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## Congleton from Bollington Wharf

Cruise this route from : Bollington

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 14.50

Total Distance : 26.00

Number of Locks : 24

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

Cruise along the Macclesfield Canal through the only flight of locks on this canal at Bosley, through green and hilly countryside through the town of Macclesfield and find out about the history of silk-making and visit a cotton and silk making mill here.

Take a walking tour around the town and discover Congleton's hidden history, then sit back and relax in one of Congleton's many bars and restaurants.

## Cruising Notes

Day 1

Your cruise will be south from the Marina.

Bollington is a suburb of Macclesfield. There are some pubs – Dog and Partridge (garden, children welcome); Holly Bush (beer garden), and The Plaice (licensed fish restaurant).

If you want to moor up and go into Macclesfield, the best place to moor is near Bridge 37, where you will see a vast old converted mill overlooking the canal. Built in the 1820's, it is the Hovis Mill, where flour was milled. It is now luxury apartments. Pubs in Macclesfield include Dolphin Inn, Navigation, Puss In Boots, and Britannia. All have a garden and children are welcome.

Macclesfield has a rich heritage , and there are 4 museums to explore to discover it, particularly Paradise Mill which takes you back in time to Macclesfield of the early 20th century, with the only working Jacquard silk

hand looms in the country in their original location, offering the experience of what it would have been like to be a Macclesfield mill worker. During the second half of the 19th century, the mills were used by several silk and cotton manufacturers. The loom floor contains 26 restored Jacquard looms, along with designers' and managers' offices. Today on a guided tour of Paradise Mill, the knowledgeable mill guide will demonstrate various pieces of mill machinery, including the Jacquard loom, whilst telling you more about the industry and the people who worked in it.

It is 1 hour to here and a good place to moor for the night to stock up on those supplies you have forgotten and to have a look around Macclesfield.

## Day 2

As you leave Macclesfield, you will soon reach the Gurnett Aqueduct, with a pub nearby, the Old Kings Head, with a garden, children welcome.

A little further on is Royal Oak Swing Bridge in Oakgrove, you will see the foothills and mountains of the Pennines, tumbling down towards the canal, which is now quite remote and quiet.

Shortly, you will reach your first locks, Bosley Locks, a flight of 11. At the end of the flight is another small aqueduct, Dane Aqueduct.

Round a large curve, then under the railway viaduct, and soon you will reach the hamlet of Buglawton, a suburb of Congleton, to the right of the canal. There is a pub near here called Robin Hood, which it is claimed, is haunted! It dates from 1787, and was the Court Room, and is south west of bridge 61.

Moving on, you will soon be in Congleton, a busy market town. There are shops, restaurants, walks, cycle routes, and Mow Cop Castle to see. Some of the local pubs are Wharf Inn and Moss Inn, both with gardens, and children and welcome.

It is 6.5 hours to here

## Day 3 Day 4

It is just over 7 hours back to the marina,

## Useful Links

The information above is provided in good faith to assist you with planning your canal boat holiday.

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