

UK Canal Boating

Escape with a canal boating holiday!

Wrenbury and return from Whixall

Cruise this route from : Whixall

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 5.00

Cruising Time : 17.50

Total Distance : 26.00

Number of Locks : 20

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 4

Beautiful tranquil route along the Llangollen canal, passing the lovely historic town of Whitchurch and the interesting staircase locks at Grindley Brook.

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Cruising Notes

Day 1

Whixall Marina is located at the end of the Press Branch, so when you leave the marina, at the junction turn right, towards Morris' Lift Bridge.

Once on this stretch of the Llangollen Canal, there are very few signs of life. It is beautifully tranquil and remote, as you pass Whixall Moss on a straight stretch to Platt Lane Bridge. Here, the canal gently turns to the left towards, Tilstock Park Lift Bridge.

Very soon you will reach Springhill Bridge No. 41, and you can moor here for the night. You will have cruised 3 miles in about 2 hours.

Day 2

The pretty countryside continues as the canal meanders its way towards Whitchurch, via a series of bridges and lift bridges.

Once in Whitchurch, you might like to moor up and take a look around this fine town. As you would expect,

there are a good variety of shops, beautiful old houses and an outstanding church.

The church of St Alkmund is situated on a hill, and was built in 1713. The inside is stunning, and is best viewed from the gallery.

There is a Heritage and Tourist Information Centre in St Mary's Street, where there are displays of Whitchurch clocks, among other things.

Whitchurch has a wide selection of pubs and restaurants, including The Cock and Greyhound, Black Bear and White Bear, to name just three.

A little further on the canal is Grindley Brook, where you will have to navigate several locks, but there is a pub called the Horse and Jockey nearby.

Further along the valley, through the countryside, and you will soon approach Willey Moor Lock, and yet another pub – Willey Moor Lock Tavern. The pub is canalside and serves good food and real ales.

From here, the canal wends its way towards Wrenbury, where you can turn, and then moor up for the night, ready to start the return journey tomorrow.

You have cruised 9 miles and navigated 10 locks in just under 7 hours.

Day 3

Day 4

Today you will set off on your return to Whixall, which should take around 8.5 hours in total.

Moor up near to Whixall Marina and set off early the next morning, or get to the marina on the third evening, so that you are ready to hand the boat over.

Useful Links

The information above is provided in good faith to assist you with planning your canal boat holiday.

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