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Aylesbury and Return from Winkwell

Cruise this route from : Winkwell Dock

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Cruising Days : 7.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 26.00

Total Distance : 31.00

Number of Locks : 76

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

The route from Winkwell to Aylesbury, is for the most part, reasonably quiet and passes through some rural areas. Passing through Tring, and some small villages, you will have the opportunity to moor up and look around anywhere you might like. There are plenty of pubs and places to eat en route.

Cruising Notes

DAY 1

Today you will cruise for a couple of hours and moor up near to Berkhamsted Bottom Lock No. 55.

The first thing to do when you leave the marina is to go through the locks as you enter Berkhamsted, which is predominantly to the left of the canal. You can moor near Lock 55 for the night if you wish, and you will be ideally placed to access the town.

There are a couple of pubs canalside – The Rising Sun, and The Bull. Both have moorings and a garden, but The Rising Sun does not allow children, although dogs are welcome. Children are welcome at The Bull. There is information about the town and things to see and do on this website:

<http://www.berkhamstedtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-guide.html>.

DAY 2

Leaving Berkhamsted, you will cruise through the suburbs, and navigate 10 locks over 5 miles.

You will cruise through Northchurch and Dudswell, which are tiny villages. From there onwards, the railway line runs parallel to the canal on the right, and the A4251 to the left, through the countryside. You can moor up near to Bridge 134, by Tring Summit Level if you wish.

There is a pub nearby, at Bridge 133 in Bulbourne – The Grand Junction Arms, a family orientated pub that welcomes children, and dogs on leads.

DAY 3

Quite soon you will reach Bulbourne Junction, where you need to head towards Marsworth Locks. Marsworth is a village that is scattered around the Grand Union Canal, with a Roman road running through it. Turn onto the Aylesbury Arm and continue east, through Wilstone, which is a tiny village where there is a reservoir and a nature reserve. There is also a children's play area and picnic site. A little further and you will be at Puttenham, where you can moor for the night if you wish. The nearest pub is at Wilstone – The Half Moon, which has a garden, children welcome.

DAY 4

Leaving the countryside, you will cruise into the suburbs of Aylesbury, under the ring road, and through the last two locks. Beware at Bridge 18, which is a concrete bridge and is very narrow, so do take care. In Aylesbury Basin there are visitor moorings, and nearby pubs, with the town centre just a few minutes walk away. It is a busy market town, and in the bar of The King's Head, is a chair which was Oliver Cromwell's. Other pubs are The Aristocrat, The Queen's Head, The Grapes, and The Bell Hotel, all of which welcome children.

For more information about the town, visit <https://www.visitaylesbury.co.uk/>.

It may be an idea to turn the boat and moor up just outside of the town, perhaps near Broughton Lock No. 14, ready for the return journey tomorrow.

DAY 5 & 6

You will make your return journey back to Winkwell.

Useful Links

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