

Suggested 3 day Itinerary starting from Reedham

Day 1 afternoon

Reedham to Somerleyton

Set off from your home boatyard, travelling under the swing rail bridge which crosses the River Yare. Shortly after you will see that the river forks. Take the right hand channel down the New Cut. At the far end the Cut meets the River Waveney. Turn right here cruising past the derelict rail swing bridge pier mid-river and on towards Somerleyton, which is marked by another rail swing bridge. Moorings are available on the left bank just before the bridge. Ensure you come in to moor against the tidal flow, which will help to slow your boat down as it approaches the bank.

7 miles. Journey time 1 hour 45 mins

Day 2 morning

Somerleyton to Oulton Broad

Ensure you leave your moorings against the flow of the river, even if that means swinging it around first so that the front points into the current. This will give you more control as you leave the bank. When clear of the bank, continue in the same direction, under the rail swing bridge. After a while, the river forks. Take the sign-posted channel for Oulton Broad on your left. This is Oulton Dyke. At the far end, it opens out onto Oulton Broad. Cruise across the Broad to the opposite end where you have a choice to moor either outside the Wherry Inn or at the Yacht Station (not just for yachts) which is located to the right of the Inn.

6.5 miles. Journey time 1 hr 30 mins

Day 2 afternoon

At Oulton Broad

The afternoon is free to enjoy the delights of Oulton Broad, which is a place of natural beauty with all manner of things to do both on and off the water. For more information, see our local guide to Oulton Broad.

0 miles. Journey time 0 hrs

Day 3 morning

Oulton Broad to St Olaves

Retrace your steps back across the Broad, continuing down Oulton Dyke to its junction with the River Waveney. Keep right at the junction and cruise on past Somerleyton and the entrance to the New Cut. A little further on is the village of St Olaves. Moorings are available on the right bank both before and after the road bridge which crosses the river. The tidal flow can be strong here so once more, be sure your boat is heading into the current when you come alongside.

8.5 miles. Journey time 2 hrs

Day 3 afternoon

St Olaves to Loddon

Ensure you are leaving your mooring against the tidal flow so as to not be swept into any boat which may be moored next to you. Go back up the Waveney the way you came until you see the entrance to the New Cut on your right. Take this turning and cruise to the far end where it meets the River Yare. Turn left here and pass under the Reedham rail swing bridge, past Reedham Quay and the location of your home boatyard. Around the next bend is Reedham Ferry, which uses chains to pull itself from one side of the river to the other. If it is moving, be sure to keep well away from the chains so as to not snag your boat as you pass by. Further on, on your left hand side is the sign-posted turning for Loddon, which lies at the far end of the River Chet. Cruise down the Chet until you see moorings on your left hand side. Alternatively continue down the narrow dyke, past the boatyards until you reach the moorings basin, which is nearer to Loddon town centre.

8.5 miles. Journey time 2 hrs

Day 4 morning

Loddon to Reedham

A short cruise back down the Chet will bring you back out on the River Yare. Turn right here and cruise past Reedham Ferry. A little further on is Reedham Quay and your home boatyard.

4 miles Journey time 1 hr