

Friends of the Bridgewater Canal (Sale)

Cruises on the Bridgewater Canal

In conjunction with The Bridgewater Heritage Boat Company, we organise trips on the Canal each summer. All trips start at Sale – Kings Ransom moorings. Any one trip will go either towards Dunham *or* towards Castlefield unless otherwise advertised. Each (return) trip will last approximately four hours or just over depending on the weather – if it's nice and dry, the break between the outward journey and the return will be a little longer than if we are unfortunate enough to experience wet weather when passengers may choose not to disembark.

General

1. Bookings may be made by e-mail or by telephone.
2. The amount due must be remitted within fourteen days of the booking [cheques should be made payable to Friends of the Bridgewater Canal (Sale)] and will be acknowledged by the despatch of tickets by post to the notified address.
3. Cruises will depart at 1.00 (unless otherwise specified). Passengers are permitted to park on the Kings Ransom apron on Sundays without charge. Parking on The King's Ransom car park on Fridays/Saturdays is chargeable (*read the notices*).
4. Passengers are requested to plan their arrival at the King's Ransom moorings *not less than* five minutes before the scheduled time of departure. Passengers must also ensure that they return to the barge not less than five minutes before the time that it is due to depart on its return journey. The barge will **not** be delayed for late arrivals.
5. Seats are **not** reserved; groups wishing to sit together should ensure that they arrive in time to secure seating at the same table. No account can be taken if group seating is not available.
6. The broad-beamed barge used for the cruises can accommodate those of limited disability and wheelchairs can be carried on board. Bicycles of those coming on the cruise can also be carried on the boat.
7. Children aged eight and over can be accommodated but not more than two children under sixteen in any one party. Not more than four children under sixteen will be carried on any one trip.
8. The boat carries a licence for the sale of alcohol; a limited selection is available on board. Passengers are not permitted to bring with them alcoholic drinks intended for consumption on board. If passengers have a request for a specific alcoholic beverage this should be made known not less than five days before the trip.
9. Light refreshments, tea/coffee and something to eat, will be served on both the outward trip and the return trip. Specific dietary requirements should be advised at the time that the booking is made.
10. If any variation to the details of any trip is found necessary this will be notified to the recorded address (e-mail or postal) as soon as possible. Last minute contact with the cruise can be made on 07785 918722.
11. Monies paid will only be refunded if cancellation of a booking is received five or more days before the date of the cruise. If cancellation is within five days, monies will only be refunded providing it is possible to resell the ticket for the cruise and 20% will be deducted to cover administration incurred.

The person booking a group on a trip must ultimately accept responsibility for each member of their party complying with the following conditions of carriage.

- i Passengers should remain seated after the boat has left its mooring unless requiring to use the WC.
- ii Children should be kept under control and any instruction by the crew must be complied with.
- iii Passengers must keep their heads, arms etc. completely within the vessel at all times.
- iv In the interests of safety, passengers must ensure that their consumption of alcohol is not 'excessive'.
- v Passengers are not permitted to use any form of personal audio entertainment whilst on board.
- vi Any passenger causing damage to the vessel will be held responsible for the making good of such damage.