

The Trail

The [Banbury Canal Trail](#) starts in the Waterways Gallery at Banbury Museum (free admission, entered via the Banbury Information Centre in the Castle Quay Shopping Centre or via the museum). It finishes at the children's play area in Spiceball Country Park. The trail takes approximately an hour including stops.

Answers

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Stop 1: The Act of Parliament authorising the building of the Oxford Canal was passed in 1769. James Brindley was the engineer who planned the route of the canal.

Stop 2: Tooley's Historic Boatyard has been here over 200 years. It was built in the 1790s shortly after the canal was opened. The new shelter over the historic boatyard was built in 2001. The canal reached Oxford in 1790.

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Stop 3: The number on the restored lift bridge is 164. The bridge is raised by pulling down on the counterweights.

Stop 4: The lock is just over 2 metres wide. The Old Mill is now used as an Arts Centre.

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Stop 5: The wire sculpture is of two dancers. The architects who built the Castle Quay Shopping Centre have attempted to make this modern building resemble old quayside warehouses. Do you think they have succeeded? The mooring bollards are painted white so people do not trip over them!

Stop 6: Tom Rolt's narrowboat was called 'Cressy'. It was fitted out at Tooley's Boatyard before his journey in 1939. The popularity of Tom Rolt's book led to the founding of the Inland Waterways Association who have campaigned tirelessly for the restoration of Britain's canals ever since. Today boaters, walkers, cyclists, fishermen and canoeists all enjoy our canals for hobbies and holidays.

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