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Bath & Return

Pearson's P8, Nicholson's N7, Lockmaster L20 or Geo G1

3/4 nights, 12 hours, 14 locks

Bath has been designated a 'World Heritage City' with a history stretching back to the Roman Baths after which it is named and that can still be visited today. Moorings are available very close to the city centre and Bath is, without doubt, worthy of at least a couple of days of exploration. www.bath.co.uk

- The medieval town of Bradford on Avon, just an hour from Hilperton, offers a very pleasant stopping point. Weavers' cottages cling to the side of the Avon valley, looking down across the old mills to the 'Broad Ford' on the river that gave the town its name.
- The splendid Dundas and Avoncliff Aqueducts both take the canal over the River Avon as it follows the river alley between Bradford and Bath.
- Claverton's pumping station (www.claverton.org) and American Museum (01225 460503 / www.americanmuseum.org) may be incongruent with each other but certainly offer to satisfy differing interests!
- Bath City and the spectacular Pulteney Weir and Bridge.



Bristol & Return

Pearson's P8, Nicholson's N7, Lockmaster L20 or Geo G1
7 nights, 25 hours, 28 locks

25 hours cruising would elsewhere be considered little more than a short break, but here the route includes Bradford on Avon, Bath, Bristol and, unusually, many more towns and villages that the canal passes through the centre of. Having followed the route of the River Avon by canal, after Bath the navigation uses the River itself, reverting to canal to divert into Bristol city centre.

- Some stunning weirs accompany each river lock down to Bristol.
- Museums and waterside features reflect the city's former importance as a sea port.
- Visitor moorings are available right in the centre of the city in the floating harbour (mooring charge applies) www.visitbristol.co.uk.
- Frequent reminders of the route's industrial history such as the brass mill at Kelston are found within rolling valley countryside.



Bradford On Avon / Bottom Of Caen & Return

Pearson's P8, Nicholson's N7, Lockmaster L20 or Geo G1

3 nights, 9 hours, 14 locks

For an easy weekend to combine cruising and exploring, spend a day in Bradford on Avon and another cruising to the base of the Devizes flight. Perhaps use this as a 'taster' weekend to take a look at the impressive rise to Devizes, incorporating the notable Caen Hill Locks.

Devizes & Return

Pearson's P8, Nicholson's N7, Lockmaster L20 or Geo G1
4 nights, 18 hours, 72 locks

The Devizes flight consists of 29 wide beam locks, rising by 237 feet over just two miles. The flight opens at 8am each day and navigation must start no later than 2pm to ensure that ascent or descent is completed by dark.

- Devizes visitor centre (01380 729408) has information about the town's medieval history www.yourguide.org.uk/devizes

- Reward yourself after the strenuous rise studying the local history of Wadworth & Co www.wadworth.co.uk who still make local deliveries with a shire horse team!

- The Canal Visitor Centre at The Wharf, Devizes 01380 721279 / www.katrust.org



Hungerford & Return

Pearson's P8, Nicholson's N7, Lockmaster L20 or Geo G1

1 week, 42 hours, 120 locks

Beyond Pewsey and through further lush Wiltshire countryside, the highest point of the Kennet & Avon is marked by the 502 yard Bruce Tunnel.

The canal then follows close alongside the Great Western main railway line through the Bedwys - Great & Little - and down to Hungerford.

Pass by Savernake Forest, an ancient woodland mentioned in the Domesday book.



Newbury & Return

Pearson's P8, Nicholson's N7, Lockmaster L20 or Geo G1
10/11 nights, 52 hours, 140 locks

Beyond Hungerford the canal shares the valley with both the railway and the River Kennet, beginning to use the river course as the navigation.

- The Kennet & Avon Canal is so central to Newbury that the main shopping street passes directly over it.

Tourist Information 01635 30267

- Take a day out at the races and visit Newbury Race Course 01635 40015
www.newbury-racecourse.co.uk



Reading & Return

Pearson's P8, Nicholson's N7, Lockmaster L20 or Geo G1

2 weeks, 76 hours, 186 locks

Continuing its picturesque course virtually the entire way to Reading, the number and variety of towns and villages that are visited will give full entertainment for a fortnight return cruise.

