

# Geography • London: Where We Live *Canal Life*

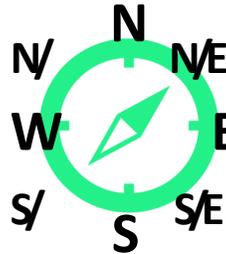
**Key Learning Question:** Why do some Londoners choose to live on canal boats?



## Crucial Knowledge

- Our world is made up of physical and human features.
- Rivers are physical (natural) and canals are human (man-made) features.
- Canals were built to allow the transport of goods across UK via boats.
- Canals can be found all over the UK. They flow through urban and rural areas.
- Jubilee's local canal is the Lee Navigation, which is a river that has been "canalised".
- The Lea Navigation runs from North to South along the East of Springfield Park.
- The River Thames, Grand Union Canal, Regents Canal, River Lee Navigation are the main waterways in London.
- More than 10,000 people live on canal boats across London for different reasons.

**Big Ideas:** Mapping (OS) • Location • Fieldwork  
• Human impact • The Human World • Countries, cities & features of the UK • Compass directions



**Eight Point Compass:**

**N/E** = Northeast

**S/E** = Southeast

**S/W** = Southwest

**S/E** = Southeast



## Location Maps



**A barge on a London canal**



**Map of London Waterways**



## Key Vocabulary

**canal:** A waterway built by humans.

**lock:** A device that is used for moving a boat from one water level to another. This is done by raising or lowering the water level.

**towpath:** A road or path that is on the bank of the river or canal. This path allows you to "tow" a boat.

**Navigation:** Finding a way from one place to another.

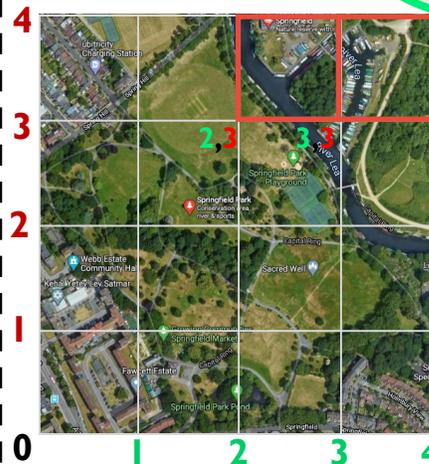
**Barge:** A long narrow boat with a flat bottom, mainly used on canals.

**rural:** Things that are often seen in the countryside.

**urban:** Things that are often seen in the city.

**human features:** Things in our surroundings built by humans, such as houses, roads, canals and railways.

**physical features:** Earth's natural features, such as mountains, rivers, deserts and oceans.



**Map of Springfield Park and River Lea**

The grid references **2,3** and **3,3** shows the Lea Valley Marina

## We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- London – Our School (Y1)
- London - Out & About in Hackney (Y2)

## This will help when we learn about

- London – Pollution (Y5)
- London - Global city (Y6)