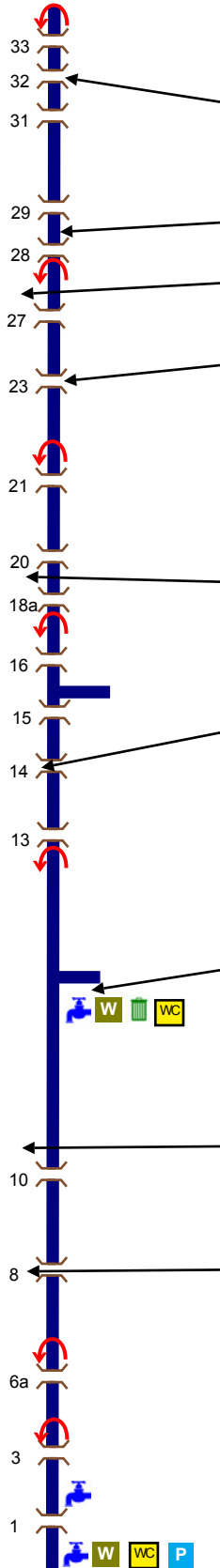


COVENTRY CANAL

Locations	Distance	Locks
Hartshill - Nuneaton	2.25	0
Nuneaton - Marston Junction	3	0
Marston Junction - Bedworth	1	0
Bedworth - Hawkesbury Junction	1.75	0
Hawkesbury Junction - Coventry Basin	5	0

Approximate distances shown in miles



This stretch of of the Coventry Canal seems to attract quad-bikers and motorcyclists to the towpath like no other canal we have come across on our travels. Fortunately, the police are on to it - they pursue the miscreants on push-bikes!

Hartshill Attractive BW yard that has Up the hill from bridge 32 you'll find a convenience store, **Malt Shovel** is a comfortable village pub with good food and **Stag & Pheasant** on the green.

Anchor

Springwood Haven shop, chandlery

Nuneaton A town best known for a woman who pretended to be a man and a man who wasn't afraid to show his feminine side - George Eliot and Larry Grayson both came from Nuneaton. The town is best approached from bridges 23 or 20 eastwards. There are all the usual services, though you may be hard pressed to find a pub selling real ale. Good pedestrianised centre and a large market on Wed and Sat. **Doctor:** Marlborough Road Tel: 02476 382554 **Dentist:** 129 Edward St., 02476 347081 **Vet** : 31 Hathaway Drive Tel:02476 343400 **Buses** to Atherstone, Coventry, Hinckley, Leicester **Trains** to Coventry, Birmingham, Leicester, Liverpool, London MI Taxis, Tel: 02476 381111

Boot or walk up hill to main road and turn right for **Lancet**

Marston Junction with Ashby Canal

Bedworth The canal skirts around the town but you can reach the centre from bridge 14. There are all the usual services in a pedestrianised area, and the large, pleasant Miners Welfare Park which was awarded "Best Public Park in the Country" in the Britain in Bloom contest a few years ago - the park also has a leisure centre. **Market Hall** open Tues a.m. and all day Fri, Sat. **Doctor:** Health Centre, High St. Tel: 02476 315432 **Dentist:** 1-5 Church Way Tel: 02476 314912 **Vet:** Woodlands, 226 Heath Rd. Tel: 02476 366686. **Buses** to Nuneaton, Coventry, Hinckley, Leicester **Trains** to Coventry and Nuneaton. AGT Taxis Tel: 02476491111

Greyhound
Hawkesbury Junction with Oxford Canal

Most boaters will probably turn left at the junction but it's a pleasant enough journey to the terminus and much has been done to make it so. The canal is narrow in places and you might well find you'll have to pay a visit to the weedhatch at some point.

Longford Engine

Just south of bridge 10 is a P.O./ store/ newsagent and a few other shops.

South of bridge 8 is a large Tesco and shopping mall which includes M & S and Boots. Also handy mooring if you want to take in a football match or a concert at the adjacent Ricoh Arena which also has a casino, bar and restaurant. Coventry City FC Tel: 0844 873 1883 Casino - Over 18s, ID required Tel: 02476 884747

Coventry Secure moorings in the basin where you'll find shops, cafe and **Admiral Codrington**. Just a few hundred yards from here will bring you to the city centre and all Coventry's attractions. Famed for Lady Godiva and its cathedral, the city has much more to offer, with many historic buildings (take a look at Spon Street) a fine Transport Museum and the Herbert art gallery and museum. In the extensive pedestrianised shopping area you'll find a good range of shops and stores, market, banks, bars, cafes, pubs etc. There's a newly regenerated **Belgrade Theatre** (tel: 024 7655 3055) and the UK's first city centre **IKEA**. at the Transport Museum and at the Cathedral. **Coventry railway station** is on the main west coast line with frequent trains to London, **Pool Meadow Bus Station** is the centre for local buses and a major stop for National Express coach services. **Doctor** 15 Bishop St., Tel: 024 7622 3921 **Dentist** 5 Coundon Road Tel: 024 7622 7938 Allens Taxis Tel: 02476 555555

Not all locks and bridges are shown above, a gap in the line - indicates some distance between locations
Numbers, eg. - 3 refer to advertisements in the first section of the guide.

- Lock
 - Bridge
 - Winding Hole
 - Water
 - Toilet
 - Pump Out
 - Waste/Elsan
 - Showers
 - Refuse
 - Diesel
 - Information
 - Taxi
 - Restaurant
 - Pub
- Pubs & Restaurants are canalside if no other details are shown*

British Waterways 24 hour emergency freephone service: **0800 47 999 47**
Medical Advice NHS Direct **0845 4647** **A&E Depts:** George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton Tel: 02476 351351 University Hospital, Coventry Tel: 02476 964000
Minor Injuries (cuts, sprains, minor burns or broken bones) **Walk-In Centre**, Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry
If your injury is not serious you should visit a Minor Injuries Unit. This will allow A & E staff to concentrate on serious cases and could save you a long wait.