

## **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.