

UK Canal Boating

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Langley Mill and return from Sawley

Cruise this route from : Sawley

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 15.50

Total Distance : 25.00

Number of Locks : 30

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 6

This route takes you up the Erewash canal , a wonderful route exploring the Nottinghamshire countryside that inspired DH Lawrence, passing through small villages and towns just outside Nottingham

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Cruising Notes

Day 1

On leaving the marina, you will be heading towards Trent Lock, via a small stretch of the River Trent.

Trent Lock is a long-established boating centre, and an important junction. Approaching it from the River Trent, you should take great care not to cruise close to Thrumpton Weir. Navigation is a little complicated here, so keep alert.

At the junction, you must turn left on to the Erewash Canal, through the suburbs, and then the town of Long Eaton. It is along this stretch of canal that you will soon reach Dockholme Lock No. 62, where you can moor for

the night if you wish.

Near to the lock is a Tesco and a couple of pubs – The Old Ale House and Hole In The Wall.

Once moored, you will have cruised 4 miles and navigated 3 locks in around 2 hours.

Day 2

A little further along the canal, and under the A52 bridge, is Sandiacre, where there are some pretty moorings if you want to go and explore the town.

Springfield Mill is near the canal, as is the church, from which you will see spectacular views due to its elevation on what is called Stoney Clouds.

Moving on from here, as you leave the outskirts of Sandiacre, you will hear and then see the M1 motorway bridge looming on its way towards Leeds, then you will approach the suburbs of Ilkeston on your left. In the distance you may see the disused Nottingham Canal wending its way around the hillside. It does not meet the Erewash Canal until they both reach Langley Mill.

On the approach to Ilkeston you will see the Gallows Inn Lock, with the conveniently placed Gallows Inn pub canalside, and with outdoor seating.

Ilkeston is a market town with pedestrianised areas, making it pleasant to take a stroll around, maybe for a spot of window shopping, or perhaps lunch and a drink in the Dewdrop.

As you make your way towards Langley Mill, the canal becomes a little more isolated and more pretty and rural.

Langley Mill is just prior to where the canal terminates at the Great Northern Basin, so you will need to turn around and moor a little further down the canal, perhaps near Anchor Bridge or Eastwood Lock. You can moor here for the night.

There is much to see and do here if you wish, such as the DH Lawrence Birthplace Museum, Heritage Centre and American Adventure Theme Park, which you can reach from Shipley Lock.

There is a pub at Langley Mill called the Great Northern, which is great for families and serves food an real

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Day 3

Today you will start making the return journey.

Useful Links

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