

4 days Norfolk Broads itinerary starting from Loddon

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Suggested 4 day Itinerary starting from Loddon

Day 1 afternoon

Loddon to Reedham Ferry

Cruise down the River Chet until you reach the junction with the River Yare. At this point, take the right turning. Continue down the Yare. Shortly after, you will see the chain ferry in the distance, which is stationed outside the Reedham Ferry Inn. This will be your mooring stop for the night. Go past the chain ferry, allowing enough distance to not snag the chains which pass from one side of the river to the other and are raised up when the ferry is operating. Moorings are available alongside the public house.

4 miles.

Journey time 1 hr

Day 2 morning

Reedham to Surlingham

Retrace your steps back up the River Yare, past the chain ferry and the entrance to the River Chet on your left. Continue on past the huge sugar factory at Cantley and the two entrances to Rockland Broad leading from the left bank. A little further on is the village of Brundall, which is lined by chalets and cottages. Cruise on watching out for the Surlingham Ferry Inn, which will appear on the left bank about one mile further on. Moorings are available outside the Inn.

9.5 miles.

Journey time 2 hours 15 mins

Day 2 afternoon

Surlingham to Norwich

After lunch, continue in the same direction, past the Woods End Inn on your left. Soon you will see the outskirts of Norwich as the river becomes more built around. Continue on under various rail and road bridges until you see the Yacht Station (not just for yachts) on your right hand side, just after a road bridge.

8 miles.

Journey time 2 hrs

Day 3 morning

Norwich to Brundall

Return back down the way you came, passing the Woods End Inn and the Surlingham Ferry Inn, both on the right bank before arriving back at the village of Brundall. See our map for the various mooring options available here.

8.5 miles.

Journey time 2 hrs

Day 3 afternoon

Brundall to Rockland Broad

Continue in the same direction. In a short while you will see the sign-posted entrance to Rockland Broad on the right bank. Take this turning and proceed slowly down the narrow dyke until it broadens out to become Rockland Broad. Follow the marked channel across, which will lead you to another narrow dyke, at the head of which can be found your moorings for the night.

2.5 miles.

Journey time 45mins

Day 4 morning

Rockland Broad to Reedham

Carefully retrace your steps back down the dyke to where it meets the Broad. You will see two marked channels. Take the channel on the right, which will lead you across the Broad and onto another dyke. At the far end of the dyke you will re-enter the main river. Turn right here and cruise on past the sugar plant at Cantley. Pass the entrance to the Chet on your right and the chain ferry at Reedham. Continue on to Reedham village quay, which is a little further along. Ensure you come in to moor against the tidal flow so that the stream helps to slow your approach. A quay ranger is usually on duty to assist you if you need help.

8 miles

Journey time 2 hrs

Day 4 afternoon

Reedham to Loddon

Ensure your cruiser is leaving against the tidal flow. You will have more control and will avoid the current pushing you onto the any boat moored nearby. You now need to cruise back up the Yare, past the chain ferry until you see the signposted turn for Loddon. Continue back down the Chet towards your home yard. You can choose to stay at either of the two mooring spots in Loddon or to return to your home yard for the night

4 miles.

Journey time 1 hr

Day 5 morning

Loddon to Home boatyard

Return the boat for your designated hand over time.

0 miles.

Journey time 0 mins