

Caring for the Kennet & Avon Canal

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning England and Wales. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for Wiltshire's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

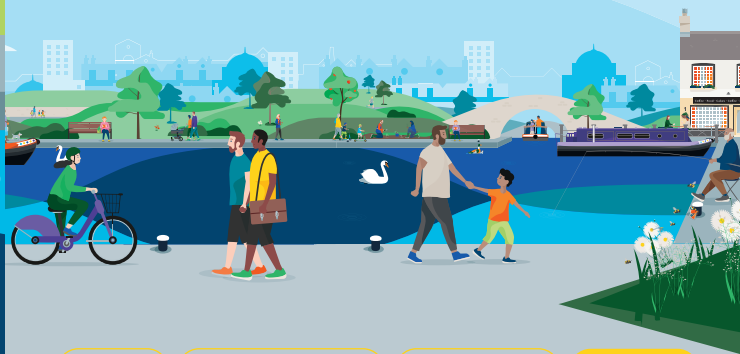
Keeping history alive

When the Kennet & Avon Canal opened in 1810 it soon became a hive of activity with up to 200 boats working on the waterway.

During the 19th century, there were several wharves at Seend where cargo could be loaded and unloaded – primarily iron ore quarried at Seend Iron Works which was then sent along the canal to Wales to be smelted.

The canal was bought by the Great Western Railway Company in 1851 and was allowed to gradually fall into disrepair before being restored by teams of volunteers and re-opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1990.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers



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Welcome to Seend Locks

Get closer to nature on this beautiful waterway.



We're the charity making life better by water

The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Seend Locks, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.


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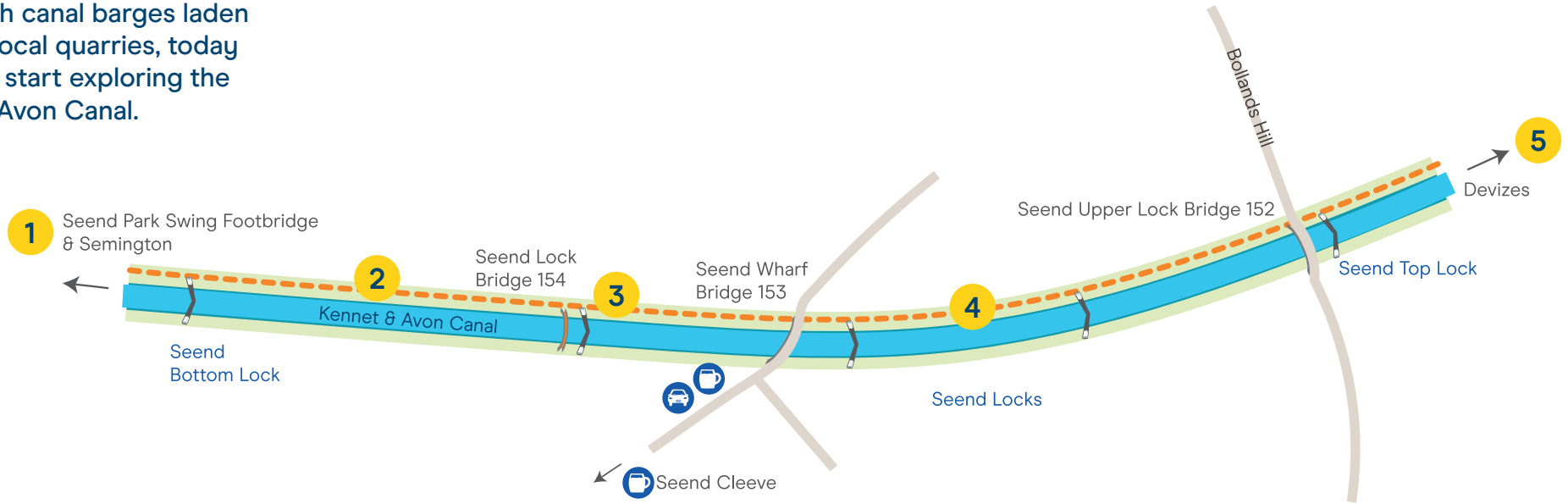
Once crammed with canal barges laden with iron ore from local quarries, today it's a great place to start exploring the beautiful Kennet & Avon Canal.


Visit us at:
Seend Cleeve
SN12 6QB

 Allow 1 hour for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  pub
-  parking



 Map not to scale:
covers approx.
¾ mile / 1.2km

Stay SAFE
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:
canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

5 things to do at Seend Locks

- 1** **Walk** along the towpath to Semington Bottom Lock, the junction with the Wilts & Berks Canal which is being restored by volunteers from the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust (1 mile/1.6km).
- 2** **Have** a picnic alongside the canal and enjoy spending some time by water.
- 3** **Watch** the colourful canal boats making their way through the locks.
- 4** **Stroll** along the canal and keep a look out for the many waterbirds that can be found along the canal including kingfishers, moot swans, coots, moorhens and herons.
- 5** **Enjoy** a traffic-free cycle ride to Caen Hill lock flight, one of the wonders of the waterways (2.4 miles/4km).

Did you know?

The lock gates that you can see on the canal are made in our workshops using the same methods as were used 200 years ago. Each lock gate is unique and can take up to a month to make.

