

Extract from the 1904
edition of
BRADSHAW'S
Canals
and
Navigable Rivers

(115)—WARWICK AND BIRMINGHAM CANAL.

(a) Short Description.

The canal commences in Birmingham by a junction with the Digbeth Branch Canal of the Birmingham Canal Navigations near Bordesley Wharf, Lower Fazeley Street, and proceeds by Bordesley and Sparkbrook, in the county of Warwickshire; Hay Mills and Acock's Green, in the county of Worcestershire; Solihull, Knowle, Kingswood, Rowington, Hatton, and Budbrooke, to its termination at Warwick, in the county of Warwickshire.

The length of the canal from Birmingham to Budbrooke is principally used as portion of the through route between London and Birmingham; the short piece of the canal between Budbrooke and Warwick has very little trade on it.

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The Company of Proprietors of the Warwick and Birmingham Canal Navigation.

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(c) *Distance Table.*

	Miles.	Fur.
Birmingham, junction with Birmingham Canal Navigations — Digbeth Branch — (No. 10p3), Birmingham Bar Stop Lock and Toll Office, to—		
Birmingham, Fellows, Morton, & Clayton, Ltd.—Canal Carriers,—Lower Fazeley Street Wharves and Warehouses	—	1½
Birmingham, Great Barr Street Wharf ..	—	2
Tail of Bottom Lock, Bordesley, and junction with Birmingham and Warwick Junction Canal (No. 11)	—	4
Chunk Pond	—	5
Corporation Wharf and Sandy Lane Pond ..	—	6
Top Lock, Bordesley	1	0
South Road Wharf	1	1
National Ammunition Co.'s Wharf	1	3
Evans' Kingston Wharf	1	6
Sparkbrook Small Arms Factory Basin ..	2	1
Hay Mill Wharf	2	6
Yardley Old Wharf	3	1
Thornton's Bridge Wharf	3	3
Yardley Tunnel Wharf	3	5
Acock's Green Wharf	4	5
Olton Wharf	4	7
Alston's Manure Wharf	5	4
Solihull Wharf	6	5
Elmdon Heath Wharf	6	7
Catherine de Barnes Heath Wharf	8	1
Catherine de Barnes Heath, Boat Inn Wharf ..	8	2
Henwood, Corporation Manure Wharf	9	0
Cop Heath Wharf	9	2
Waterfield Free Wharf	10	3
Kixley Wharf	10	6
Knowle Hall Wharf	11	0
Knowle Top Lock	11	2
Hernfield Wharf	12	0
Bakers Lane Free Wharf	12	5
Rising Bridge Wharf	13	7
Kingswood Wharf	14	5
Kingswood Junction, junction with Stratford-on-Avon Canal (No. 43b2)	14	7
Rowington Green Wharves	15	5

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	Miles.	Fur.
Birmingham, junction with Birmingham Canal Navigations — Digbeth Branch — (No. 10p3), Birmingham Bar Stop Lock and Toll Office, to (<i>continued</i>)—		
North-West end of Shrewley Tunnel	18	0
Hatton, Glebe Wharf	18	6
Hatton, John's Wharf and Arkwright's Upper Wharf	19	4
Hatton Top Lock	19	6
Hatton, Arkwright's Lower Wharf and Hatton Fourth Lock	20	0
Hatton, Aylum Wharf and Hatton Eleventh Lock	20	4
Hatton Bottom Lock	21	5
Budbrooke, junction with Warwick and Napton Canal (No. 116)	22	1
Saltisford Wharf	22	3
Warwick, Wharf and Basin	22	5

(d) *Locks.*

1.—Birmingham Bar Stop Lock.
Level.

2 }
to } Bordesley
7. }

Rise from Birmingham.

8 }
to } Knowle.
13. }
14 }
to } Hatton.
34. }

Fall to Warwick.

(e) *Maximum size of vessels that can use the navigation.*

	Ft.	In.
Length	72	0
Width	7	0
Draught	3	8
Headroom	8	0

(f) *Tunnels.*

Shrewley—

Length	433 yards		
Minimum height above water level	12		9
Minimum width at water level	16		2

No towing-path; boats principally hauled through by means of handles fixed to side walls. Boats enter from either end at any time, the tunnel being of sufficient width to allow of two boats passing.

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(g) *Towing-path.*

There is a towing-path throughout the navigation, except through Shrewley Tunnel.

(i) *Types of vessels using the navigation.*

Narrow boats. Steamers engaged in the London and Birmingham traffic regularly trade over the canal between Birmingham and Budbrooke.
