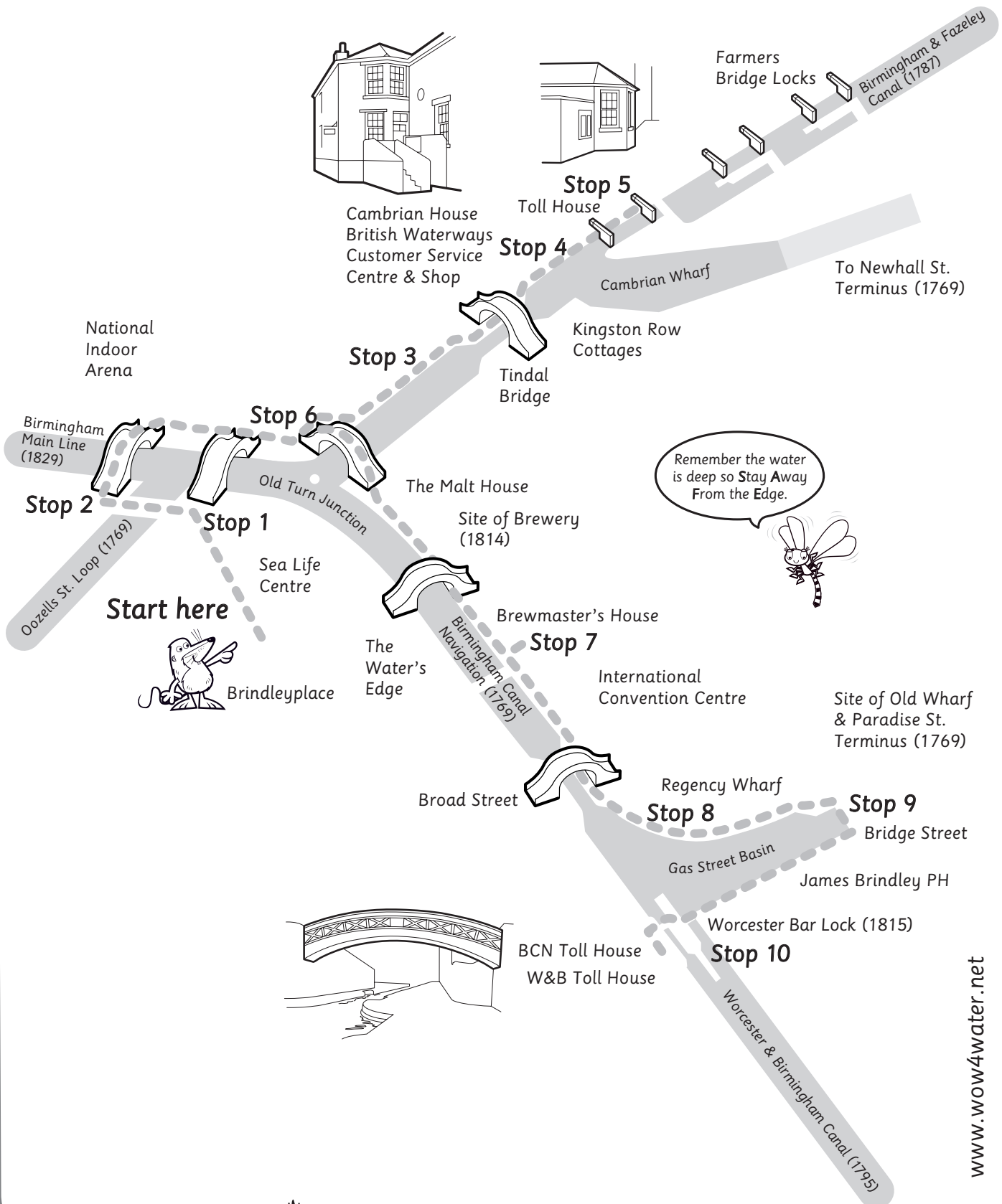


# Central Birmingham Trail

## Birmingham Canal Navigations



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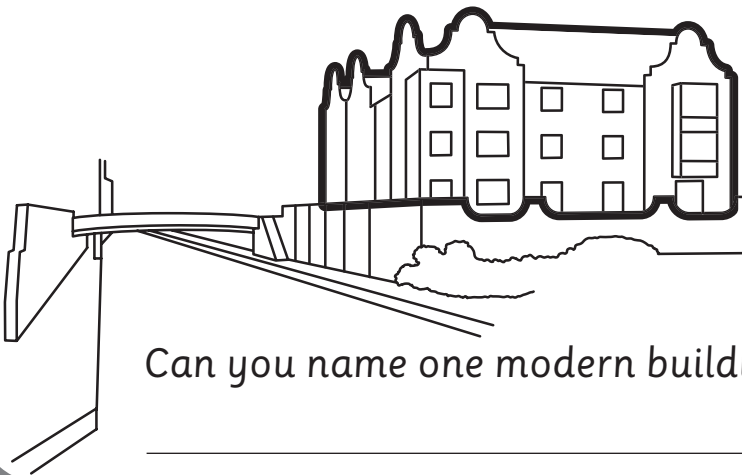
## Stop 1: Oozells Street Loop

The canal to your left is part of James Brindley's original canal opened in 1769.

How old is the canal here? \_\_\_\_\_ years old

Which wharf does the loop lead to? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is the old canal called a loop? \_\_\_\_\_

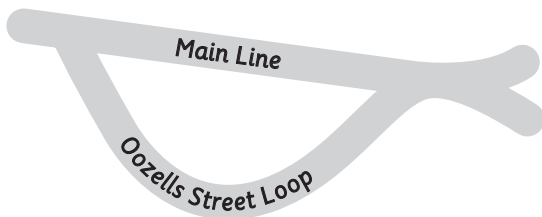


How old are these apartments beside the canal?  
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Can you name one modern building?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Stop 2: Birmingham Main Line

You are now looking along the canal built by Thomas Telford in 1829 to form a shorter route.



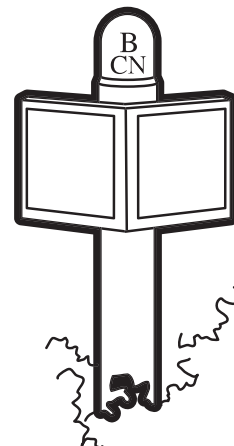
Why does the newer canal form a 'short cut'? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What does BCN stand for?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How far is it to Gas Street? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the bridge made of? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was it made?  
\_\_\_\_\_

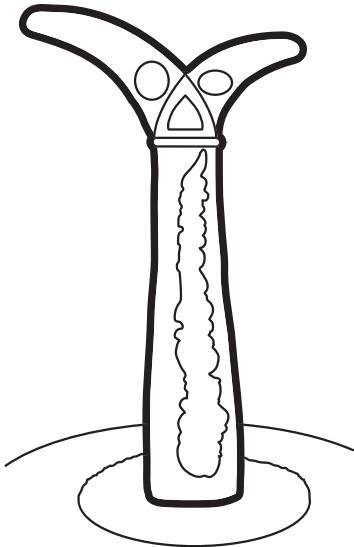


### Stop 3: Tindal Bridge

You have been walking along the towpath.

Why is it called a towpath? \_\_\_\_\_

Who uses the towpath today? \_\_\_\_\_



This mile post marks the creation of which National Network?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many miles to West Bromwich?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles



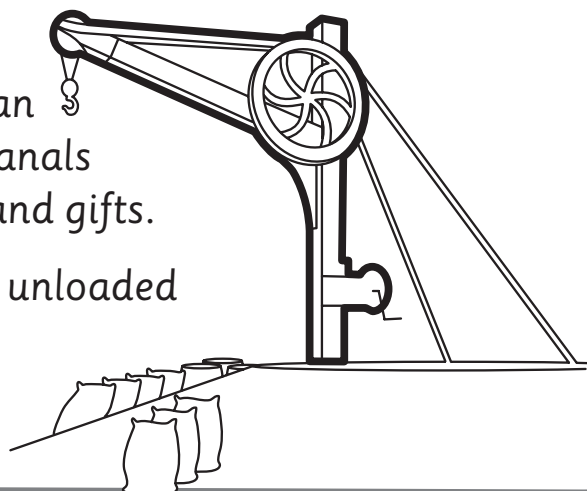
### Stop 4: Cambrian House

Cambrian House was built about 1790 to provide offices and a house for employees of the Birmingham Canal. Why do the windows above the steps face in different directions?

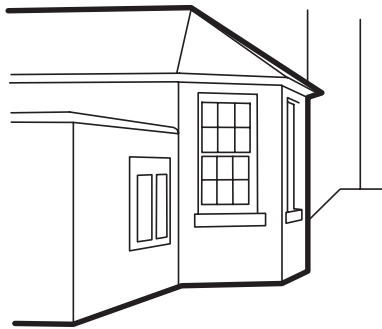
The British Waterways Customer Service Centre and Shop at Cambrian House has free information about canals and sells ice cream, drinks, snacks and gifts.

Can you suggest some of the goods unloaded by the cranes at Cambrian Wharf?

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## Stop 5: Farmers Bridge Top Lock



The Toll House was built where the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal starts.

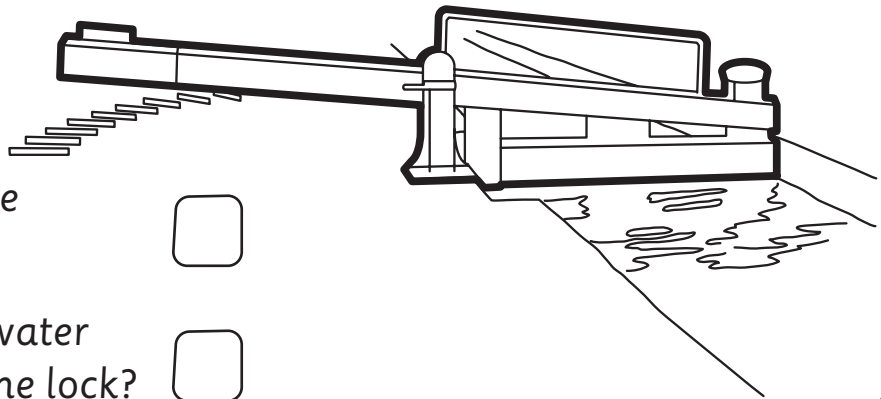
How many windows has it? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Locks are like staircases. They carry boats uphill.

Can you spot:

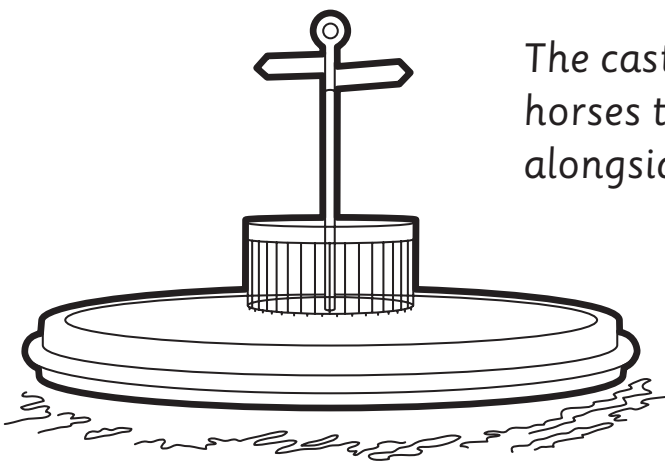
Heel grips under the balance beams to make pushing open the lock gates easier?



Paddle gear to allow water to flow in and out of the lock?

## Stop 6: Old Turn Junction

This junction is where Brindley's 'old' canal of 1769 branched to serve the two original termini.



The cast iron 'roving bridge' enabled horses to cross the canal to the towpath alongside the Paradise Street arm.

When was the bridge built?

\_\_\_\_\_

What evidence is there that there was a brewery on the opposite bank of the canal from 1814 to 1881?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Stop 7: Brewmaster's House



When was the house built?

\_\_\_\_\_

What features suggest the building is over 200 years old?

\_\_\_\_\_

Why is the Brewmaster's House so high up above the level of the canal?

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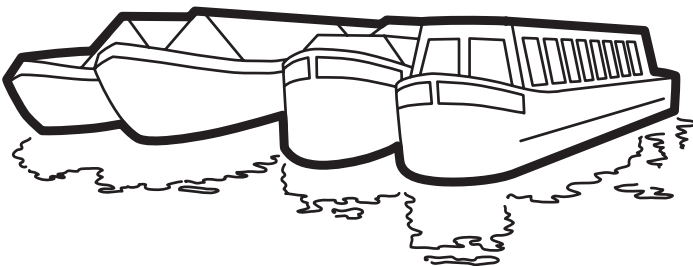
Near the International Convention Centre many new leisure facilities have been built beside the canal. **Name some here:**

## Stop 8: Regency Wharf

The site of the old Regency Wharf is now occupied by restaurants looking out over the canal basin.

Can you name one of the restaurants? \_\_\_\_\_

What evidence is there that the towpath here crossed the entrance to Regency Wharf? \_\_\_\_\_



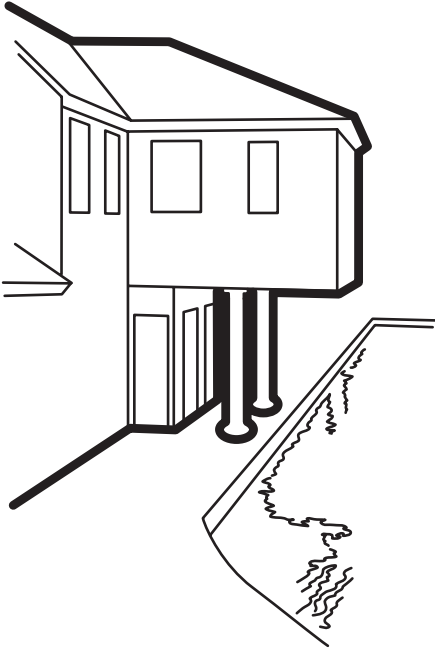
On the opposite side of Gas Street Basin boats used to unload goods at the Worcester Bar.

What are the pontoons used for today?

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## Stop 9: Bridge Street

The canal used to continue under Bridge Street to Paradise Street Wharf (1769), later called Old Wharf.



When does the plaque on the bridge say the Old Wharf was filled in?

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Which canal builder is the public house named after?

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What kind of bus stops just outside the pub?

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Where does it go to?

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## Stop 10: Worcester Bar Lock

A lock was built through the Worcester Bar in 1815.  
A toll of 4d per ton was levied on all goods passing through.

Can you spot:

The boundary between the Birmingham Canal and the Worcester and Birmingham Canal?

The BCN Toll House (now a café)?

The Worcester and Birmingham Toll House?

Why do both Toll Houses have bay windows?

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