

## Caring for Brentford Gauging Lock

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 London's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.

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our work &  
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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Brentford Gauging Lock, 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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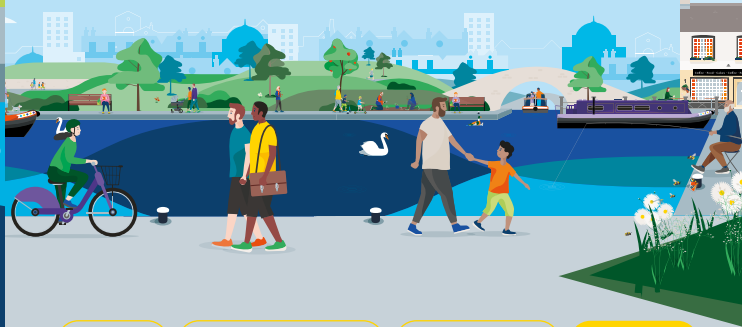
## Keeping history alive

Sited at the start of the Grand Junction Canal (now Grand Union Canal), Brentford Gauging Lock was once one of the busiest places on the waterway. Its construction provided a gateway from the Thames to the country's industrial heartlands in the Midlands.

Cargo carried along the canal included timber, steel, tar, corn, bricks, coal and coffee. Boatmen would pay a toll to pass through the lock based on the weight and value of what was being carried.

You can see a small display of the working canal in the toll house.

Discover lots of fun things to do  
with the family by and on the water.  
Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)



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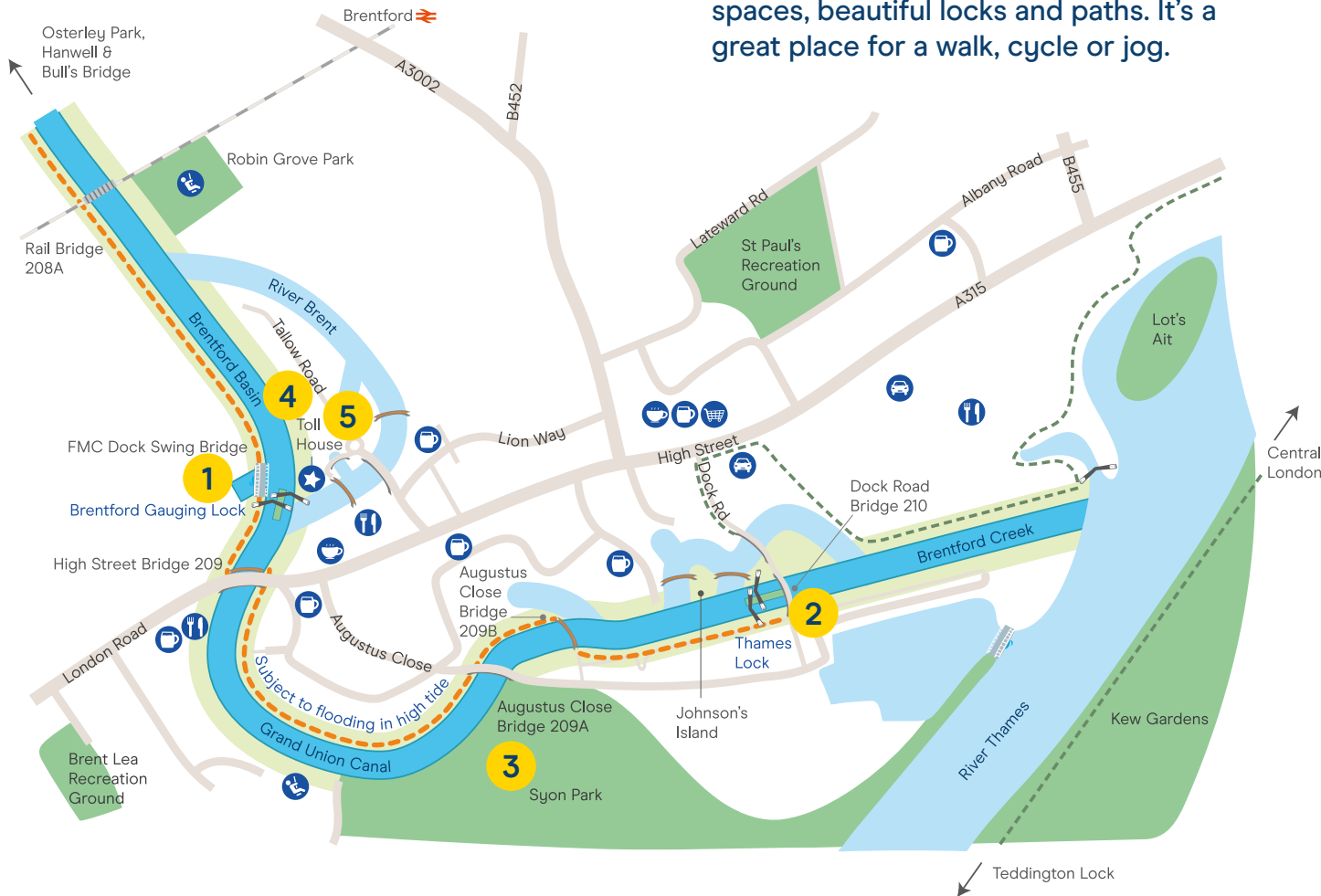
## Welcome to Brentford

Escape the city and spend time  
in nature.



We're the charity making life  
better by water

Built during the industrial revolution, today this pocket of London encompasses green spaces, beautiful locks and paths. It's a great place for a walk, cycle or jog.



### Find your way around

- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| towpath      | shopping          |
| swing bridge | play area         |
| café         | point of interest |
| pub          | parking           |
| food & drink | railway station   |

**Visit us at:**  
Brentford Gauging Lock,  
Brentford, TW8 8HP

Allow 1–2 hours  
for your visit

Map not to scale:  
covers approx.  
1 mile / 1.6km

**Stay SAFE**  
**Stay Away From the Edge!**

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

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

## 5 things to do at Brentford

- 1 Pause** and watch the boats making their way through the locks.
- 2 Take** a stroll along the towpath to Thames Lock, the final lock on the Grand Union Canal and the gateway to the River Thames (0.5km).
- 3 Visit** Syon House and park situated alongside the canal, it's one of the last great houses of London.
- 4 Chat** with our friendly volunteers, they'll tell you about the canal and what we're doing to care for it.
- 5 Visit** the Toll House to find out more about the area, check online for details of opening times.

### Did you know?

The gauging lock is so-called because here, the toll keeper used a gauging rod to measure how high the boat sat out of the water and calculate the amount of cargo carried. From that, he could work out the toll to be paid to use the canal.

