# Foxton, Kibworth and Return

## ~ Relaxed cruising ~

Cruising pace: 1/5

Holiday: Weekend break

## Cruise highlights

- Secluded landscape
- Spectacular view from The Queen's Head at Saddington
- Visit the stunning Foxton Locks without effort

## At a glance

- 21 miles
- 10 locks
- 2 tunnels
- Gentle pace
- Ideal for novices

# Suggested itinerary

## Friday: 2.5 hours 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: 5 hours cruising

- Cruise on through a narrow swing bridge into the basin at Foxton Locks and moor up.
- Take a walk up the Foxton Locks flight, stopping for bacon rolls and coffee at The Top Lock café.
- Return to your boat, cast off and take the Market Harborough Arm up past Debdale Marina.
- Go on through Saddington tunnel and on through five locks, before mooring up for a towpath picnic.
- Turn immediately after Crane's Bridge 76, returning back down the locks and through the tunnel.
- Once you are through the tunnel, moor up around Smeeton Road bridge 72.
- Take your torch (for the walk back!) and venture into the village of Saddington and The Queen's Head (0116 2402536 to check food serving times). Try and make it before dark for a spectacular view from the pub garden.

## Sunday: 6 hours cruising

- Cruise on to the basin at Foxton again, keeping left towards Harborough.
- Pop into The Foxton Locks Inn for lunch (0116 2791515 to book at busy times) and then take a look at the museum.
- There are two swing bridges to navigate back to Harborough, where you can moor up in the basin for the night and enjoy an evening meal at The Waterfront (01858 434702.).

## Monday

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

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