

Stoke Bruerne Trail - Grand Union Canal

The Trail

The [Stoke Bruerne Trail](#) starts outside the National Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne and follows the towpath to Blisworth Tunnel. The trail takes approximately 45 minutes including stops.

Answers

Sheet 2 Answers

Stop 1: The old corn mill had three storeys.

Stop 2: Sculptor's Grand Union Canal Carrying Company number was 82.

This old working boat was registered at Birmingham.

It would have carried cargoes such as grain, cocoa, timber, salt and cement.

Stop 4: Turning points were first called 'wind-ing holes' in the days of horse-drawn boats. This is probably because, if a rope was attached to the bow (front) of a narrowboat to keep it steady, the wind could be used to blow the stern (back) of the boat sideways in order to turn the boat around.

Sheet 3 Answers

Stop 5: The entrance to the old stables is wide enough for horses to pass through.

The horses were unhitched before boats went through Blisworth Tunnel as the tunnel did not have a towpath for horses.

Sheet 4 Answers

Stop 12: The lock gates were replaced in 1996. A plaque showing this date can be seen on the lower lock gate from the footbridge near the road bridge.

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