

## The Trail

The [Bradford on Avon Trail](#) starts and finishes at the British Waterways car park at Bradford on Avon Wharf, south of the town centre, signed from the B3109 road to Frome. The trail takes approximately an hour including stops.

## Answers

### Sheet 2 Answers

Stop 1: The canal is wider near the Upper Wharf so boats can tie up alongside the wharf and can turn round.

Stop 2: The lock-keeper's cottage would have been quite small for a large Victorian family. Four small windows face the canal, suggesting that there might have been only two rooms on each floor. The cottage was built of local Bath Stone. The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust's trip boat is called the 'Barbara McLellan'. Public trips run at the weekends between March and October. Telephone the K&A Trust on 01225 868683 for details and bookings.

### Sheet 3 Answers

Stop 4: The Wharfinger's House is much larger and more impressive than the lock-keeper's cottage. Five ornate windows (and an elaborate front door) face the canal, and these are much larger than those on the lock-keeper's cottage.

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Stop 5: St Katherine's Almshouse consists of four separate houses. The three cottages on the left were already in existence when the canal was started in 1794, but are not shown on an earlier map of 1767. The larger cottage on the right was added in 1878.

Stop 6: The passenger boat was called the 'Swallow', though it was known locally as the 'Scotch Boat' as it had been brought from Scotland. There were first and second class cabins, and a string band provided entertainment. The boat was pulled by two horses, and the 9 mile trip to Bath took just under an hour and a half. The passenger service ceased when the railway to Bath was opened in 1857, cutting the journey time down to half an hour.

### Sheet 5 Answers

Stop 7: The timber planks forming the huge doors of the tithe barn are held securely in place by large iron bolts nailed onto horizontal wooden beams across the back of the doors.

Stop 8: The medieval bridge was only built wide enough for packhorses and is too narrow for modern traffic. The arches were built with v-shaped 'cutwaters' on the upstream side so that floodwaters would be channeled to either side of the arch instead of demolishing the bridge.

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