

# UK Canal Boating

Escape with a canal boating holiday!

## Theme Parks from Coventry

Cruise this route from : Coventry

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Cruising Days : 8.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 26.50

Total Distance : 54.00

Number of Locks : 26

Number of Tunnels : 2

Number of Aqueducts : 0

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The SnowDome is the ultimate snow, ice and leisure experience. The UK's only dedicated children's snowplay area, the ice skating rink, the UK's only Ice Track, plus the real snow slopes offer a huge range of fun activities for adults and children of all ages and abilities.

Drayton Manor -The UK's best family theme park with kids rides, family fun, zoo, and thrill rides. Featuring Stormforce 10 with a backward water drop, Maelstrom, Shockwave- Europes first stand up roller coaster, and the vertical drop -also try Ben 10 Ultimate Mission the ride, Ben needs you to stop Vilgax from stealing the Omnitrix and the only way is to board the "Mecha Vehicle", Good luck on your mission! . Adults & children will love the white knuckle rides, but the park has many family rides and a Thomas Land area for the younger children, and a Zoo to explore. The park is closed during November to March.

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## Cruising Notes

## Day 1

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From the restored Canal basin at Coventry with its canal architecture, cruise past Cash's hundred houses, an elegant row of weavers' houses, the looms were kept on the top floor- to Hawkesbury Junction , famous from the many photographs taken at this picturesque spot.

Its about 2 hours to here and you can moor up and take some liquid refreshment at the Greyhound, which is canalside at Hawkesbury Junction, or Sutton Stop.

The pub dates from the 1800's and is full of character, and is very photogenic beside the Junction which is where the Oxford canal is entered through a lock with only 6 inches difference in height.

Tomorrow you will be heading north along the Coventry Canal, don't turn right into the Oxford Canal.

Its 2 hours cruising to here.

## Day 2

From Hawkesbury Junction cruise up the Coventry canal past Hawkesbury Junction, a disused engine house, and note the lovely bridge by the pub.

Pass the Ashby Canal on your right and continue into Nuneaton .The canal passes near to the recently redeveloped pedestrianized shopping centre in Nuneaton, and offers large supermarket shopping, pubs and modern shops within easy walking distance of boat wharf at bridge 20.

Hartshill yard houses a splendid clock tower, and some attractive british Waterways buildings.

The town of Atherstone borders the east bank of the canal, only running alongside the canal on the bottom half of the flight of locks beyond bridge 45, despite this, the setting of the entire flight feels detached from an urban setting other than some well kept homes and gardens in view of the canal. The locks are usually in a series of two or three with long pounds between most that offer some of the best moorings along the canal due to the quiet setting and proximity to local pubs and shops a short walk away. Atherstone flight will now be a quick process whether by design or not, despite being in good working order the locks operate reasonably sedately, take time to take in the architecture of some interesting footbridges such as footbridge 47 or the old buildings along the canal or the re- creation of a canal side yard.

Wooded hills to the west overlook a remote rural landscape , to the south of Bridge 41 is a useful PO and stores , to the north is the town centre of Atherstone, which is a pleasant town with a strong 18th century feeling. As the canal turns towards Polesworth are the remains of a iron swing bridge, a rarity on this canal.

Pooley hall is an area of reclaimed spoil heaps, now pleasant scrubland, and the wildlife is now taking over the area left by the old industrial past.

Moor for the night at Polesworth which offers shops and pubs but also remnants of an Abbey and a tithe barn which lends the village considerable character and interest.

It is 8.5 hours to here from Hawkesbury Junction

Day 3

Once under the M42 Alvecote is soon reached & you can see the remains of a Benedictine priory through the trees. Across the canal is Pooley Field Nature reserve.

Continue onto Bridge 73 and moor near here, it is 1.5 hours from Polesworth.

Access to the Snowdome is along the B5000 Glascote Road to your right, a 15 minutes walk. Turn left when you reach the junction and continue into Riverdrive, and the Snowdome.

Also worth a visit is Tamworth Castle just a bit further (5 mins) from the Snowdome with its Norman Motte and Elizabethan hall its a splendid melange of styles.

Day 4

Day 5

Turn left at Fazeley junction, down the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal, and moor up after Coleshill Road Bridge after turning your boat. Drayton Manor is just across the road. You can also turn further on if its easier to moor closer to the entrance.

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Day 6

Day 7

Day 8

Spend a day or even 2 at Drayton Manor , its just over 13 hours back to Coventry Basin, so an easy 2 days.

## Useful Links

Description : Coventry Cathedral

Website : <http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/>

Telephone : 024 7652 1200

Description : Drayton Manor Theme Park  
Website : <http://www.draytonmanor.co.uk/>  
Telephone : 01827 285551

Description : Herbert Art Gallery and Museum  
Website : <http://www.theherbert.org/>  
Telephone : 024 7623 7521

Description : Coventry Transport Museum  
Website : <http://www.transport-museum.com/>  
Telephone : 024 7623 4270

Description : Tamworth Snowdome  
Website : <http://www.snowdome.co.uk/>  
Telephone : 0844 800 0011

Description : Tamworth Castle  
Website : <http://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk/>  
Telephone : n/a

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