



Take a ride on our trip boats

Trips lasting just over an hour on our scheduled sailings, which are accessible to disabled and elderly people, leave from the Canal Basin. Further information including details of charters is available at the Canal Basin or you can telephone the number included inside this leaflet.



Come Rowboating on the Canal

Skiffs can be hired at the Canal Basin between March and October. What could be better than a leisurely row down the Canal?

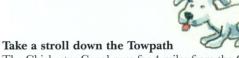


Canoeing and small boats

Canoeing is permitted by arrangement for a small charge. If you wish to canoe on the Canal, you can purchase a day permit at the Canal Basin or apply for an annual licence.

Angling

The stretch of Canal between Chichester and Donnington Bridge is renowned for its coarse fishing. Carp are plentiful and there are good stocks of roach, rudd, perch, bream and tench as well as some monster pike. There are also some chub and dace together with gudgeon and eels. Day, weekly and season tickets can be purchased from the bailiff.



The Chichester Canal runs for 4 miles from the Canal Basin in Chichester to the Harbour at Birdham, most of the way through open farmland; just the place to take a stroll or have a picnic.

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Watch out for Wild Flowers

As the Canal has not been used commercially for many years, it has been colonised by a range of our more unusual wild flowers and plants.



Willow-herb, yellow flag, meadowsweet, speedwell and the less common water plantain, dock and lesser water parsnip are all to be found there. See how many different varieties you can identify!

Painting

The towpath has been a popular spot for artists ever since J.M.W.Turner painted his famous picture of the Chichester Canal and Cathedral in 1828, whilst staying at Petworth House.



Try some Bird Watching

The Canal is habitat for a wide range of bird life. As well as the more common waterfowl - moorhens, coots, mallard and swans - birds such as the heron, kingfisher, whitethroat, common sandpiper, spotted flycatcher and greater spotted woodpecker can be seen. Sedge and reed warblers visit the Canal in the summer. For the sharp-eyed observer there may be other unusual sightings in store!

Cycling

Cycling is permitted on the towpath, but please give way to pedestrians and show consideration to all other users by keeping your speed down. The towpath is narrow in places so due care must be taken.

Car Parking

Visitors' car parking is available at the Canal Basin, on the A27 By-Pass Bridge, in Hunston Car Park and at Chichester Marina.







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