



# REGENT'S CANAL HISTORY RESOURCES

## Films

- 1924: *Barging through London*, film of a barge travelling from the Regent's Canal Dock through London – from the *Wonderful London* series:

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-barging-through-london-1924-online>

- '*Barging Through London (Again)*', the original 1924 film side by side with Somewhere's 2011 frame-by-frame remake:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/451486754>

- 1926: *The Barge Fellows – Studies on the Regent's Canal*:

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/the-barge-fellows-studies-on-the-regents-canal-1>

- 1937: *Grand Union Canal* shows the Dock in action and the Cut in Stepney, Haggerston, City Road Basin, Islington Tunnel up to Birmingham:

[https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-grand-union-canal-1937-online?fbclid=IwAR1-yzMtbl8n\\_1hVFweWpFkDK\\_mP0u9QSUxex\\_TxCJRVi8kZ1UTFyCB91ic](https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-grand-union-canal-1937-online?fbclid=IwAR1-yzMtbl8n_1hVFweWpFkDK_mP0u9QSUxex_TxCJRVi8kZ1UTFyCB91ic)

- 1948: two amateur films of boat trips from the Regent's Canal Dock. *Cario and Warwick 1* shows a group who would go on to be the Inland Waterways Association on a trip along the Regents Canal. *Cario and Warwick 2* shows a journey from Limehouse to Birmingham:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kB7NWQkKanY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRPqFAURVhE>

- 1963: *Sparrows Can't Sing*, full length film by Joan Littlewood starring Barbara Windsor. Several scenes are shot by the Regent's Canal and Dock:

<https://archive.org/details/Sparrows.Cant.Sing.1963.720pSparrows.Cant.Sing.1963>

- 1974: BBC film about Islington Boat Club's early years:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmZR8jdaZFw>

- 1975: Canal Walk from Camden Lock to Islington Tunnel matched with present day images:

[https://londonist.com/london/history/nostalgic-video-compares-1970s-regent-s-canal-to-modern-day?fbclid=IwAR2dyuAhQCQq9OzW0OjfcBxli9x\\_Czdz6eHcCvQ7YQQg-aaHDn1IM\\_QJjig](https://londonist.com/london/history/nostalgic-video-compares-1970s-regent-s-canal-to-modern-day?fbclid=IwAR2dyuAhQCQq9OzW0OjfcBxli9x_Czdz6eHcCvQ7YQQg-aaHDn1IM_QJjig)

- 1978: BBC children's *Look and Read* programme series called *Sky Hunters* set along the Regent's Canal:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyqzkoqzCZk&feature=youtu.be>

From same series showing City Road Lock and Basin:

<https://youtu.be/-mWA4jOfTo?t=150>

<https://youtu.be/UqIWnnYGUeM?t=130>

<https://youtu.be/UqIWnnYGUeM?t=96>

- 2014: *Waterfolk* fun film by Up Projects for children and all ages about bugs that live in Regent's Canal water:

<https://www.upprojects.com/projects/waterfolk/>

- Leonardo De Vinci's 1497 lock design is shown to be remarkably similar to the locks used in the modern day:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvO1P4BEYkM&feature=youtu.be>

- 2020: *The Canal Tales*, a lockdown film made by the Young Actors Theatre Islington as part of the Islington Canal Heritage Project, based on a play by Linda Wilkinson

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSCB2tJ\\_eos&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2aPH7IzZHisdQy6-h0nVyfmXVOuizUPi91AKEBRyuzajYz2hCbSU65qf0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSCB2tJ_eos&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2aPH7IzZHisdQy6-h0nVyfmXVOuizUPi91AKEBRyuzajYz2hCbSU65qf0)

- 2020: *Canal Connections*, the Regent's Canal in its 200<sup>th</sup> year connecting communities in Tower Hamlets.

[https://youtu.be/rmDpi\\_bRoCg](https://youtu.be/rmDpi_bRoCg)

## Books

1. *Exploring the Regent's Canal*, Michael Essex-Lopresti. 2008
2. *The East End Canal Tales*, Carolyn Clark. 2020
3. *The Regent's Canal: An Urban Towpath Route from Little Venice to the Olympic Park*, David Fathers, 2012
4. *London's Canal: The history of the Regent's Canal*, Herbert Spencer. 1961
5. *The Regent's Canal, London's Hidden Waterway*, Alan Faulkner. 2005.
6. *When London Became an Island*, Robert Philpotts. 2008.
7. *The Story of Canals*, Ladybird Book, 1975

## Online

London Canal Museum, includes History of the Regent's Canal:

<https://www.canalmuseum.org.uk/history/regents.htm>

Virtual Tour of the Regent's Canal today:

<http://friendsofregentscanal.org/main/gallery.html>

When London Became an Island, includes history and a walking tour

<http://www.whenlondonbecame.org.uk/>

## Boat Clubs

Providing narrow boat trips, kayaking, watersports and more, with sessions for all ages:

Hackney:	Laburnum Boat Club. 0207 729 2915	<a href="mailto:info@laburnumboatclub.com">info@laburnumboatclub.com</a>
Islington:	Islington Boat Club. 020 7253 0778	<a href="mailto:info@islingtonboatclub.com">info@islingtonboatclub.com</a>
Camden:	Pirate Castle. 020 7267 6605	<a href="mailto:info@thepiratecastle.org">info@thepiratecastle.org</a>

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