

SUGGESTED ITINERIES FOR CANAL CRUISING FROM DEVIZES WHARF

1) Weekend break/2 day mid week hire

Arrive Devizes Wharf, load gear on to boat, bring car back to Southgate Close, Instruction on operating boat (about 1 hour) then set off for The Bridge Inn, Horton (01380 860273) or Crown, Bishops Cannings (01380 860218) you are advised to pre book for a Friday night. Moor on towpath side of canal, not too close to a bridge or on a swing bridge landing stage.

Next day set off 2 hours to Honey Street, Barge Inn (01672 851705) for lunch or Pewsey a further hour or so French Horn (01672 562443). The village of Pewsey is 1 mile down the road from the Wharf. Wootton Rivers is another hour further on. The Royal Oak (01672 811168) is excellent for a meal. Turn round before bridge 109 (Farm Bridge) put bow of boat in until you just touch the railway sleepers, on just over 'tick over' push tiller to right boat will gently come round, then into reverse tiller in opposite direction and gently take boat under the bridge so as to straighten up. You are now facing Pewsey again. Retrace your route to Pewsey to spend the night to the west of Pains bridge 113. If you stay the night at Wootton Rivers you will need to allow an extra hour to get back on Sunday. Lunchtime Sunday at Honey Street (3 hours from Devizes) or Kings Arms, All Cannings (2 hours to Devizes) mooring at Allington Swing Bridge area, public footpath through fields to pub. (Diagram in folder on boat) Please do not be late back! Arrive at the Wharf about 5.30 so you can get your car and vacate by 6.00 pm.

2) 3 day mid week hire/weekend plus additional day

Arrive Devizes Wharf, load gear on to boat, bring car back to Southgate Close, Instruction on operating boat until 7.00 pm then set off for The Bridge Inn, Horton (01380 860273) or Crown, Bishops Cannings (01380 860218) you are advised to pre book for a Friday night. Moor on tow path side of canal, not too close to a bridge or on a swing bridge landing stage.

Next day set off 2 hours to Honey Street, Barge Inn (01672 851705) for lunch or Pewsey a further hour or so French Horn (01672 562443). The village of Pewsey is 1 mile down the road from the Wharf. Wootton Rivers is another hour further on. The Royal Oak (01672 811168) is excellent for a meal. The best mooring at Wootton Rivers is above the first or second lock. Then it is on to the top lock and summit of the canal (4 locks in all), on past Burbage Wharf through the 500-yard tunnel to moor on west side of old railway abutments. Crofton Pumping Station is then a 20 minute walk down the flight of locks.

3) 4 day mid week hire

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Next day set off 2 hours to Honey Street, Barge Inn (01672 851705) for lunch or Pewsey a further hour or so French Horn (01672 562443). The village of Pewsey is 1 mile down the road from the Wharf. Wootton Rivers is another hour further on. The Royal Oak (01672 811168) is excellent for a meal. The best mooring at Wootton Rivers is above the first or second lock. Then it is on to the top lock and summit of the canal (4 locks in all), on past Burbage Wharf through the 500-yard tunnel to Crofton top lock. An hour or so takes you down the flight to the pumping station. The Swan at Wilton is a short walk around the reservoir. Continue on to Great Bedwyn where there is the choice of The Cross Keys and The Three Tuns, a post office & bakery. From here you can also catch a train to Hungerford and walk back along the canal bank to the boat.

4) One week hire

Arrive Devizes Wharf, load gear on to boat, bring car back to Southgate Close, Instruction on operating boat until 7.00 pm then set off for The Bridge Inn, Horton (01380 860273) or Crown, Bishops Cannings (01380 860218) you are advised to pre book for a Friday night. Moor on towpath side of canal, not too close to a bridge or on a swing bridge landing stage.

Next day set off 2 hours to Honey Street, Barge Inn (01672 851705) for lunch or the Golden Swan at Wilcot or Pewsey a further hour or so French Horn (01672 562443). The village of Pewsey is 1 mile down the road from the Wharf. Wootton Rivers is another hour further on. The Royal Oak (01672 811168) is excellent for a meal. The best mooring at Wootton Rivers is above the first or second lock. Then it is on to the top lock and summit of the canal (4 locks in all), on past Burbage Wharf through the 500-yard tunnel to Crofton top lock. An hour or so takes you down the flight to the pumping station. The Swan at Wilton is a short walk around the reservoir. Continue on to Great Bedwyn where there is the choice of The Cross Keys and The Three Tuns, a post office & bakery. (From here you can also catch a train to Hungerford and walk back along the canal bank to the boat.) Cruise on to Hungerford where there are plenty of shops, pubs and restaurants. Depending on how long you spend in each place will depend on how far you can travel but most of our customers go as far as Kintbury but it is possible to get to Newbury. Don't forget you need to be back at the Barge at Honey Street (3 hours from Devizes) by Thursday night.