

# UK Canal Boating

Escape with a canal boating holiday!

## Whaley Bridge in the Peak District from Poynton

Cruise this route from : Poynton

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 9.50

Total Distance : 20.00

Number of Locks : 0

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

Whaley Bridge is a Derbyshire Peak District village on the River Goyt. It is the terminus of the High Peak Canal with lovely scenery but some remains of the former industry that occupied this area.

The New Mills Heritage Centre 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.

Nelson Pit Visitor Centre is one of Poynton's hidden gems and is perfectly situated near to Poynton Marina for a relaxing afternoon.

Built on the site of a former colliery, this bijoux centre features displays about Poynton's mining history, the origins of the Middlewood Way and the local canal network.

Anson Engine Museum is also just a short walk from the Marina- it houses a unique collection of over 250 gas and oil engines, also a fantastic display showing the development of the internal combustion engine. The museum has a collection which tells the story of the engine from the cannon to the sophisticated, electronically controlled engine of the future.

The museum also has a steam section with two Robey engines; an A frame and a beam engine. Pride of place goes to the Stott engine that used to drive a cotton wadding mill in Hazel Grove.

## Cruising Notes

Higher Poynton is on the Macclesfield canal which runs along the tall ridge of hills west of the Pennines Higher Poynton has very pleasant moorings and the wide water is home to large amounts of ducks, geese and

swans.

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Down the hill from the Wharf and bridge 15 is the Boars Head pub for those not moving off until tomorrow, or on your last night.

#### Day 1

From Lord Vernon's Wharf head north or turn left out of the Marina . Higher Poynton will be on your left.

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!

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

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.

It is a nice place to stop for the evening if time is getting on, it is just over 1.5 hours to here from Higher Poynton.

The Ring o Bells pub is by bridge 2

#### Day 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

Lyme Park is a National Trust property used in the BBC adaptation of Pride and Prejudice . It is a magnificent Italianate palace, transformed from a Tudor House, although some Elizabethan interiors can still be seen, It stands in 1400 acres with a deer park. Pedestrian access is via the A6 near Disley, about 1.5 miles 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 3 hours cruising to here from Marple Junction

Day 3 Day 4

Its is just under 5 hours cruising back to Higher Poynton, so time to stop off and enjoy the scenery.

## Useful Links

Description : Anson Engine Museum

Website : <http://www.enginemuseum.org/>

Telephone : 01625 874426

Description : New Mills Heritage Centre

Website : <http://visitnewmills.co.uk/things-to-do/heritage-centre/>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Nelson Pitt Visitor Centre

Website : <http://www.visitcheshire.com/things-to-do/nelson-pit-visitor-centre-p128411>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Cheshire Tourist information

Website : <http://www.visitcheshire.com/>

Telephone : n/a

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