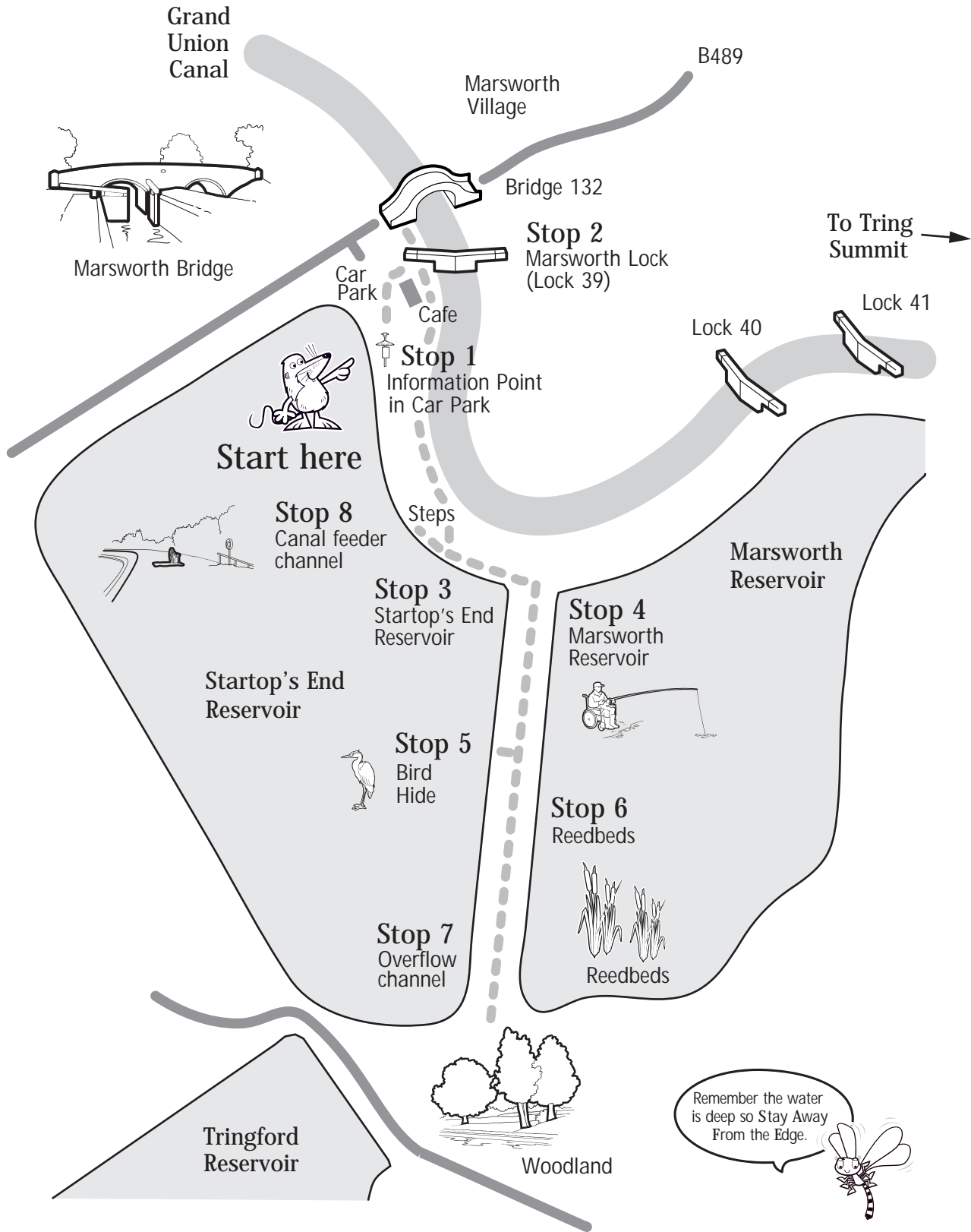


# Tring Reservoirs Trail

## Grand Union Canal

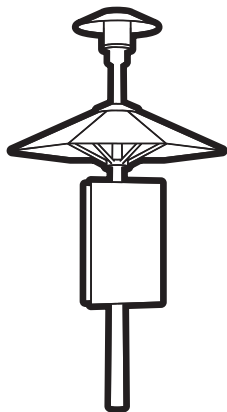


Remember the water is deep so Stay Away From the Edge.



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## Stop 1: Startup's End Information Point



The recorded message from the reservoirs keeper tells you about Tring Reservoirs. Press the button to find the answers to these questions.

What happens to the water stored in Tring Reservoirs?

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Water from Wilstone Reservoir is generally used first. Which reservoir is usually the second to be used?

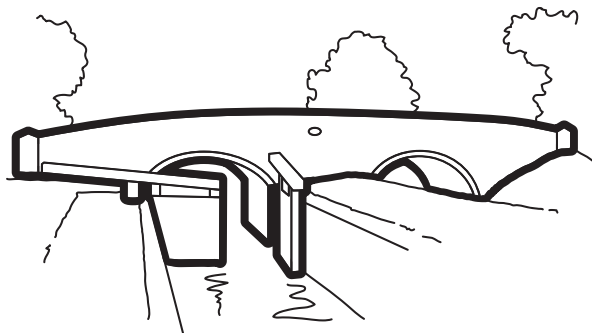
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What happens at Tringford Pumping Station?

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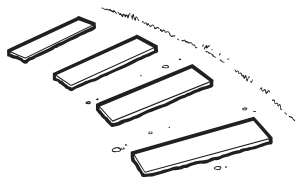
## Stop 2: Marsworth Lock

The canal was so busy in the 1830s that a second lock was built alongside the present lock.



What evidence is there of a second lock? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you spot:



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

Bollards so boats can tie up alongside?



### Stop 3: Startup's End Reservoir

Look across the reservoir from the top of the embankment.



How can you tell that this is a man-made reservoir rather than a natural lake ?

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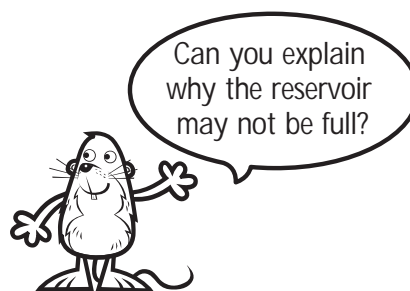
Can you spot:

The gauges at the corner of the reservoir to your left?



What do these gauges measure?

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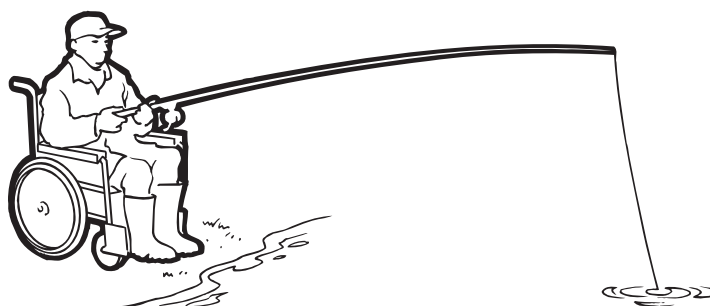
### Stop 4: Marsworth Reservoir

Marsworth was the second of the Tring Reservoirs to be built.

The interpretation board shows some of the birds that can often be seen on the water. Can you spot any of them?

What else is the reservoir used for?

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Can you name some of the fish that are caught here?

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## Stop 5: Bird Hide

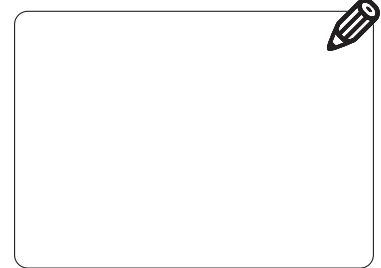
The bird hide, overlooking Startop's End Reservoir, is a magical place to observe a wide range of wildlife. Different birds find the habitat suitable for their needs at different seasons.

In the spring, swifts and swallows swoop over the water catching insects; in summer, young herons join their parents on fishing trips. Wading birds sift the mud for a tasty snack in autumn, while teal and shovelers return from their breeding grounds to overwinter here.

Can you spot:

- |            |                          |               |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| A swallow? | <input type="checkbox"/> | A mallard?    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A swift?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | A coot?       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A heron?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | A moorhen?    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A wader?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Canada geese? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

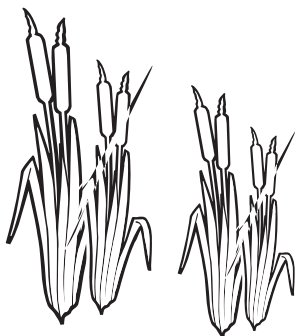
Choose a bird  
and sketch it here



## Stop 6: Reed Beds

The shallow southern end of Marsworth Reservoir is becoming colonised by reed beds. These provide a valuable habitat for nesting birds such as reed buntings. Can you suggest why the reed beds may cause problems for the reservoir keeper? \_\_\_\_\_

During the winter, bitterns and water rail call from the reed beds at dawn and dusk.



Can you spot:

- Mallards, coots or moorhens nesting among the reed sweet grass?
- Reed mace (commonly known as bulrushes)?



