

UK Canal Boating

Escape with a canal boating holiday!

Nottingham and return from Sawley

Cruise this route from : Sawley

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 8.50

Total Distance : 22.00

Number of Locks : 8

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

Nottingham is a City of culture and home to some of the best shopping in the UK, an exciting cultural calendar and recognised nationally for the quality of its restaurants and bars, this city has it all.

Nottingham's compact city centre with new free Wi-fi hotspots, pedestrianised streets and tram system make it easy to get around.

Check in at the Galleries of Justice Museum, City of Caves and Nottingham Castle and the National Ice Centre before sitting down to eat at one of the award winning eateries . As the evening takes over, why not enjoy an evening of music and entertainment at historic Malt Cross and Nottingham Playhouse?

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Cruising Notes

Travelling to the east of Sawley, you can only go as far as Nottingham, as the river is tidal beyond this point and our boats are not equipped for this, nor are we covered by insurance.

Nottingham centre is about four hours cruising from Sawley.

It takes less than an hour to get to Trent Lock, where the River Trent meets the River Soar and the Erewash canal.

The Navigation Inn and Steamboat Inn are located canalside, as are the Lockhouse tearooms.

Once through the Cranfleet Lock, you will pass Attenborough Nature Reserve on your left, which is 145 hectares of flooded gravel pits and islands, and is the ideal habitat for a range of birdlife, plants and other wildlife.

An hour and a half's cruising on the wide River Trent from Cranfleet Lock brings you to Beeston Lock and the entrance to the Trent & Mersey canal section of Beeston Cut.

Watch out for the large arrow signs to keep you away from unnavigable sections of the river. Take care to keep left of the entrance to the Canal, giving the weir to to your right a wide berth.

Once through the lock, there are moorings to your left. You can walk across the bridge to view the weir and river which sweeps away to the south of the Canal.

There is a bar in the nearby Marina Club, overlooking the river, or a short walk into Beeston will bring you to the Boat and Horses in Trent Road (2nd road on the left walking back from the lock, then 1st right).

Another hour and a half will bring you into Nottingham. It is recommended that you moor near Castle Marina for any overnight stays.

A short walk canalside brings you to the Castle Lock, where you can leave the canal & walk up the hill to the town centre.

Nottingham Centre has many attractions, such as the Castle and museum, the City of Caves, and Galleries of Justice, all within 10 minutes walking distance of each other.

On Saturdays, there is a ghost walk from 'Ye Old salutation Inn'.

Nottingham has been voted fifth best shopping destination in the country. The compact city centre is perfect for shopaholics. And the myriad of cafes and bars scattered across the City are the perfect place to rest your legs after a tiring day exploring the city.

Nottingham Castle sits high atop Castle Rock, one of Nottingham's defining sights. Enjoy the stunning views across the city from the Sheriff of Nottingham's legendary home. This 17th century ducal mansion has over 1000 years of history waiting to be explored. The Castle's museum of fine art charts 15 centuries of Nottingham history through the eyes of regional, national & international artists. Open daily 10am -4pm (summer 5pm)

Robin Hood Statue- Join celebrities and millions of visitors who have had their photo taken at the famous Robin Hood statue at Nottingham Castle.

Join Robin Hood for a guided tour through the Castle's caves. Listen to the fascinating stories that Robin has to tell as you descend into the dungeon. This is a not to be missed tour and a great photo opportunity for all. The Robin Hood Cave Tours at Nottingham Castle happen every Saturday & Sunday (Sundays only until end of May)

NCCI Galleries of Justice- situated in the Lace Market in Nottingham, An award winning tour of Crime & Punishment brought vividly to life. You now have the chance to experience some of Britain's most gruesome, yet often touching reminders of what prison life would have been like for inmates & prison staff over the last 3 centuries.

Nottingham is also home to a £43 million National Ice Centre, with 2 Olympic sized Ice rinks. One of the Ice pads transforms into a 10,000 capacity arena, & hosts some concerts from some of the best bands around.

The City of Caves is beneath Nottingham city and is well worth a visit. These man made caves date from Anglo Saxon times, you can see how these caves have been used and adapted over the Centuries by local people to escape & take refuge from the world above.

Nottingham has a fast & efficient state of the art tram system that has made getting around Nottingham even easier. Central Trains Robin Hood line links you to some of those attractions further north.

To the North of Nottingham at Edwinstowe is the 450 acre Sherwood Forest Country Park, once part of a Royal hunting forest. There is also the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre with the Robin Hood Exhibition, 2 shops and a restaurant.

Useful Links

Description : City of Caves

Website : <http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/discover/city-of-caves-p354851>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Nottingham Castle

Website : <http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/discover/nottingham-castle-p357581>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Galleries of Justice Museum

Website : <http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/discover/galleries-of-justice-museum-p356131>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Lace Market

Website : <http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/the-lace-market/lace-market-history>

Telephone : n/a

Description : National ice Centre

Website : <http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/discover/national-ice-centre-p356821>

Telephone : n/a

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