

# Where does the water come from?

Water in the South Stratford Canal at Stratford-Upon-Avon comes through Kingswood Junction, where the Stratford Canal meets the Grand Union Canal.

Reservoirs feeding this part of the network include Earlswood Lakes (16 canal miles away), Rotton Park Reservoir in Birmingham and Upper Bittell and Cofton Reservoirs near Alvechurch.

Water may also come from Olton Reservoir on the 10 Mile Pound of the Grand Union Canal.

Some water flows into the canal from local streams, called feeders

Earlswood Lakes have a total capacity of 692 million litres (megalitres). Unlike most reservoirs, water from them is pumped up into the canal

The Stratford Canal links the River Avon at Stratford with the Worcester & Birmingham Canal and was built for the transportation of coal

When River Lock (in front of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre) is used to lower a boat from The Stratford Canal to the River Avon, a pump recirculates water back into Bancroft Basin

Rotton Park Reservoir

## Stratford-Upon-Avon



Birmingham

Olton Reservoir

Upper Bittell & Cofton Reservoirs

Earlswood Lakes

The North Stratford Canal

The Grand Union Canal

The Worcester & Birmingham Canal

Stratford-Upon-Avon

Kingswood Junction

Bancroft Basin and River Lock

The South Stratford Canal

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