

UK Canal Boating

Escape with a canal boating holiday!

Oakgrove along the Macclesfield canal from Poynton

Cruise this route from : Poynton

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 9.00

Total Distance : 20.00

Number of Locks : 0

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

Very relaxing cruise along the lock free section of the Macclesfield Canal, visiting the town of that name, and just remote villages and towns along the way.

In Macclesfield you can visit the Silk Museums and see the rich heritage of this former industry.

Bollington is just one mile from the boundary of the Peak District national Park

Cruising Notes

Day 1

Leaving the marina, you will soon be at Bridge 18, where there is a convenient pub called the Miners Arms, where you can moor up if you wish. There is a beer garden and children are welcome.

Alternatively cruise onto Bridge 25 to Whitley Green Bridge , the 15th century Windmill Inn is 250 yards west of Bridge 25.

It is an hour to here.

Day 2

Cruising south, the canal meanders through wooded areas, small villages, and a few pubs en route, where you can stop if you wish.

Soon you will reach the outskirts of Bollington, a suburb of Macclesfield. Bridge 29 is just south of Bollington, so if you moor along this stretch, there are some pubs – Dog and Partridge -west of Bollington aqueduct and Bridge 27 (garden, children welcome); Holly Bush in Bollington (beer garden), and The Plaice in Bollington(licensed fish restaurant).

It is nearly 2 hours to here from the marina at Lord vernon's Wharf.

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 1.5 hours to Bridge 37 in macclesfield from Bridge 25- last nights moorings.

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.

It is 3 hours to here from Whitley Green Bridge.

Day 3

Its 4.5 hours back to the Marina so plenty of time to potter and take your time, you do not have to rush!

Useful Links

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

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