

Foxton, Welford and Return

~ Scenic cruise ~

Cruising pace: 4/5

Holiday: Weekend break

Cruise highlights

- Picturesque landscape
- Canalside pubs every day
- World-famous flight of locks at Foxton

At a glance

- 22 miles
- 22 locks
- 2 tunnels
- Relaxed pace
- Ideal for novices

Suggested itinerary

Friday: 2.5 hour cruising

- Comprehensive boat handling training at Union Wharf marina.
- Cruise along the Harborough Arm, opening the swing bridge along the way.
- Moor up just after the bridge for the night.
- Enjoy a few drinks and a meal at The Black Horse (01858 545250 to check food serving times.)

Saturday: 6 hours cruising

- Take a walk up the Foxton Locks flight, stopping for bacon rolls and coffee at The Top Lock café.
- Find the volunteer lock keeper and book your ascent (you can check the lock opening times on www.foxtonlocks.org.uk/boaters).
- Enjoy a leisurely cruise through the waterways, navigating through Husbands Bosworth tunnel.
- Turn left onto the Welford Arm and take the sleepy route, via one tiny lock, into the basin where you can turn round.
- Moor up and enjoy a drink at The Wharf Inn, before navigating back through the locks and choosing a spot to spend the night.

Sunday: 7 hours cruising

- Keep right at the junction.
- Go on through Husbands Bosworth tunnel and up to the top of Foxton Locks.
- Find the volunteer lock keeper and book your descent down Foxton locks, checking the lock opening times. In the winter and at times of water shortages, the last boat through the locks is permitted at 3:15 PM, but allow for queues at busy times.

- There are two swing bridges to navigate back to Harborough, where you can moor up in the basin and enjoy dinner at The Waterfront (01858 434702) or take a 15 minute walk into town and the many restaurant options there. We can recommend Mecardos lounge bar and The Three Swans for evening drinks.

Friday

- Enjoy a final breakfast aboard, before vacating the boat by 9.30am.

Please check that your route isn't affected by any canal closures before you travel at <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices>