

The Canals of England & Wales

Nearly 100 years after Harry Blake pioneered the idea of boating holidays, the canal network that was then still bustling with industry has now found its new purpose of leisurely pleasure.

Criss-crossing this way and that, the secret network of waterways traverse England from Yorkshire to Avon and dip into Wales. Boating on many of the routes allows you to see familiar towns and cities like you've never seen them before - whatever the time of year.





Blakes give you much more

Every Blakes narrowboat holiday on the English and Welsh canals includes FREE...

- Car parking (unless otherwise stated)
- Diesel fuel
- On-board television (most are colour unless stated in brochure).
- Bed linen

On-board Skippers Manual

The manual on-board your boat provides all the information you'll need, with guidance on navigation, lock operation, boat handling and equipment operation as well as emergency service and contact details.

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Free Video, DVD, or Handbook - 'The Waterways Code'

This guide offers a comprehensive insight into canal cruising and passage through locks, bridges and tunnels, and is ideal for first time skippers and novice crews. Available in either video, DVD, or handbook format.



To obtain your FREE copy of this guide to canal cruising for beginners, simply write to:

'The Waterways Code' Guides,
Blakes Holiday Boating,
Stoney Bank Road, Earby, Barnoldswick,
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A great choice of destinations

The canals of England and Wales lead you straight to the heart of some of Britain's most attractive landscapes and areas of historic interest.

The Kennet & Avon Canal

86 miles of pleasure cruising from the Thames at Reading, to the floating harbour in Bristol and gorgeous georgian Bath.

The Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal

Canal 'afficionados' generally agree that this is one of the most beautiful canals in Britain. The Brecon Beacons also offer leisure activities away from the canal side.

The Oxford and Grand Union Canals, River Thames, Lee & Stort

Steep climbs through the Chiltern Hills and then journey into London. Pass under Tower Bridge, moor in Little Venice or, head north along the South Oxford Canal.

Warwickshire & Leicestershire Rings

This is the heart of the canal system and is dotted with pleasant market towns and places to visit. Bosworth Battlefield and Warwick Castle are within walking distance from moorings.

Stourport, Avon Rings & River Severn

A mellow countryside awaits here with wonderful Worcester and picturesque canal towns. Royal Doulton at Stourport and Shakespeare at Stratford-Upon-Avon remind us of our fascinating heritage.

Llangollen & The Four Counties Ring

Uninterrupted countryside glides up into the hills of North Wales... capped with grandiose Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Further east, visit Stoke for its china heritage and Shugborough Hall & Park.

The Cheshire Ring

Rolling countryside takes you alongside stately homes and the timber-framed buildings of age-old market towns and some of the highest navigable stretches in England on the Peak Forest Canal.

The Waterways of Yorkshire & Lancashire

A wild and attractive landscape of rugged millstone grit towns and Britain's fabulous industrial heritage.

