

Leicester (South): Aylestone (B106 / Kings Lock) has good amenities and pubs. Frequent buses to Leicester. Tea-Room on the lock-side. *Black Horse PH*, Narrow Lane, off Sanvey Lane. Food. Open all day. Dogs welcome. T: 0116 283 7225. [f](#) *The Union Inn*, Middleton St. Dog friendly. Bar snacks only. T: 07970 553424. [f](#) Both East of B106. *Aldi* supermarket, off-side, near Bridge 107.

Gee's Lock: Rural moorings between the lock and Bridge 100.

Blaby: Easy walk to town centre South from Bridge 99, and buses to city centre.

Crow Mills: Moorings for access to South Wigston, via Canal Street (Bridge 92) Good range of shops.

Double Rail Lock: Moorings above lock.

Kilby Bridge: Moorings opposite CRT yard, around Kilby Lock and between Bridges 86 - 87. Water, Elsan and shower block. Refuse. Last services if heading North towards Leicester! No shops.

The Navigation PH: Adjacent to bridge 87. Dog friendly. Open every day 11.30 - 23.30. Food served Mon - Fri 12.00-14.00 & 18.00-21.00; Sat: 12.00-21.00, Sun: 12.00-18.00. E: thenavigationalkilbybridge.co.uk T: 0116 288 2280.

Wistow: Lovely rural moorings South of High Bridge 79. Wistow Rural Centre (garden centre, crafts cafe). Old church. Maze in summer months. www.wistow.com/wistow-rural-centre

Debdale Wharf: T: 0116 279 3034. Marina with all services and all boatyard facilities. [f](#)

Foxton: 2 staircases of 5 locks each. Book-in with the lock-keeper. Visitor moorings North of Bridge 62, on the Market Harbour Arm, above the locks and South of Bridge 60. Water points above and below the locks. CRT sanitation block with toilets and Elsan adjacent to the car park at the bottom of the flight. The Foxton Canal Museum adjacent to the centre pound. T: 0116 279 2657. [f](#) Site of the Foxton Inclined Plane. Lock-keepers office and cafe / gift shop by top-lock.

Bridge 61 PH Open all day, every day. Food. Dog friendly. T: 0116 279 2285. *Foxton Locks Inn.* Food. Dog friendly. T: 0116 279 1515. Both at Foxton Junction at the bottom of the flight.

Foxton Boat Services and Shop: Groceries, gifts, shower & laundrette, calor etc. Trip Boat & Day Boat hire. T: 0116 279 2285 foxtonboats@btinternet.com [f](#)

Market Harborough Arm: Access to Foxton village at Bridge 3. The *Black Horse PH* is up the road. Food served lunchtime & evenings. T: 01858 545250. [f](#)

Market Harborough: Visitor moorings and water point just before the basin. Hire boat base in the basin, with water, showers, toilets, Elsan. *The Waterfront Restaurant* overlooks the basin. T: 01858 434702. [f](#) The town centre is about 10 minutes walk from the canal basin. Turn right down Leicester Road (bus service route). A very pleasant Georgian market town with a very good range of shops, supermarkets and amenities. Well worth a visit. Good transport links - St. Pancras 1 hour.

Husband's Bosworth: East of the canal. Access from B46. Mooring is possible, but not easy. Small supermarket, pub, Chinese takeaway and cafe.

North Kilworth Wharf Ltd: Just South of Bridge 45. Small family run boatyard with water, diesel, gas, coal, pump-out, Elsan, toilets, chandlery and small licensed shop. Boat repairs & painting. Day boat hire. T: 01858 881723. M: 07977 909806. E: northkilworthwharf@tiscali.co.uk. About 1 mile to North Kilworth village. [f](#)

North Kilworth Marina: T: 01858 450550. www.northkilworthmarina.co.uk [f](#) About 1 mile to village.

Welford Arm: Winding hole on bend above lock, or in the Welford Wharf terminus basin. *The Wharf Inn PH* by the wharf. Food. Dog friendly. T: 01858 575075. Village shop 1/2 mile. Water point, Elsan. Home-made teas & light lunches, crafts & gifts at 'Totty Teas' at the wharf. T: 01858 575147. E: tottyteas@gmail.com

Welford Junction: Good visitor moorings on the mainline just South of the junction.

Yelvertoft: Water point and refuse just North of Bridge 19. A 10 minute walk West down to the village, to find a small P.O. / store, and *Squisito* Butchers and Provisions. T: 01788 824123. [f](#) *The Knightley Arms PH*, on High Street. Food. Dog friendly. T: 01788 823555. Yelvertoft Marina: 01788 822292.

Crick: Visitors moorings opposite the marina to the North of Bridge 12, and between Bridge 12 and Bridge 11. The village is 10 minutes away West on foot, with a P.O. / store, a Co-op and pubs. Water, Elsan and refuse adjacent to *The Moorings* restaurant by Bridge 12. T: 01788 822517. Crick Marina T: 01788 824034. Diesel, pump-outs, gas and solid fuel. Pleasant walk via the footbridge 14 to the North of the marina up to Crack's Hill.

Watford Locks: 7 lock flight, including a 4-lock staircase. It takes around 45 minutes to pass through the flight. As at Foxton, book in with the lock-keeper. Water points above and below the flight. Elsan, refuse, and W.C by top lock. Winding holes above and below the flight.

Weltonfield Narrowboats Ltd. : by Bridge 2. All boatyard services. T: 01327 842282.

Norton Junction: Good visitor moorings just North of the junction and on the Grand Union main line between the junction and the top lock of the Buckyby flight. Water point adjacent to Bridge 1. *The New Inn PH*, lock-side on the main-line. Food. Assistance Dogs only. Tel: 01327 844747.

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Trent Junction: (on the Erewash Canal). 2 pubs, tea room. Elsan, water point above lock.

Redhill Marina: Upstream of Flood Lock. T: 01509 672770. M: 07760 627421. E: enquiries@redhill-marina.co.uk [f](#) Boat moorings, sales, services, blacking, chandlery. Redhill cafe open seven days a week.

Kegworth: Kegworth Marine, downstream of Flood Lock. T: 01509 672300. *The Anchor PH* near Kegworth Shallow Lock No. 57. Pub mooring. Dog & child friendly. Food lunchtime & evenings. T: 01509 672846. East Mids Boat Services (01509 672385). Good moorings above Kegworth Deep Lock.

Zouch: Moorings (flood protected) above lock. *The Rose and Crown PH*. Dog & child friendly. Food: 9.00am - 3.00pm; 5.00pm - 8.30pm (Sat: 9.00pm); Sun: 9.00am - 5.00pm. Customer moorings. Water & electricity on request. T: 01509 842240. E: roseandcrownzouch@gmail.com [f](#)

Normanton-on-Soar: Pretty village. Soar Boating Club (Saturday night visitors welcome). Restricted off-side moorings at *The Plough PH*. Food lunchtime & evening. T: 01509 842228.

Loughborough: Large town with all the usual shops. Street market Thursday & Saturday. All services, including shower, and moorings in Loughborough Basin. Taylor's Bell Foundry, the world's largest Bell Foundry. T: 01509 212241. Great Central Railway - steam trains, nostalgia etc. T: 01509 632323.

Pillings Lock Marina: All boatyard services, diesel, restaurant & bar. Defibrillator. T: 01509 620990 & 414627. [f](#)

Pillings Lock Lock: Rural moorings.

Barrow Upon Soar: Moorings above lock. Amenities in the village. *Soar Bridge Inn*, Bridge Street: Food. Child friendly. Dog-friendly in bar. T: 01509 412686. *The Navigation PH*, off-side South of Bridge 28. Dog friendly. Food served. T: 01509 413611. CRT water, Elsan, refuse disposal, showers, South of Bridge 28 (Barrow Mill Basin)

Mountsorrel: Chargeable off-line visitor mooring 1/4 mile below the lock. Look out for 'Mountsorrel Staithe' sign. Visitor moorings above the lock. Good selection of shops in village. *Stonehurst Family Farm:* farm-shop & cafe, motor museum. T: 01509 413216. There is also a Michelin-starred restaurant. *The Waterside Inn*, lock-side. Food (except Sunday evenings). Dogs in the 'bar room'. T: 0116 230 2758. In the village, *The Swan PH*, Loughborough Road. Food. Dog friendly. T: 0116 230 2340. Defibrillator lock-side.

Sibley: Moorings above and below the lock. Sibley Mill Boatyard. (T: 01509 813583). All facilities including diesel, gas, pump out, Elsan (free with purchase from shop), chandlery/shop with ices, repairs, painting, blacking. Slipway for hire. Moor up to fuelling barge below lock for services. Day boat hire.

L R Harris & Son - Old Junction Boatyard: By junction at River Wreake, (unnavigable). Chandlery, moorings, Elsan fluids, Calor Gas, Outboard sales, spares, service & repairs, slipways. DIY option available. Brokerage. Defibrillator. T: 0116 269 2135. E: info@lrharris.co.uk W: www.lrharris.co.uk

The Hope and Anchor: Canal-side, just North of Bridge 19. Food. No dogs. T: 0116 260 1963. Moorings and water point.

Thurmaston: Visitor moorings above and below the lock. Good range of shops in the village.

MGM Boats Ltd: 'Elsan', toilets, laundrette, rubbish disposal, water point, but no pump-out. T: 0116 264 0009. www.mgmboats.co.uk [f](#)

Leicester Marina: Just South of Thurmaston Lock. All services, including gas, coal and laundrette, and visitor moorings. T: 0116 260 6166. www.leicestermarina.co.uk. [f](#) Down a cut off main line - look out for the signs.

Birstall: An excellent spot to tie up, above and below the lock, with a good selection of shops and take-aways a short walk away. *The White Horse*, virtually waterside adjacent to Birstall Lock. Award-winning PH & restaurant. PH open all day. (Check for restaurant times). Dog friendly in bar. Real ales & guest beers. Large beer garden & a good selection of pub food. E: info@thewhitehorsebirstall.co.uk T: 0116 267 1038.

The National Space Centre T: 0116 261 0261 www.spacecentre.co.uk and the **Abbey Pumping Station** T: 0116 299 5111 www.abbeypumpingstation.org located close to, and can be seen from, Belgrave Lock. No access for boaters from the lock currently, but new visitor moorings South of Belgrave Lock planned for 2019. Check websites for public transport options.

Lime Kiln Lock: Moorings above the lock for shops and access to Abbey Park. Close to Lime Kiln Lock is the start of The Golden Mile with a large selection of Indian gold and sari shops, and Indian restaurants.

Leicester (Central): New secure moorings at Friars Mill, off-side just North of Bridge 3 (West Bridge), with water points. Secure moorings also at Castle Gardens, which has refuse disposal facilities & defibrillator. Nearby are the extensive Jewry Wall Roman remains, the Richard III exhibition and his tomb in the Cathedral, the Newarke Houses Museum and the old Guildhall. Leicester's large covered market is open 6 days a week. The Highcross retail centre is within about 200 metres of the moorings. See www.visitleicester.info & www.goleicestershire.com

There are good moorings also along the towpath on the "Mile Straight", with a useful collection of small shops by Bridge 1 (Mill Lane Bridge).

INFORMATION

NAVIGATION NOTES:

Water levels on the River Soar can fluctuate rapidly during rainy periods, occasionally making it unsafe to move your boat. Please pay heed to the water-level indicator boards to be found at several locks, and observe the indicator lights at Redhill Flood Lock, Bishop Meadow Lock and Barrow-upon-Soar Lock, up-stream of Pillings Weir and up-stream of Normanton Church. If you are in any doubt, contact CRT.

Saddington Tunnel - Wide Beam Passage: Must be booked 48 hours ahead with CRT. (see below).

Bishop's Meadow Lock : Take care with a full-length boat as the lock is slightly short.

A CRT key may be required for some of the locks between Kilby Bridge and Leicester.

Winding Holes are shown thus:  Unless stated otherwise, they are 70'. Winding is also possible at junctions.

MAXIMUM BEAM: Trent Lock to Foxton: 14ft; to Market Harborough: 12ft; Foxton to Norton Junction: 7ft

SERVICES:

There are currently no Elsan or pump-out facilities in the section between Kilby Bridge to the South of the city, and Leicester Marina to the North. so make sure you are pumped out before navigating through Leicester.

CONTACTS:

CRT: T: 0303 040 4040 (M - F, 8.00 - 18.00). For out of hours emergencies, telephone 0800 479 9947.

E: customerservices@canalrivertrust.org

Police: Use the National Non Emergency number: 101

IWA: leicestershire@waterways.org.uk

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