

Journey along the second largest broad in Norfolk which was dug for peat in the 13th century. The trail goes around the edge of the broad, up the River Ant, onto the disused North Walsham and Dilham Canal to the derelict Honing Lock; offering both wide expanses and the sheltered isolation of the abandoned canal.

Key Info



Scan or visit
bit.ly/barton-dilham-canal
to find the map
in Mapometer and
download the GPX file

Start and finish:

Village Staithe, Instead Road,
Neatishead NR12 8BJ

Time: 4.5 - 6.5 hours

Locks/Portages: None

Distance: 13 miles (with options
for extensions)

OS Map: Explorer 40 The Broads



1 Launch from the staithe and turn right into Limekiln Dyke towards Barton Broad. Keep right on the dyke but once you come to the broad hug the left hand bank.

2 You can land at Barton Turf on the Broads Authority visitor moorings, there is a visitor centre and cafe here.

3 Continue left, around the edge of the broad, to the entrance to the River Ant. Keep to the right on the river and beware of sailing wherries which travel at speed and use the whole width of the river to tack.

4 After 500 yards the river divides; you are taking the left fork towards Wayford Bridge. The right goes to Stallham.

5 Wayford Bridge is the head of the navigation for larger craft so, once past it, you will have the river to yourself.

6 The canal becomes narrow and winding and forks again. This time you take the main, right hand fork (see 'Further Information' for the left fork towards Dilham).

7 The main canal continues a shallow and winding route for a further 1.5 miles to reach Honing Lock, deep in the woods and a very pleasant picnic spot. The lock is large enough to take a wherry but has been disused for many years.

8 After lunch you can return the same way or take the wide left hand branch, a mile or so beyond Wayford Bridge, to Stallham, where you can visit the Mermaids Slipper restaurant and the Museum of the Broads before returning to Neatishead.



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paddling trails at:
gopaddling.info



Further information:

It is also possible to launch without charge at Wayford bridge and Stalham Staithe. Launching is discouraged at Barton Turf.

Parking:

Small free car park at the village staithe in Neatishead (250m on the left as you leave the village towards Irstead) Space is limited, so drop your canoe off at the staithe and then park in the village.

Local facilities:

Cafe at Barton Turf and further facilities in Neatishead.



License Information: The waterways in this trail are managed by Broads Authority and require paddlers to hold a licence. If you are an existing British Canoeing member the good news is that your membership includes an annual licence for the waterways covered within this trail – please ensure you take your membership card with you on the water as this acts as your licence, if stopped with no licence, you will be at risk of being fined.

You can buy a licence directly from the Tolls Office, Broads Authority Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1RY, from Broads Authority Information Centres (open April - October) and some yacht stations and boatyards (from April – October) Or by becoming a British Canoeing member you'll have a licence to cover you for a whole year. A British Canoeing membership gives you a whole range of benefits including licenses to paddle on 4500km of Britain's waterways and Civil Liability Insurance, worth up to £10 Million. If you are planning to paddle regularly this will save you great deal of money and hassle alongside having peace of mind. For more information on British Canoeing membership please visit britishcanoeing.org.uk

Safety and Licenses

We want you to enjoy a safe trip, so here are a few tips for staying safe and paddling responsibly.

Paddle Safe:

Be prepared and take the right kit:

- Wear a correctly sized buoyancy aid
- Mobile phone – in a waterproof case
- Whistle – to attract attention in case of emergency
- Map and / or route description
- Appropriate clothing for the weather conditions + spares in a dry bag
- Food, drink & suncream!

Paddle Responsibly:

Respect the natural environment and other users:

- Respect other waterway users #sharethespace
- Be environmentally aware, minimise your impact
- Ensure you have the correct licence if required
- Observe navigational rules – keep right and give other users space
- Check, Clean, Dry after every trip!

Visit our website
britishcanoeing.org.uk
for more information

