

#### 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.

The southern end of Leicester's Riverside, just over a mile from the city centre, is particularly rural as the canal snakes along this attractive flood plain.

Explore along the meandering canal, or the more direct Great Central Way, to Leicester's largest and richest nature reserve at Aylestone Meadows. A wealth of wildlife can be seen by exploring the Reserve's extensive network of paths.

Aylestone village retains much of its charm and is worth a visit, as is Pack Horse Bridge – a 15th Century stone bridge that was once one of the original river crossings outside old Leicester.

Further south you will discover Everards Meadows which offers 70 acres of beautiful green space to explore on foot or bicycle as it connects to Route 6 of the National Cycle Network. You can hire bicycles here too. It's a haven for wildlife where you can spot a wide variety of birds and look out for bug hotels!

The site is also home to Everards Brewery where you can take a brewery tour, book a table in the beer hall or visit the shop for some local beer, gin, classic pub snacks and gifts.

Just a stones throw away is Fosse Shopping Park where you can find a wide variety of stores.

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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## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

How you can get involved with looking after our waterways.

## 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.leicestermuseums.org



#### Story of Leicester website

Find out how Leicester's social and built heritage plays a key part in 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

and Grand Union Canal.



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

www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parksand-open-spaces/our-parks/

Find details of the local parks and open spaces in the city, including those close to the River Soar



#### **MAP KEY**

Access Point - Suitable for Wheelchairs and Pushchairs

Access Point - May be suitable for Wheelchairs and Pushchairs

### SOUTH MAP

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.

