

MARKET HARBOROUGH, FOXTON, WELFORD AND RETURN

~ WATERSIDE ESCAPE ~

Cruising pace: 3/5

Holiday: midweek break

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Stunning scenery
- Waterside terrace restaurant
- World-famous flight of locks at Foxton
- Lunch at The Gin & Fizz Waterfront bar

AT A GLANCE

- 30 miles
- 22 locks
- 4 swing bridges
- 2 tunnels
- Relaxed pace
- Ideal for first-timers

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

MONDAY: 1 HOUR CRUISING

- Comprehensive boat handling training at Debdale marina.
- Cruise south and moor up at Foxton for the night, either in the basin itself or keep to the left and moor on the towpath after the basin.
- Enjoy a few drinks and a meal at The Foxton Inn terrace bar (0116 279 1515 to book at busy times).

TUESDAY: 5 HOURS CRUISING

- Start your day with a towpath breakfast and then head for Market Harborough.
- Cruise on through the stunning Leicestershire countryside, operating a road bridge along the way.
- Arrive at Market Harborough and moor up to enjoy coffee or lunch at The Waterfront Gin & Fizz bar(01858 434702).
- Allowed two hours to return back through the swing bridge and on to the bottom of Foxton Locks.
- Moor up for the night on the towpath.

WEDNESDAY: 6 HOURS CRUISING

- Take a walk up the Foxton Locks flight, stopping for bacon rolls and coffee at The Top Lock café.
- The locks open from 10 AM. Find the volunteer lock keeper and book your ascent (you can check the lock opening times on www.foxtonlocks.org.uk/boaters).
- Enjoy a leisurely cruise through the waterways, navigating through Husbands Bosworth tunnel.
- Turn left onto the Welford Arm and take the sleepy route into the basin where you can turn round.
- Moor up and enjoy dinner and a drink at The Wharf Inn.

THURSDAY: 6 HOURS CRUISING

- Cruise back up the Welford arm, keeping right at the junction.
- Go on through Husbands Bosworth tunnel and up to the top of Foxton Locks.
- Find the volunteer lock keeper and book your descent down Foxton locks, checking the lock opening times. In the winter, the last boat through the locks is permitted at 3:15 PM.
- Once you are down the flight, enjoy a meal at The Foxton Locks Inn or Bridge 61 before cruising the final 20 minutes to Debdale Wharf Marina.

FRIDAY

- Enjoy a final breakfast aboard, before vacating the boat by 9.30am.

PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR ROUTE ISN'T AFFECTED BY ANY CANAL CLOSURES BEFORE YOU TRAVEL.