

Shakespeare Country, Warwickshire



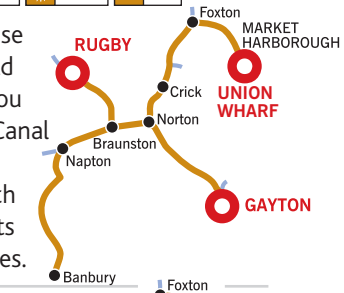
FOR BOAT LAYOUTS

	GAILEY	32-34
	WORCESTER	32-34
	RUGBY	32-34
	ALVECHURCH	38-43
	GAYTON	38-43
	UNION WHARF	38-43

Banbury & return

P7 N1 L17	
> Rugby	☾ 7 ☀ 6 📖 50
> Gayton	☾ 7 ☀ 7 📖 70
> Union Wharf	☾ 10 ☀ 5.75 📖 90

A relatively gentle cruise through pretty Cotswold countryside first takes you down the North Oxford Canal via Braunston and Napton Junctions and onto the South Oxford Canal, renowned for its meandering route to the Thames.



Oxford & return

P7 P17 N1 from Rugby	
P7 P18 N1 from Gayton	
> Rugby	☾ 10/11 ☀ 6 📖 82
> Gayton	☾ 10/11 ☀ 6.5 📖 104
> Union Wharf	☾ 14 ☀ 5.75 📖 126

Continuing on past Banbury to Oxford. The "City of Dreaming Spires" needs little introduction and is an extremely popular choice for those who can stretch their holiday to more than a week.

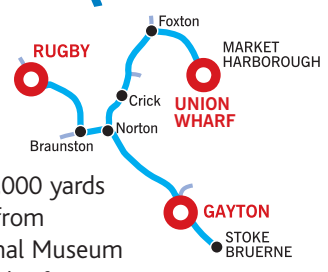
(Tourist Information 01865 726871)



Stoke Bruerne & return

P7 N1 L17 L18	
> Rugby	☾ 7 ☀ 6 📖 32
> Union Wharf	☾ 7 ☀ 5.75 📖 48

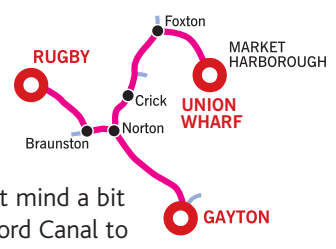
This is essentially a rural route that incorporates several very impressive tunnels including Blisworth Tunnel which is over 3,000 yards long! The village of Stoke Bruerne awaits you as you emerge from Blisworth and we recommend that you visit the excellent Canal Museum here. Milton Keynes is the next point of interest with its wealth of attractions.



Market Harborough & return

P7 N1 L14	
> Rugby	☾ 7 ☀ 6 📖 52
> Gayton	☾ 7 ☀ 6 📖 48

Popular with those seeking something different – if you don't mind a bit of exercise. This route involves cruising down the North Oxford Canal to Braunston, then up the Grand Union Canal towards Leicester. On the way to Market Harborough you will encounter no fewer than four tunnels, two sets of staircase locks and mile after mile of open countryside.



Warwickshire Ring

P6 N3 L13 For more information see p13.	
> Alvechurch	☾ 14 or 10/11 ☀ 6 📖 128
> Rugby	☾ 7 ☀ 8+ 📖 120
> Gayton	☾ 10/11 ☀ 7 📖 120
> Gailey	☾ 10/11 ☀ 7 📖 122

The Grand Ring

N1 N7 G29	
> Gayton	☾ 14/21 ☀ 6-9 📖 175

For more information see page 25.



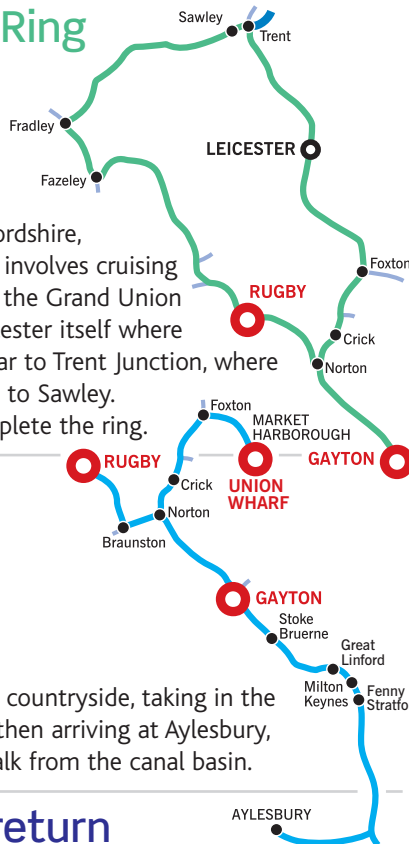
"Very impressed with the friendly helpful staff"



Leicester or East Midlands Ring

- P7 N1 N3** from Rugby
- P7 N1 N3** from Gayton
- > Rugby/Union Wharf 14 6 101
- > Gayton 14 6.5 115

A pleasant two week cruise through parts of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire which involves cruising on rivers as well as canals. This route takes you up the Grand Union Canal to the Foxton flight of locks, then onto Leicester itself where you join the River Soar. You continue along the Soar to Trent Junction, where you briefly join the River Trent which takes you up to Sawley. At this point you rejoin the canal system and complete the ring.



Aylesbury & return

- P7 N1 L18**
- > Gayton 7/10 5-7.5 82
- > Rugby 7/10 8 114
- > Union Wharf 14 6 130

A good route for the first timer, through delightful countryside, taking in the Great Ouse Aqueduct at Cosgrove, Milton Keynes then arriving at Aylesbury, with the attractive old town centre just a short walk from the canal basin.

Coventry or Snarestone & return

- P7 N1 L8 L14 L18** (except Snarestone **P6**)
- > Gayton to Coventry 7 6 34
- > Gayton to Snarestone 7 8 34
- > Union Wharf to Coventry 7 or 10 7.25 or 5 54
- > Union Wharf to Snarestone 10 6.25 54

With only 17 locks each way between Gayton and Coventry, this is one of the easiest one-week routes. Continuing up the remote and rural Ashby Canal for Snarestone. Offers 23 miles of lock free cruising after Marston.

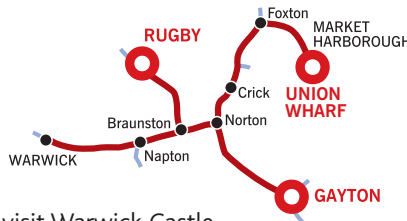
> Moor at Shenton for Bosworth Battlefield Visitor Centre (01455 290429 / www.leics.gov.uk).



Warwick & return

- P6 N3 L14**
- > Gayton 7 6 72
- > Rugby 7 6 56
- > Union Wharf 10 5 92

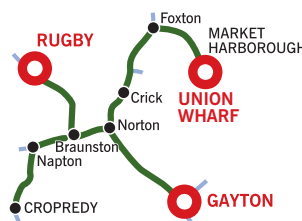
A very popular week cruise with the opportunity to visit Warwick Castle (Tourist Information 01926 492212 / www.warwick-uk.co.uk).



Cropredy & return

- P7 N1 L17** (L18 from Gayton)
- > Gayton 7 6 72
- > Rugby 7 6 56

Home of the annual August Folk Festival, Cropredy is a quaint canal-side village with two pubs, a church and a village store.



Weekends: Friday to Monday (3 nights)
Midweek: Monday to Friday (4 nights)

Leicester & return

- P7**
 - > Union Wharf 4 6.25 48
- Travel north on the Leicester Section of the Grand Union through charmingly unspoilt countryside and onto the city of Leicester.

Snarestone & return

- P7 N3 L14**
- > Rugby 3 6 0

For the non-energetic, this is a relaxing lock-free trip to Snarestone, travelling up the North Oxford Canal and the Ashby Canal.

Crick & return

- P7 N1 L14**
- > Rugby 3 6 32
- > Gayton 4 6.5 28
- > Union Wharf 3 6.5 20

Crick and back, along the Grand Union Canal (Leicester Section).

Welford & return

- N1 N3** from Gayton **N3** from Rugby
- > Gayton 4 8.5 30
- > Rugby 4 6 32
- > Union Wharf 3 5 22

Welford has plenty of overnight mooring places, with a reservoir and village to explore.

Braunston or Napton & return

- P7 N1 L18**
- > Gayton to Braunston 3 8 26
- > Gayton to Napton 4 6.5 26

Heading north from Gayton through Weedon and Norton takes the Grand Union to the busy junction with the Oxford Canal. Onwards to Napton is peaceful, lock free and rural.

Great Linford or Fenny Stratford & return

- P7 N1 L18**
- > Gayton to Gt. Linford 3 8 16
- > Gayton to Fenny Stratford 4 6.5 18

Heading south towards Aylesbury, this route has a taste of everything. The two destinations are separated by the 'new town' of Milton Keynes, where the Grand Union Canal forms the centre piece of the linear park.

