

## *Directions*

### **BY ROAD:**

- If you are approaching by the M6 motorway or from the east, exit the M6 at junction 12.
- Take the A5 westbound, heading towards Telford. After 1/2 mile you will pass a lay-by on the left followed by a speed camera.
- The boatyard entrance is on the left immediately after the speed camera road markings. If you miss it, continue 1/2 mile to the roundabout and back track. If you are approaching from the West take the A5 heading eastbound towards the M6 from the Gailey roundabout (the A449/A5 junction).
- After 1/2 mile you'll pass a petrol station on your left, look right for a round tower house. The boatyard entrance is on the right immediately after the canal bridge.

**BY RAIL:** The nearest main line rail stations are Wolverhampton (from the South) or Stafford (from the North). Both have taxi ranks and the boatyard is about 8 miles distance. The village of Penkridge has a local branch line rail station with infrequent connections from either Wolverhampton or Stafford, but there is no taxi rank. There is a taxi service in the village centre. The boatyard is 3 miles distance. For information about train timetables and ticket costs for all mainline rail transport please go to [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com).

**FROM AIRPORTS:** From Birmingham International and East Midlands take a National Express coach or train to either Stafford or Wolverhampton then taxi the last 7 miles to the Marina. Taxis should be waiting outside stations / coach depot. Please see [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) for details on national coach travel.



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## Travel & Planning

### LOCAL ACCOMODATION

Please check [www.hotelshopuk.com](http://www.hotelshopuk.com) or [www.laterooms.com](http://www.laterooms.com) for special rates.

### LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

Penkridge Cabs: 01785 713013

### NEAREST GROCERY STORES

There are a number of stores based in nearby Cannock such as an ASDA, Morrisons and Sainsburys.

Closer in Penkridge there are 2 Co-Op Stores and also a mini Sainsbury's.

### Town Centre

The nearest town is Penkridge which is a 5 minute drive.  
Or Cannock which is 15 minutes by car.







## **THE BLACK COUNTRY RING** • 7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 7.5 Hrs • **Locks:** 78

- Gailey is ideally placed for this ring that takes you on the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, through the water fronts of Birmingham via the new Main Line, onto the Birmingham & Fazeley and the Trent & Mersey.
- The route is a varied mix of urban and countryside and offers family activities along the way.
- Birmingham has its shopping, restaurants and art galleries, plus the Sea Life Centre and museums for the children (*see [www.bmag.org.uk](http://www.bmag.org.uk)*).
- Visit the Black Country Museum and live the story of the Black Country ([www.bclm.co.uk](http://www.bclm.co.uk)).
- There is also Dudley Zoo and Castle ([www.dudleyzoo.org.uk](http://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk)), Drayton Manor Park ([www.draytonmanor.co.uk](http://www.draytonmanor.co.uk)) and Shugborough Hall ([www.shugborough.org.uk](http://www.shugborough.org.uk)).

## **NANTWICH & RETURN** • 7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 6.5 Hrs • **Locks:** 58

- Ideal for first timers or those looking for a relaxing break.
- Leaving Gailey, you head south down the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal to Autherley Junction then cruise the Shropshire Union with Market Drayton, Audlem and Nantwich along the way.
- Retrace your steps back to Gailey and enjoy the new perspective that this will give.

## **STOURPORT & RETURN** • 7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 6.5 Hrs • **Locks:** 58

- A comfortable cruise along the pretty Staffs & Worcs Canal.
- If you wanted to go past Stourport you could continue to Worcester which is a total of 72 locks and needs 8 hours cruising per day.
- Kinner Village is well worth a stop for shopping and excellent pubs. Energetic boaters will be rewarded by a climb up Kinner Edge for the extensive views.

## **STOURPORT RING** • 7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 7.5 Hrs • **Locks:** 118

- A route of contrasts takes in the 21st century Birmingham city centre and 19th century heritage.
- Alongside the canal network in Birmingham city centre you will find The Symphony Hall, National Indoor Arena, the Sea Life Centre, International Convention Centre and Brindley Place.
- Birmingham city centre is within easy walking distance of the canal with its restaurants, shops, theatres, art galleries and museums ([www.visitbirmingham.com](http://www.visitbirmingham.com)).
- The Birmingham Canal Navigations (BCN) link the old and new main lines and take you past places such as Smethwick, West Bromwich, Tipton, Wolverhampton.
- Travel on the rural River Severn the longest river in the UK and second longest in the British Isles.

## **CALDON CANAL & RETURN** • 7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 7.5 Hrs • **Locks:** 88

- An alternative to the Four counties ring, but equally energetic.
- You will head up towards the Peak District and enter the Churnet Valley with its stunning countryside.
- The canal terminates at Froghall where you turn and retrace your steps.

## **THE FOUR COUNTIES RING** • 7 Nights • **Cruising Time Per day:** 9 Hrs • **Locks:** 92

- Takes you along the wonderfully rural Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal to Great Haywood Junction.
- Passing under a distinctive roving bridge, you join the Trent & Mersey Canal heading north towards the Potteries and Peak District.
- Rolling Staffordshire countryside leads you to Stoke-on-Trent, the Wedgwood Visitor Centre and the impressive 2926-yard long Harecastle Tunnel.
- The scenery on the climb up 'Heartbreak Hill' to the summit at Kidsgrove is fantastic.
- Beyond Harecastle the 13 miles to the salt town of Middlewich sees the canal descend 31 locks to the Cheshire Plains.
- The short Middlewich arm links the Trent and Mersey Canal to the Shropshire Union Canal again through more glorious countryside.
- Don't miss the Bottle Kilns at Etruria.



## CHESTER OR ELLESMERE & RETURN • 10 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6/7.5 Hrs • Locks: 80/86

- On this popular countryside route the locks are well spaced for easy cruising.
- Travel to Chester and then retrace your steps back to the marina which is a popular week for first time boaters.
- You can also continue past Chester along the Shropshire Union main line to its historic terminal on the River Mersey at Ellesmere Port.
- Mooring in Chester is within easy reach of the walled city centre with its medieval 'rows' where there are a variety of shops, galleries and the majestic cathedral ([www.visitchester.com](http://www.visitchester.com)).
- Chester Zoo is just a short walk from the canal ([www.chesterzoo.org](http://www.chesterzoo.org)).
- Visit the National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port.

## Short Breaks WEEKENDS: FRI-MON (3 Nights) MIDWEEK: MON-FRI (4 Nights)

### Norbury & return • 3 NIGHTS • CRUISING TIME PER DAY 5-6hrs • TOTAL LOCKS 4

A leisurely route where you get to relax and unwind.

### Market Drayton & return • 4 NIGHTS • CRUISING TIME PER DAY 6½hrs • TOTAL LOCKS 14

Extend your Norbury and return trip to Market Drayton.

### Stone & return • 4 NIGHTS • CRUISING TIME PER DAY 6hrs • TOTAL LOCKS 30

Travel up the Trent & Mersey to the market town of Stone.

### Great Haywood & return • 3 NIGHTS • CRUISING TIME PER DAY 5½hrs • TOTAL LOCKS 22

Go up to the Great Haywood Junction and you might want to visit Shugborough Hall.

