

Cruising Rings

For all cruising rings please add 14 miles - 6hrs cruising to get you to the end of the Ashby Canal to start the ring (Marston Junction).

If you require any advice or tips on cruising any of the rings just talk to Bosworth Marina's manager Chris on 01455 291111

The Leicester Ring

Nice & comfortable if you have a fortnight.

It will take you approximately 11 days cruising at 7 to 7.5 hours per day.

This ring consists of: 154 miles, 101 locks, 5 tunnels.

This is a good favourite of people moored on the Ashby Canal. It has a good variety of cruising, taking in narrow locks, Broad locks, canals, rivers, cities, villages, aqueducts, tunnels and of course Foxton Locks.

Places that may be of interest on this ring are:

Braunston - Braunston Tunnel - Crick Tunnel - Husbands Bosworth Tunnel - Foxton Locks - Saddington Tunnel - Leicester - Barrow upon Soar - Loughborough - Shardlow - Alrewas - Polesworth - Atherstone - Nuneaton - Hawkesbury Junction - Stretton Stop - Newbold Tunnel - Rugby - Hillmorton - Braunston Turns.

Warwickshire Ring

Can be done very easy in a fortnight.

Comfortable in 9 days cruising 7 to 7.5 hours per day.

This ring consists of: 105 miles, 121 locks, 6 tunnels.

Another popular ring with hire & private boaters alike off the Ashby Canal, taking in the famous Hatton flight (handy if you have plenty of crew for this part!)

Places that may be of interest on this ring are:

Braunston Turns – Rugby - Newbold Tunnel – Atherstone – Polesworth - Pooley Hall, Amington – Tamworth – Fazeley – Curdworth -Curdworth Tunnel -Aston Lock Flight - Farmers Bridge Lock Flight - Broad St Tunnel – Bar - Gas St Basin - The Mailbox - Edgbaston Tunnel - Cadbury's (Bournville) - King's Norton - Brandwood Tunnel - Lapworth Lock Flight - Shrewley Tunnel - Hatton Lock Flight- Warwick - Leamington Spa - Braunston.

Birmingham Round ring or Outer ring

You need over a fortnight to do this unless you are able to take advantage of those long summer days.

Can be done in 16 days cruising at 7 to 7.5 hours per day.

This ring is made up of: 225 miles, 170 locks, 4 tunnels.

This ring is nice to do in 3 weeks, then you can take time to stop at Stratford Upon Avon, Leamington Spa, Kidderminster, Worcester and moor up to chill out on the aptly named Tixall Wide, to name but a few.

Places that may be of interest are:

Stratford upon Avon - Shrewley Tunnel - Hatton Lock Flight - Leamington Spa - Long Itchington - Stockton Lock Flight - Rugby - Newbold Tunnel - Stretton Stop - Hawkesbury Junction - Atherstone - Pooley Hall - Amington - Rugeley - Great Haywood - Tixall Wide - Acton Trussell - Penkridge - Otherton - Gailey Wharf - Hatherton - Bratch Locks - Kidderminster - Stourport - Worcester - Upton on Severn - Tewkesbury - Pershore - Evesham.

The Four Counties Ring

This ring can be accessed from Marston Junction by turning left or right at the junction.

This complete trip will take you approximately 14 days at 7 – 7.5 hrs cruising per day.

This is a trip made up of 194 miles & 130 locks.

This trip can be done in 14 days but it is not for the faint hearted. You will see where Heartbreak Hill gets a nickname it deserves. Note how the swans at the north end of Harecastle tunnel have gone a little orange from the iron content of the water.

Places that may be of interest are:

Barbridge Junction - Nantwich - Audlem - Shroppie Fly - Adderley Lock Flight - Market Drayton - Woodseaves Cutting - Knighton Wharf - Norbury Junction - Cowley Tunnel - Autherley Narrows - Hatherton Junction - Gailey Wharf - Otherton - Penkridge - Teddesley - Acton Trussell - Tixall Wide - Great Haywood Junction - Stone - Harecastle Tunnel - Heartbreak Hill - Middlewich.