



Canal &  
River Trust



## Shopping

There's a range of shops including banks in Towcester. There's a small Nisa shop within the BP garage in Roade – about 1½ miles to the east on the A508 (NN7 2NJ). There are Post Offices in Towcester, Blisworth and Roade. There are very basic provisions available at the Boat Inn.

## Medical Facilities

- Roade Surgery (NN7 2NN) 1½ miles away (01604) 863100.
- Northampton General Hospital (NN1 5BD) 8 miles away (01604) 634700.
- Pharmacy – there is a Lloyds Pharmacy in Towcester (NN12 6BT) (01327) 350433 and a pharmacy in Roade (NN7 2NS) (01604) 864665.

## Pubs, Restaurants & Businesses

The Boat Inn just above the top lock on the western side is a family owned and run traditional boaters' pub and has a restaurant known as Woodwards. The Navigation is just below the top lock and is owned and run by Marston's Brewery. Spice of Bruerne Indian restaurant and take-away is adjacent to the top lock on the eastern side of the canal. A blacksmith is based in the old Tug Store next to Blisworth tunnel portal. Ark Stained Glass is based in the Old Stables just to the south of Boathorse Road.

## Travel

**Buses** - information is available by visiting <http://www.traveline.info/> or calling 0871 200 22 33.

**Taxis** - Roade Cars (01604) 864666; Bounds Taxis (01604) 626262; SMS Taxis (01327) 353118.

## ATM

The nearest ATM is at Roade BP Garage (NN7 2NJ).

## Emergencies

In an emergency call 999 immediately. When you have received a response from the emergency services, please inform Canal & River Trust on 0800 47 999 47. Emergencies include when lives or property are at risk or to report a crime. The postcode for Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum from the top lock (Lock 14) to the tunnel entrance is NN12 7SE or for the Long Pound (between locks 15 and 16) and bottom lock is NN12 7SW.

# Welcome to Stoke Bruerne

You have a decision to make. Do you walk up to Blisworth Tunnel, follow the woodland trail, go pond dipping in the side ponds or do you take a leisurely boat trip along the canal?

Then there's the Canal Museum where you can enjoy a cuppa and discover more about the social history of the canal that divided the small village of Stoke Bruerne.

The canal is within the Grand Union and Stoke Bruerne Conservation areas – please help us by respecting this special place. We hope you enjoy your visit to this beautiful village.



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# Information for boaters and visitors

## Canal Museum

Originally set up in the 1960s, our museum was the first home for our designated collection of memorabilia, films and displays. The museum houses part of Canal & River Trust's collection, designated of national importance by Arts Council England and cared for with the support of volunteers. It's part of the most comprehensive collection of artefacts that tell the story of Britain's canals and navigable rivers over the last three hundred years.

You can find out more about opening times, ticket prices and special events here: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/stoke-Bruerne>.

## Customer Service

In the first instance contact a member of staff at the Canal Museum. If closed please call (0303) 040 40 40.

## Information for Boaters

**Mooring** – as displayed but generally 48 hours in the summer above Lock 14 and 7 day mooring in the long pound south of Bridge 53A below Lock 15. All moorings generally revert to 14 day in the winter with the possibility of paid-for winter moorings. Please don't moor within the Stoke Bruerne flight of locks, except where indicated in the long pound, or on the lock waiting areas.

**Tunnel passage** – access may be restricted on some mornings at about 08:00 to allow for transit of boats of greater width than 7'.

**Parking** – overnight parking is not permitted in the Canal Museum car park.

**Elsan** – at the bottom lock or at Gayton Junction – about 1hr 15mins north of Stoke Bruerne by boat.

**Pump-out** - at Blisworth Marina close to Gayton Junction or Kingfisher Marina – 3 miles south of the bottom lock.

**Water** – opposite the museum outside the Boat Inn (this water point is only for uplift of water and not for longer term mooring) and at the bottom lock.

**Gas, solid fuel and diesel** – is usually delivered by boat about every four weeks – please contact Ryan on 07500 484 906.

**Rubbish** – there is a skip (Orange Biffa bin) for boaters' rubbish in the museum car park and another at the bottom lock, recycling included. Dog waste only in the dog bins please.

**Winding** - The winding hole just south of the tunnel portal will accommodate any boat and is sheltered from the wind. Our advice is to always use this winding hole. Maximum length you can wind immediately above the top lock (Lock 14) is 60' 0" – be careful of lock operations and crosswinds in this location.

There is a marked disabled mooring (yellow bollards) adjacent to the Museum Green, please keep this free for use by our disabled customers.

**Running boat engines** - you must follow Canal & River Trust licensing conditions – Schedule 5.

**Passenger Boats** - there are two passenger boats which operate between the top lock and tunnel portal, Charlie and Indian Chief. Please do take account of their operations and please do not moor on their designated moorings.

