

WATERMEAD – BELGRAVE

LEICESTER'S RIVERSIDE

NORTH

Map 1 of 3



In partnership with the
Canal & River Trust

Cycling along the river | © Canal & River Trust

INTRODUCTION

Leicester's Riverside maps have been produced in partnership with the Canal & River Trust to encourage walkers, cyclists and those travelling on the water to enjoy the area by following the course of the River Soar and Grand Union Canal.

The riverside is connected by an extensive network of footpaths and cycleways that are a great way to visit some of our key attractions or just enjoy the area.

This leaflet is one of a set of three you can use to explore the entire length of Leicester's North, Central and South Riverside.

North of Leicester the River Soar meanders through a broad flood plain where gravel workings have been transformed into Watermead Country Park; a beautiful and tranquil open space. Excellent for bird watching, cycling and gentle walks.

Look out for the mammoth – a life size representation of a prehistoric riverside resident. In this area you will find the villages of Wanlip, Birstall & Thurmaston that look out over a lowland landscape of the river, meadows, lakes and woodlands.

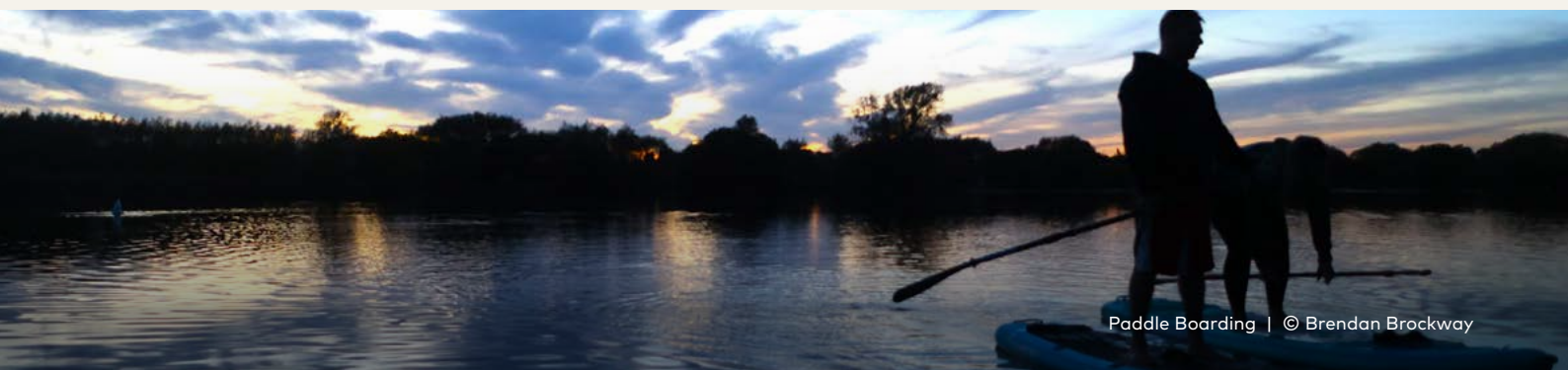
This area is a pleasant transition between the countryside and the city where smaller riverside meadows, woods and open spaces in the Belgrave area contrast with the more urban canal leading into the city.

The key on the map indicates the locations of services and facilities for riverside users as well as places of interest.

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Paddle Boarding | © Brendan Brockway



Watermead Park | © Sara Coy

USEFUL CONTACTS

How you can get involved with looking after our waterways.

Leicestershire County Council

You can volunteer at Watermead Country Park on the first and fourth Thursday every month and undertake a wide variety of tasks including wildflower meadow and reed bed management.

www.leicscountryparks.org.uk/regular-groups

Leicester Environmental Volunteers

Find out more about environmental volunteering, the great work our volunteers do, and how you can help to look after the waterways and parks.

www.leicester.gov.uk/parks-volunteering

Canal & River Trust

From lock keeping to litter picking and events to education, find volunteering opportunities near you.

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer

Environment Agency

Responsible for pollution control, water quality, flood prevention and conserving the water environment.

24-hour emergency telephone number 0800 807060

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

VAL – Voluntary Action LeicesterShire

VAL supports the Riverside Rangers' work with volunteers and takes bookings for the activities.

www.valonline.org.uk

FURTHER INFORMATION



For further information, guides, what's on, trails, itineraries and places of interest, please visit www.visitleicester.info or call the Visit Leicester Information Centre on 0116 299 4444.



Make a Date
Plan your perfect escape in Leicester with these handy city guides.
www.visitleicester.info/make-a-date-with-leicester



Leicester Museums website
Discover Leicester's diverse range of museums and historical venues.
www.leicester museums.org



Story of Leicester website
Find out how Leicester's social and built heritage has shaped the city today and into the future.
www.storyofleicester.info



Choose How You Move
Information on active and sustainable methods of travel (including walking and cycling) in Leicester & Leicestershire and sustainable travel journey planner.
www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk



Canal & River Trust
The charity that cares for the navigable River Soar and Grand Union Canal running through the city. Find more information on walks, events and facilities for boaters.
www.canalrivertrust.org.uk or call 0303 040 4040



Leicester City Council
Find details of the local parks and open spaces in the city, including those close to the River Soar and Grand Union Canal.
www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/our-parks/

The routes shown are not a definitive record of the entire cycle and footpath network and have been simplified for clarity. The routes shown do not confer any public rights or maintenance standards, as several of them follow paths which are not part of the highway. The routes are open to various users so cyclists should be prepared to give way and exercise caution when encountering pedestrians, equestrians and vehicular users.

Weather conditions may affect some access points which may become difficult to use when wet or icy.

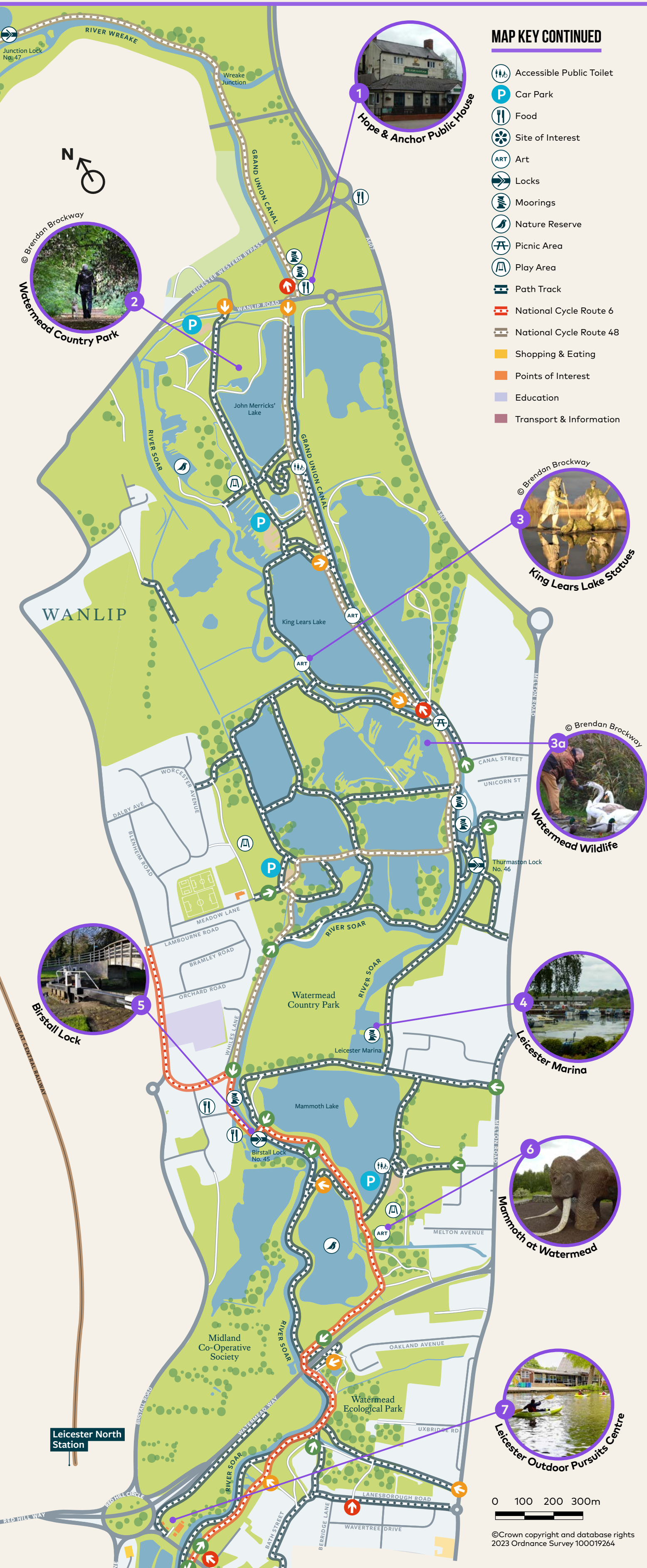
NB: We strongly advise you check the availability and opening times of any attractions you intend to visit before you set out.

MAP KEY

- Access Point - Suitable for Wheelchairs and Pushchairs
- Access Point - May be suitable for Wheelchairs and Pushchairs
- Access Point - Stepped not suitable for Wheelchairs and Pushchairs

MAP KEY CONTINUED

- Accessible Public Toilet
- Car Park
- Food
- Site of Interest
- Art
- Locks
- Moorings
- Nature Reserve
- Picnic Area
- Play Area
- Path Track
- National Cycle Route 6
- National Cycle Route 48
- Shopping & Eating
- Points of Interest
- Education
- Transport & Information



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