A free-admission Banbury afternoon

Local history, a little canalside fresh air and a look around town. Start with the museum; take the rest at your own pace.

1 1pm · Museum first

Suggested Saturday start: find the main entrance inside Castle Quay. Allow about an hour for the free Banbury and Waterways galleries. No advance booking needed.

> Permanent galleries: free. Temporary exhibitions in the PYE Gallery: admission charges apply.

2 Then · Oxford Canal

If the weather suits, stroll beside the canal at Castle Quay. Turn back whenever you like. Keep children close by the water and choose your route around daylight and path conditions.

3 Finish · Town-centre browse

Have a look around Castle Quay or head into town. Buying anything is optional. If it’s wet, finish after the galleries.

Museum opening hours

Mon–Sat: 10am–4pm · Sun: 11am–3pm

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day and Easter Sunday. On Sunday, finish the museum visit by 3pm.

Museum: Spiceball Park Road, Banbury, OX16 2PQ.
Budget separately for travel, parking and purchases.
For access questions, call the museum: 01295 236165.

Read the full free-things-to-do guide →

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Museum visitor information ↗ **Castle Quay directions ↗**

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