

CRUSING MAP FOR DAY BOATS FROM NORBURY (NORTH)

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GENERAL NAVIGATION RULES

1. Setting Off

When you are ready to set off, start the engine first (so that you have drive available). Untie the ropes, remove all knots and coil them safely onboard. If used, remove and store mooring stakes.

Gently push off at the bow and stern and engage forward drive when you are sure the propeller is in deep water.

2. Navigation

SPEED: The maximum speed on the canal is 4mph. But if the wash made by the boat is breaking at the banks, you are going too fast even though you may not be doing 4mph. - The golden rule is **DON'T MAKE WAVES**. The speed you can go depends on how deep and wide the canal is.

RULE OF THE ROAD: Keep to the **RIGHT**. In practice this means stay in the center where the water is deepest and move over to the right to pass oncoming boats. **N.B.** When passing oncoming boats, pass them by feet rather than yards, or you are likely to run aground.

3. Courtesy on the Cut

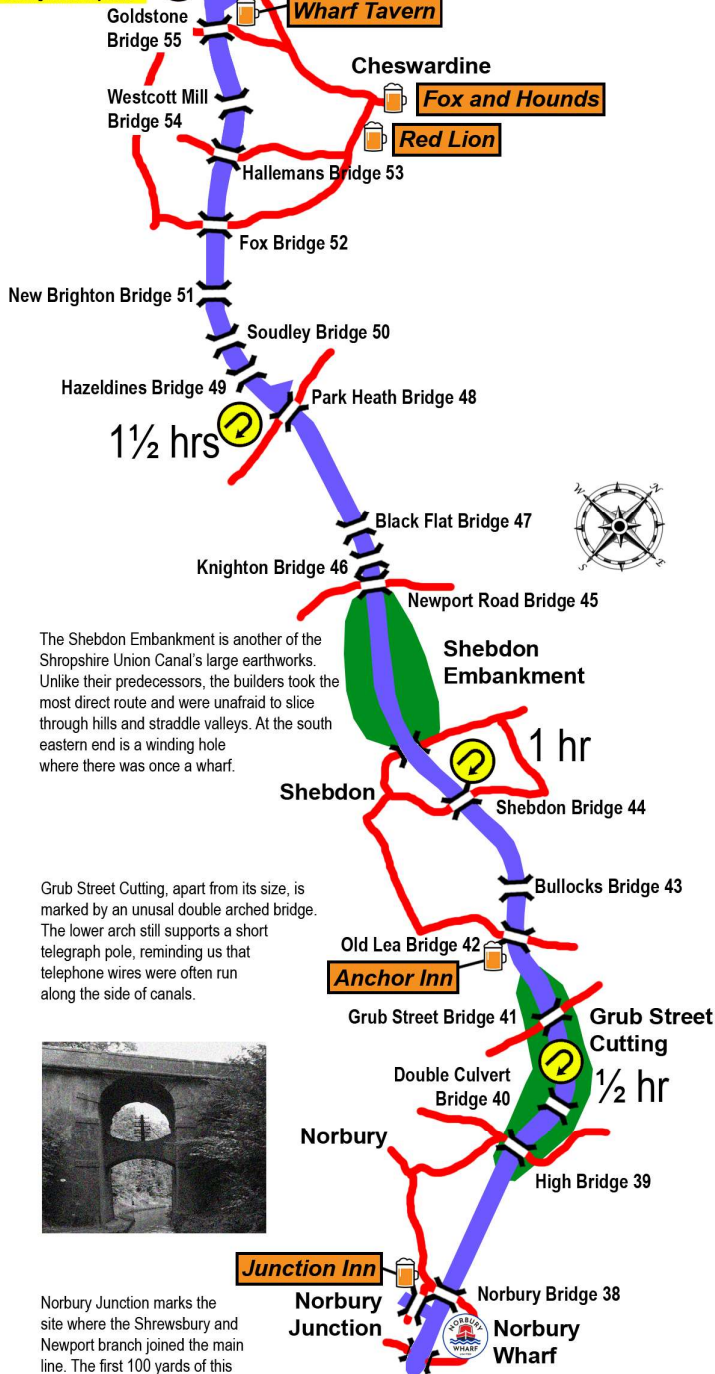
PASSING MOORED BOATS. Slow right down well in advance or they will be bounced about by your wash and displaced water. Your speeding could cause an accident onboard them - boiling water being spilled or mooring pins being pulled out.

4. Turning Round

Use the winding holes marked on the map. Put the bows into the hole, keep the stern in deep water, drive the stern round with the tiller and use forward and reverse drive from the engine,

2½ - 3 hrs

GOLDSTONE WHARF WINDING HOLE
Cruising limit for day boats



The Shebdon Embankment is another of the Shropshire Union Canal's large earthworks. Unlike their predecessors, the builders took the most direct route and were unafraid to slice through hills and straddle valleys. At the south eastern end is a winding hole where there was once a wharf.

Grub Street Cutting, apart from its size, is marked by an unusual double arched bridge. The lower arch still supports a short telegraph pole, reminding us that telephone wires were often run along the side of canals.



Norbury Junction marks the site where the Shrewsbury and Newport branch joined the main line. The first 100 yards of this canal are still there, with the access bridge on the towpath side.

SCALE (miles)



Pub List (North):

Wharf Tavern, Goldstone: 01630 661226
(booking essential)
Fox and Hounds, Cheswardine: 01630 661244
(weekend daytimes only)
Red Lion, Cheswardine: 01630 661234
(weekend daytimes only)
Anchor Inn, High Offley: 01785 284569
(weekend daytimes only)

Pub List (South):

Junction Inn, Norbury: 01785 284288
The Navigation, Gnosall: 01785 824562
(booking recommended)
Boat Inn, Gnosall: 01785 472592
(booking recommended)
Royal Oak, Church Eaton: 01785 823078
Hartley Arms, Wheaton Aston: 01785 509703
(booking essential)

LEGEND

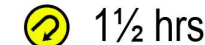
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Turn Round Points



Roads



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