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Nuneaton and Return from Glascote Basin

Cruise this route from : Glascote Basin

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 16.00

Total Distance : 30.00

Number of Locks : 22

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

Cruising Notes

DAY 1

Leaving the marina, you will cruise through Tamworth, on the Coventry Canal. If you cruise for a couple of hours, you will reach a village called Polesworth, where there are some shops and take-aways.

Tamworth is a large market town, with all amenities. There is a tourist information centre if you want to find out what's available: <https://www.tamworth.gov.uk/tamworth-information-centre>. There is a large selection of pubs and restaurants, including The Gate Inn, which has moorings and children are allowed in the family room; The Three Tuns, canalside garden and overnight mooring, children welcome; The Tame Otter, also canalside, and children welcome, and The Red Lion, canalside and children welcome.

As you leave the suburbs, you will cruise through Alvecote Priory, then underneath the M42 motorway bridge. Then shortly you will reach Polesworth. Again, there are pubs here – The Bulls Head and The Royal Oak.

If you cruise through Polesworth, to the outskirts, you can moor up for the night.

You will have cruised 4 miles in around 2 hours.

DAY 2

Today you will cruise towards Atherstone, on the way to Nuneaton, where you will have to turn the boat around at the Visitor Moorings, in order to make the return journey.

Leaving Polesworth, and continuing along the Coventry Canal, you will be cruising alongside the railway line. It's mostly quite rural, with very little habitation.

Grendon is halfway between Polesworth and Atherstone, and is literally just a church, set in parkland, surrounded by woods and fields.

Shortly, you will reach Atherstone Locks, a flight of 11 locks, right on the outskirts of the town. Once through the locks, you can moor up for a while, if you wish and walk into Atherstone town. It's a pretty C18th town with an open market in the centre, in front of the church. There are plenty of pubs and restaurants here – New Dolphin Inn, The Kings Head, and The Black Swan, to name but three.

Cruising south from Atherstone, Mancetter is the next village of note that you cruise through. You can moor up near Bridge 36 and walk the ½ mile into the village, which has local stores and a post office. It's a pretty village, much like Atherstone.

Leaving the suburbs behind, you will soon be cruising below the town of Hartshill, which was once a thriving mining community. Roman artefacts have been discovered here, providing evidence that they had settled there. In 1125 it was chosen at the site for a castle by Hugh de Hardreshull, the castle giving a view from the ridge of the Derbyshire peaks, on a fine day. There are shops here too, just a 15 minute walk from the canal. There are also a couple of pubs – The Anchor Inn, north of Anchor Bridge 29, and the Malt Shovel, 1,000 yards south west of Bridge 31.

Very soon you will cruise through the quarry belt on the outskirts of Nuneaton. If you want to moor up for the night in Nuneaton, you can. If not, you can turn at Nuneaton Visitor Moorings and go back north of the town, and moor near Bridge 27, Wood Bridge.

Once in Nuneaton, and moored up, you can walk in to town by Boot Bridge 20. This is a typical Midlands town, and evidence of its mining history is all around. George Eliot was born in Nuneaton in 1819, and in her novel *The Mill on the Floss* there is a place called 'Red Deeps', which is thought to be Griff Hollows, an old canal arm for the mining industry. For more information about what to see and do in Nuneaton, visit <http://www.visitoruk.com/Nuneaton/>.

The Three Horseshoes, Bilberries, and The Crown, are all pubs in Nuneaton, plus there are many restaurants and take-aways in the town.

You will have cruised for around 7 hours.

DAY 3

Today you will make your return journey to Glascote Basin.

Useful Links

The information above is provided in good faith to assist you with planning your canal boat holiday. Information accuracy cannot be guaranteed, however, if you do see something that needs updating, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

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