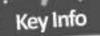


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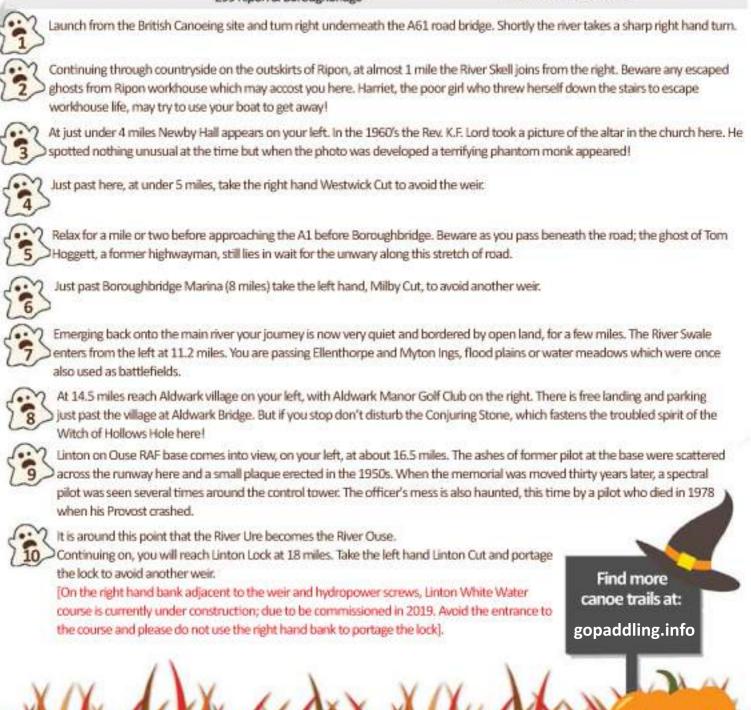
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Back on the river you quickly arrive at Newton on Ouse on the right, before Beningbrough Hall, a National Trust property, comes into view. Watch out now for a forlorn figure standing by the bank. Murdered in a house that no longer stands, this lost shade has migrated to the nearby river.

Nun Monkton is on your left at about 20.5 miles. For the next few miles you are on a quiet stretch, seeing only the odd walker on the path beside the river. Are all the walkers of this world?!

On you right at 24.5 miles is Nether Poppleton, where the local pub was once invaded by aliens. Regulars at the Lord Nelson were shocked when the lights went out one evening. They ran outside to see two alien craft hovering in the sky above.



Just beyond here pass under a railway bridge, followed by a road bridge.



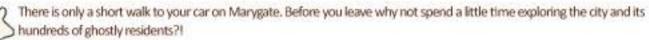
You are now entering the outskirts of York...the most haunted city in the world!



Pass under another railway bridge at 28 miles as your surroundings become more built up. Just past this bridge is your finish point at Marygate, York. There is an easy get out up some stone steps. In the gardens here sits Tempest Anderson Hall; a witness in the hall reported seeing a phantom man dressed in Victorian clothing reaching up to take a book from a shelf. The ghostly form turned and the witness, seeing it had no facial features, fled.



As you leave the river beware of the shade of a drowned person who haunts the waters here.



Find more canoe trails at: gopaddling.info



Discover More



The British Canoeing Ripon site is a 2.5 acre grass paddock located east of North Bridge in Ripon. It has a private gated entrance and access to the river. The Ripon land is managed and cared for by a subcommittee of the Yorkshire Regional Development Team. For bookings, enquiries and further info please visit: http://bit.ly/ripon-bcsite

Itineraries

If you are planning on completing this trip over 2 days then good places to stop overnight would be Aldwark, at 14.3 miles or Linton Lock Campsite at 18.5 miles. Aldwark is closer to the halfway point but has limited accommodation options. There is a campsite at Linton Lock.

If you complete the trip over 3 days then Boroughbridge is a good place for your first night, with Linton Locks or Newton on Ouse as your second night.

There is an easy get out near the weir at Boroughbridge and a Camping and Caravanning Club site nearby.

At Newton on Ouse the Dawney Arms garden reaches down to the river and it may be possible to land here by prior arrangement: 01347 848345

Newby Hall: This Grade 1 listed building was designed by Christopher Wren in 1690. It contains an extensive collection of period artifacts and furniture, as well as having well established gardens and woodland walks.

Beningbrough Hall: The hall, an interesting property in itself, also houses over 100 paintings from the National Portrait Gallery.

Useful Websites

britishcanoeing.org.uk Intonlockmarina.org.uk/camping newbyhallandgardens.com visityork.org nationaltrust.org.uk/beningborough-hall-gallery-and-gardens thedawneyatnewton.co.uk campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/campsites/uk/northyorkshire/boroughbridge/boroughbridge Meet more of York's ghosts: http://www.york.pm.co.uk/haunted-york/





Safety and Licences

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!

Licence: The waterways in this trail are managed by the Canal & Rivers Trust and require paddlers to hold a licence. British Canoeing membership includes a full annual license for this waterway – please take your membership card with you as this acts as your licence.

Non-members can either purchase a British Canoeing membership from www.britishcanoeing.org.uk or buy licences direct from www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



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