



One of our Hidden Gems

Visit Bradford-on-Avon Wharf

Bradford-on-Avon Wharf was once the busiest wharf on the Kennet & Avon Canal. Today, it's a great place to spot historic canal features.



Map not to scale:
covers approx
0.3 miles/0.5km

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The Wharf was split over two sites. Coal was delivered from the Somerset coalfields to the lower wharf. Other bulky goods – including local cheeses – were unloaded on the upper wharf, beside the lock. Today, it's still the busiest lock on the canal, but with pleasure boats rather than working boats.



Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Bradford-on-Avon Wharf

- Watch** boats passing through Bradford-on-Avon Lock, one of the deepest on the canal.
- Bike** to Avoncliff Aqueduct designed by John Rennie, the famous canal engineer (1.4 miles/2.3km).
- Spot** old canal features such as the lock keeper's house, now the café.
- Check out** the gauging dock where the toll keeper calculated the amount of toll to be paid to use the canal.
- Walk** up the towpath to the medieval Tithe barn owned by Shaftesbury Abbey. (A tithe was one tenth of produce given to the Church.)

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Information

Canalside car park
Baileys Barn
(off Moulton Drive)
Bradford-on-Avon
BA15 1BX

-  Parking (pay & display)
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Pub
-  Picnic
-  Play area
-  Cycling
-  Boat trips
-  Path
-  Allow 2-3 hours for this visit

* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local business before setting out.



“ The Canal is where I bagged my very first pet, Tommy Tadpole. And today it's where I teach my grandchildren about the simple wonders of nature. We must all look after our canals and rivers. If we don't they'll be gone. Forever. What a waste. ”

Carol, aged 56 (and still on the hunt for frogspawn).

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