? _____

Stop 5: Footbridge to Castle Quay Shopping Centre

Look at the wire sculpture beside the lock (of what? _____) then walk past Banbury Museum to the new footbridge near BHS.

Draw a sketch of the footbridge



Castle Quay Shopping Centre was built on the site of Banbury Castle (1135 to 1648).

Do you think these modern buildings are appropriate on this historic site? Why?

Can you spot:



Bollards where boats can tie up?

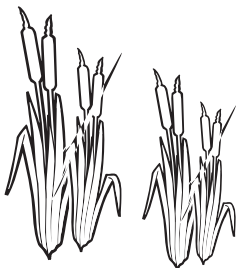
Why are the bollards painted white? _____

Stop 6: Tom Rolt Bridge

The bridge was named after Tom Rolt who wrote about his travels on board a narrowboat in 1939. Many who read his book campaigned for the canals to be restored for public enjoyment.

What was the name of Tom Rolt's narrowboat? _____

Lots of wild creatures live on the canal.



Can you spot:

Swans or mallard ducks?

Coots or moorhens nesting among the reeds?

What sort of people use the canals today for holidays and hobbies?



Walk under the bridge to reach Spiceball Country Park.

Find the answers and lots of fun things on the WOW website at www.wow4water.net/nc_resource/banburyanswers.pdf