

# 4 days Norfolk Broads itinerary starting from Brundall



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## Suggested 4 day itinerary starting from Brundall

### Day 1 afternoon

#### Brundall to Reedham

Head down the River Yare past the two entrances to Rockland Broad on your right and the huge sugar processing plant at Cantley, which will be on the left bank. Go past the entrance to the River Chet on your right, which leads to the village of Loddon. Soon you will see the chain ferry which crosses the river from the Ferry Inn on your left. Do not get too close to the ferry which uses chains to drag itself across the river, or you may become "caught" on them. Pass the Ferry Inn to arrive at Reedham village moorings around the next bend. Ensure you come alongside against the flow of the tide, i.e. use the tidal flow to slow you down approach. A quayside ranger should be in attendance should you need assistance.

9 miles.

Journey time 2hrs 15 mins

### Day 2 morning

#### Reedham to Somerleyton

Leave the moorings against the flow of the tide, even if this means turning your boat before setting off. The Quay Ranger will give advice if needed. Continue in the same direction as you arrived, passing under Reedham rail swing bridge. Shortly after take the right hand channel which leads to St Olaves. This channel is long and straight and will take up to one hour to cruise. At the far end, just after you pass under a high road bridge is the junction with the River Waveney. Take a right turn and proceed past the derelict swing bridge pillar. Some time later you will see another rail swing bridge which marks Somerleyton. The moorings are just before on your left hand side.

7 miles.

Journey time 1 hour 45 mins

### Day 2 afternoon

#### Somerleyton to Oulton Broad

Continue on in the same direction. Eventually, the river forks. Take the left hand channel for Oulton Broad. Cruise on until the river widens to a Broad. This is Oulton Broad. Moorings are available at the far end of the Broad either outside the Wherry Inn or at the Yacht Station (not just for yachts) on your right hand side.

6.5 miles.

Journey time 1 hour 30 mins

### Day 3 morning

#### Oulton Broad to St Olaves

Retrace your steps across the Broad, looking out for the dyke on which you entered. Continue down the dyke, past the fork in the river and past your earlier mooring spot at Somerleyton. Further on you will see on your left, the dyke you cruised down from Reedham. For now, go past it for you will soon see the village of St Olaves. Moorings are available just before or after the road bridge which crosses the river. You will need to ensure you come into your mooring against the tidal flow to have more control of your boat. 8.5 miles.

Journey time 2 hrs

Day 3 afternoon

#### St Olaves to Loddon

Again, ensure you leave your mooring against the tidal flow so as to not drift into any boat in front of yours. Once out into the river, retrace your steps back up the River Waveney until you see the right hand turn for Reedham. This is the same channel you came down yesterday. Cruise back to and through Reedham. Shortly after the chain ferry you will see a channel marked Loddon on your left hand side. Take this channel, the River Chet, which runs for around three and a half miles before reaching Loddon. There are two sets of moorings. The first set you will see are at the start of the narrow dyke where many boatyards are located on the right bank. Or continue on until you reach the basin at the end of the dyke, where stern-on moorings are offered. These are nearest to the town centre. 8.5 miles.

Journey time 2 hrs

Day 4 morning

#### Loddon to Rockland Broad

Return back up the River Chet. At the junction with the main river, turn left where you will pass Cantley with its sugar processing plant. Watch out for the sign-posted entrance to Rockland Broad on the left hand bank. Cruise down this narrow dyke until it becomes Rockland Broad. Ensure you keep between the marker posts which will lead you across to another narrow dyke, at the head of which are the moorings.

10 miles

Journey time 2 hour 15 mins

Day 4 afternoon

#### Rockland Broad to Surlingham

Return down the dyke until you see the Broad. You will notice that the marker posts split into two channels. Take the one to your left, which will lead you onto another narrow dyke before emerging back out onto the River Yare. After a short cruise you will see your start point, the village of Brundall. Cruise through the village and on until you see the Surlingham Ferry Inn on your left hand side, which is where your moorings will be for the night.

4 miles.

Journey time 1 hr

Day 5 morning

Surlingham to Brundall

It will take around 30 to 40 minutes to get back to your home boatyard so ensure you depart with enough time to make it back for whatever your hand-back time is.

1.5 miles.

Journey time 45 mins

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