

# UK Canal Boating

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## Whaley Bridge in the Peak District from Bollington

Cruise this route from : Bollington

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 13.00

Total Distance : 29.00

Number of Locks : 0

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

This lock-free route has some stunning scenery.

Known as the 'Gateway to the Goyt Valley', Whaley Bridge, boasts a tranquil location at the head of the scenic Peak Forest Canal. Centred around a conservation area and the Grade II\* listed Transshipment Warehouse, once a key transfer station for limestone shipped across the UK, the town's aquatic heritage is celebrated each June during W3 - the Whaley Water Weekend.

Also on the way visit Lyme Park, a magnificent Italianate palace, a national trust property set in 1400 acres of parkland containing deer. Originally a Tudor house it was converted by a Venetian architect, but some Elizabethan interiors can be seen. The house featured in the BBC's production of *Pride & Prejudice* and has lots to see, including countless works of art

## Cruising Notes

### Day 1

There is open countryside around Bollington, and there is a good view of this stone built town from the huge canal embankment that cuts across it.

From the Wharf turn north.

From here it is only 1 mile to the boundary of the Peak District national park. West of bridge 27 is a sociable

village pub.

As the canal leaves Bollington it enters an isolated stretch through quiet countryside, there are pubs:- Windmill Inn 250yds west of bridge 25, Miners Arms near bridge 18- there are good moorings here. Also a picnic area of Hag Footbridge 16.

The village of Higher Poynton to your left is very picturesque, with lots of geese, ducks & swans, the Boars Head is down the hill from bridge 15.

Also from this bridge is a footpath leading to Lyme Park, a magnificent Italianate palace, a national trust property set in 1400 acres of parkland containing deer. Originally a Tudor house it was converted by a Venetian architect, but some Elizabethan interiors can be seen. The house featured in the BBC's production of *Pride & Prejudice*, and has lots to see, including countless works of art. The house is open Fri-Tues 13.00-17.00.

There is a tall aqueduct past Bridge 13 crossing the railway below.

The village of High Lane is soon reached and a useful stop for supplies if there is anything you have forgotten, and to moor for the night as it is 2.5 hours to here.

There are moorings between the High Lane Arm (branch of the canal) and bridge 11, with shops and many pubs close by.

Day 2

Marple is a busy boating centre, and there are some excellent walks in this area where the stunning scenery combines with often unexpected remains of early industry.

At Marple Junction turn right towards Whaley Bridge along the Peak Forest canal, don't proceed up the Marple Locks.

This junction with the Peak Forest Canal is very pretty with old Wharf buildings, an old bridge and distant mountains across the Goyt valley.

The Ring o Bells pub is by bridge 2

At bridge 24 there are good moorings with easy access to Strines which is another useful place for supplies. Disley is on the south bank of the Canal, this pretty unspoilt village is up the hill south west of bridge 26

The valley around New Mills contains three very picturesque railways, the town itself is mostly stone built and the New Mills heritage Centre is by bridge 28, located by the path that leads down to the Torrs Gorge. It is a museum with a display about the history of New Mills. The Torrs Riverside Park is in the gorge below the museum and has spectacular scenery and industrial archeology. There is also a mock mine tunnel. The welcoming stone built Beehive pub is just along the lane opposite New Mills Wharf by bridge 28.

The canal passes woods, pastures and grazing horses on its way to Whaley Bridge.

The canal splits off to its terminus at Buxworth, you take the right hand turn and soon Whaley bridge will be reached.

The town is built on a steep hill at the end of the canal, with good views of the Goyt valley, and the nearby beautiful hills. There are various pubs in the town.

It is 4 hours cruising to here from last night's mooring

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Day 3 day 4

It is 6.5 hours back to the Wharf

## Useful Links

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