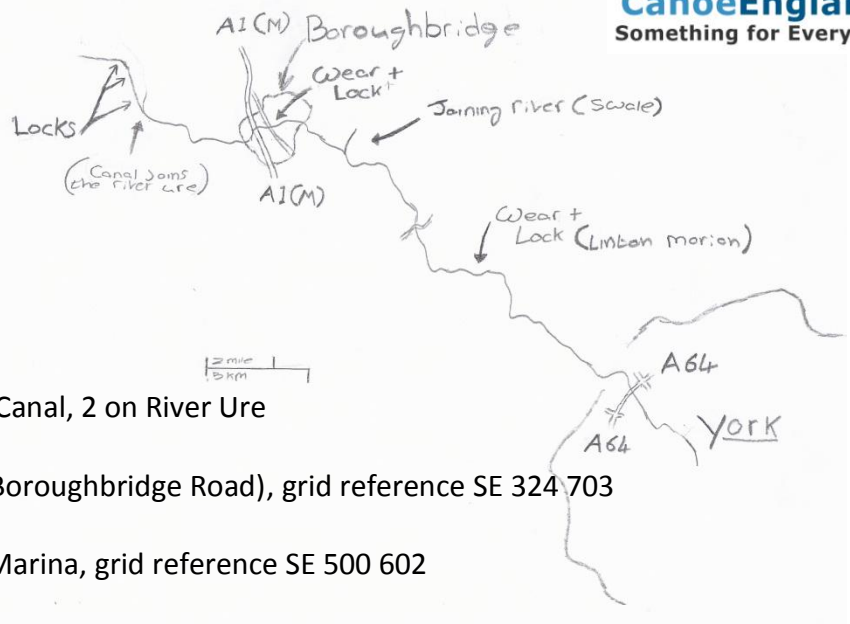


Ripon to York Canoe Trail (Ripon Canal, River Ure & River Ouse)



O.S. Maps – 229 and 290

Duration: 2 days

Distance: 40 Km (25 Miles)

Portages: 5 in total, 3 on Ripon Canal, 2 on River Ure

Start – Car park off the B6265 (Boroughbridge Road), grid reference SE 324 703

Overnight Camp – Linton Lock Marina, grid reference SE 500 602

Finish day 2 – Marygate, York, grid reference SE 599 520

Type of Water – Very sheltered water (Ripon Canal) and sheltered water, (Rivers Ure and Ouse).

Vehicle shuttle – A vehicle shuttle is required. 40 minutes per journey between start, campsite and finish (Ripon to Linton Lock, Linton Lock and Marygate).

Licences – A licence to paddle the canal is included in the Canoe England membership fee. Otherwise licenses can be obtained from <http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/boating/licensing>

(Take your Canoe England membership card with you as it is your licence as well)

Campsite – Linton Lock Marina

Facilities

- Onsite Pub
- Onsite toilet
- Onsite waste facilities
- Onsite fresh water
- Onsite shop
- Parking available for vehicles and trailers

To make Day One shorter, there is a camp site in Boroughbridge called The Camping and Caravanning Club, see below for web address.

Description:

Day One: Ripon to Linton Lock Marina

There are a couple of starting points on the first section of the canal, however an easy section to use would be between the two locks behind the car park where you are starting (grid reference SE 324 703). On day one you will encounter five separate portages (the fifth being Linton Lock marina). All of the pontoons are roughly a metre high from the water. Please note that at the third lock, disembark on the left hand side as the pontoon to re-enter the water is a lot lower than the right hand pontoon. Just after the third lock, you will join the River Ure.

Shortly after you join the river, Newby Hall will come into view which was designed by Sir Christopher Wren in 1690 and worth a visit if time permits. Around 500 metres down river, you will need to take a right hand turn to the lock and avoid the weir. There are large signs to advise you of this however if you do miss them, there are also large buoys blocking the way. From this point, it is an hour's gentle paddle to Boroughbridge, where there are toilets in the river bank with easy access. There is another weir here that is blocked off by buoys and therefore another lock to portage, this is the last one until you get to Linton Lock. From here on in, you will be paddling through farm land for approx. 2 hours before you get to Aldwark Bridge (Toll). You will know this as it sounds like it is about to fall down when cars cross it! Then another hour to Linton Lock where there will be a pint waiting for you!



First view of Newby Hall



Ripon Canal

Day Two: Linton Lock Marina to York

As you start from Linton lock campsite, where you will join the River Ouse, there is a bit of froth from the weir on top of the water and a couple of good access points as far as kayaks are concerned. This day feels much shorter than day one and is about 10 miles.

The route is a gentle paddle and is a very scenic route as it flows past Benningbrough Hall to Nether Poppleton where you may encounter the occasional fisherman (most seem very friendly). You will pass under a train and two road bridges before entering York. You will also know when you are approaching York as you will start encountering lots of boats from small rowing boats up to the size of river ferries as the rowing club is based on this section of the

river as well as a boat hiring service. When getting out at Marygate, you are able to get a car/minibus with trailer near to the river.



Section of the Ouse as seen from
Nether Poppleton



Railway bridge just before
Marygate, York



Long sunny stretch just
after the A1237

Nearby Visitor Attractions

www.lintonlockmarina.co.uk

www.newbyhallandgardens.com

www.visityork.org

www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk