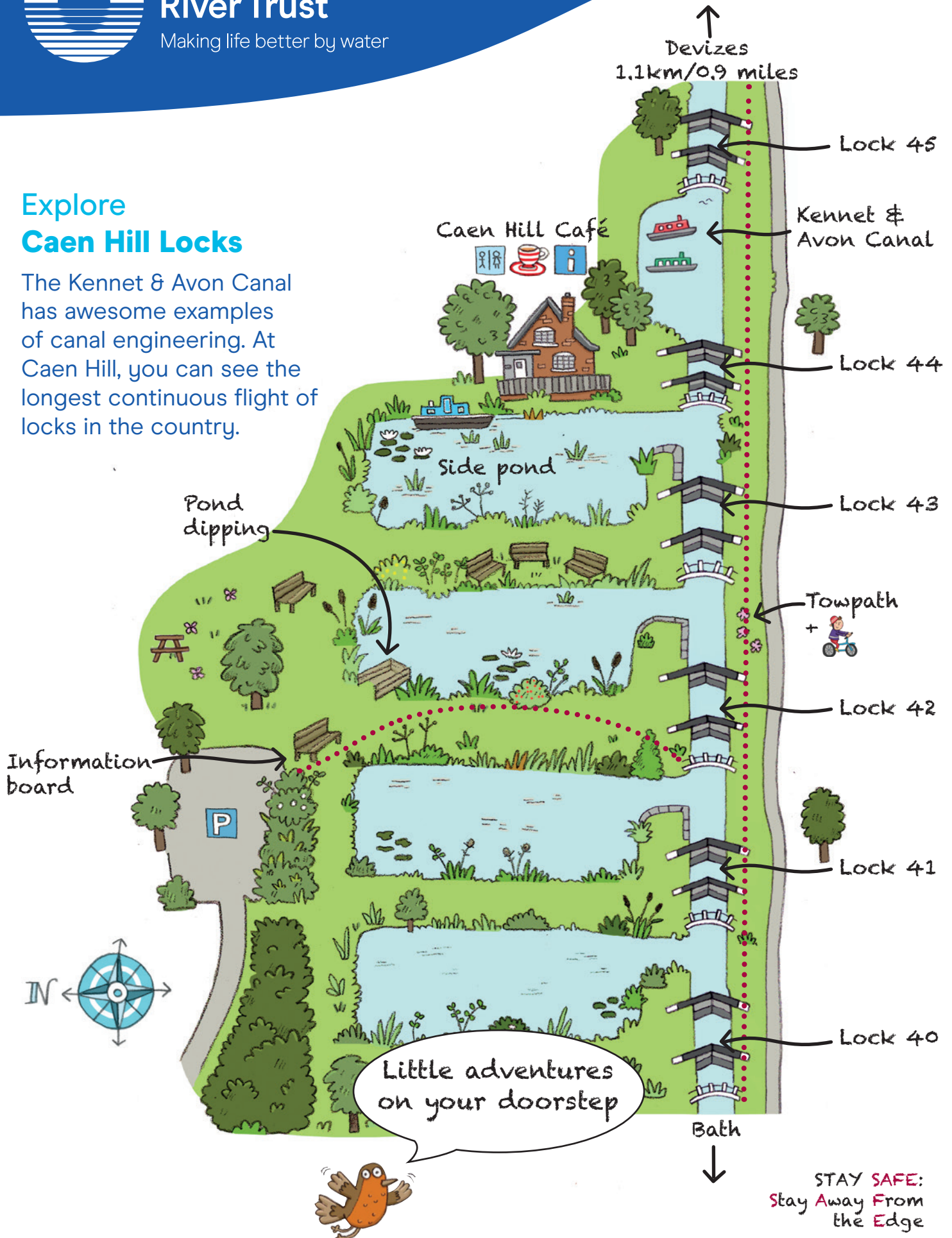




Explore Caen Hill Locks

The Kennet & Avon Canal has awesome examples of canal engineering. At Caen Hill, you can see the longest continuous flight of locks in the country.



A little bit of history

Caen Hill Locks were built over 200 years ago. John Rennie, a famous canal engineer, wanted to take the canal the shortest route – uphill! There are 16 locks each with a massive side pond to prevent the canal running out of water.

Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Caen Hill Locks

- Help** boaters to work the locks. It can take four hours to complete the flight, so they need all the help they can get! Always ask first and follow instructions carefully.
- Take** a break in the café – it's an old lock keeper's cottage. In the 1890s, Mr Crouch, Lock keeper, lived there.
- Sit** beside a side pond and see how many water birds you can spot and name in five minutes.
- Each side pond** stores water the equivalent of two Olympic-sized swimming pools. They are great places to go pond dipping.
- The side ponds** are teeming with wildlife. In summer, look out for dragonflies and the much smaller damselflies.

Information


The Locks,
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-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Café
-  Picnic table
-  Cycling
-  Path
-  Allow 1-2 hours for this visit


What to Spot

Explore the waterside together.
How many of these can you spot?

A duck quacking




The number of a bridge or lock




A fascinating insect



An interesting stone or brick



The names of two boats



A face or animal in the clouds



* Don't forget:

Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

Go to canalriverexplorers.org.uk to discover lots of fun things to do with the family.

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