


4 days Norfolk Broads itinerary starting from Acle

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Suggested 4 day itinerary starting from Acle

Day 1 afternoon

Acle to Potter Heigham

Head up river until you see the entrance to the River Thurne on your right. Follow the Thurne past Thurne Dyke on your right with its striking tall white windmill, past the entrance to Womack Water () which leads to Ludham on your left until you reach Potter Heigham. The river here is lined on either side with chalets and cottages which lead up to Potter Heigham Bridge. Moorings are available just before the bridge on the right hand bank. 6 miles.

Journey time 1 hour 15mins

Day 2 morning

Potter Heigham to Ludham

Retrace your steps back down the Thurne until you see the signpost for Womack Water and Ludham on your right. Continue down the dyke until it widens out onto Womack Water. Moorings are available at the far end, just a short walk from Ludham village centre. 2.5 miles.

Journey time 45 mins

Day 2 afternoon

Ludham to Horning

Rejoin the main river, turning right at the junction. Pass Thurne Dyke on your left and turn right at the junction with the River Bure. Continue your cruise up past St Benets Abbey and the entrance to the River Ant on your right. Passing the signposted entrance to Ranworth on your left, you will shortly approach the village of Horning on the right bank of the river. You can moor at any of three public houses which line the riverside.

7.5 miles.

Journey time 1 hour 45 mins

Day 3 morning

Horning to Wroxham

Leaving Horning, continue in the same direction past the entrances to Salhouse and Wroxham Broads before arriving at the outskirts of Wroxham. Many cottages and chalets line both banks as you approach the village centre. Moorings are available before and after the low road bridge.

5 miles.

Journey time 1 hour 15 mins

Day 3 afternoon

Wroxham to Ludham Bridge

Retrace your steps back down the Bure, past the entrances to Wroxham and Salhouse Broads and the village of Horning. Watch out for the signpost for the River Ant on your left. Follow the Ant for a short distance before travelling under Ludham Bridge. Moorings are available on either bank just after you pass under the bridge.

8.5 miles.

Journey time 2 hours

Day 4 morning

Ludham Bridge to Neatishead

Continue up the River Ant past How Hill and the charming village of Irstead. The river widens out to become Barton Broad. You must keep to the marked channels when crossing the Broad. Take the left hand channel which leads you to a narrow dyke, at the head of which is the village of Neatishead, Moorings are available on the left hand side.

5.5 miles

Journey time 1 hour 15 mins

Day 4 afternoon

Neatishead to Thurne Dyke

Re-enter Barton Broad and exit the way you came in. Pass Irstead, How Hill and Ludham Bridge before taking a left at the junction with the River Bure. You will pass St Benets Abbey on your left before seeing the signpost for the River Thurne. Take a left here and travel up as far as Thurne Dyke on your right hand side. Moorings are available on either bank.

9 miles.

Journey time 2 hours 15 mins

Day 5 morning

Thurne Dyke to Acle

Return back down the Thurne turning left at the junction with the River Bure. A short cruise from here will have you back at your home boatyard in less than one hour.

3 miles.

Journey time 45 mins
