

The 12th ARA Rowing Tour

The North Yorkshire Navigations

Ripon - York - Cawood
on the Ripon Canal and Rivers Ure and Ouse
Thursday 28th – Sunday 31st July 2005



York Minster

The waterway was planned as long ago as 1766 when the engineer, John Smeaton (1724 - 1792), presented a proposal for five lock structures on the 8 miles of the River Ure, and the 2 ¼ miles of the Ripon Canal itself. Public subscription raised £15,000 and a petition was made to Parliament in 1767. The works were carried out by the engineer, John Smith, and Milby lock and cut were completed in 1769. One of the first cast iron bridges in the country was built over the canalised section of the waterway to carry the Great North Road at Boroughbridge. The canal was opened in 1773, and carried flax for the Knaresborough linen industry, as well as timber and coal. Although the British Transport Commission obtained Royal Assent for the abandonment of the Ripon Canal in 1956, it was successfully right into the centre of Ripon in September 1996.

Our tour starts at Littlethorpe, just south of Ripon, the first point at which there is a suitable launching place for our boats. At Oxclose Lock the canal joins the River Ure, which is navigable from that point downwards. The Ure is an exceptionally pretty navigation and is rarely crowded. Newby Hall and its splendid gardens are just above Westwick Lock. At Swale Nab the Ure changes its name to the Ouse. The magnificent York Minster stands sentinel as the river flows for 60 miles through fertile land and centuries of history, on its way towards Goole and the mighty Humber. The River Foss joins the Ouse at York, or Jorvik as it was known under the Vikings. Some 6 miles south of York we reach Naburn Lock, after which the Ouse is tidal, often with strong currents, so we end our tour at Cawood.

Tour organised by Weyfarers RC and City of York RC

Provisional Programme

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| Thursday p.m. | Boats and trailers to Ripon Motor Boat Club, unload and rig Trailers to Cawood Water Ski Club Tour reception and dinner at Holgate Hill Hotel, York |
| Friday | Row Ripon – Milby (near Boroughbridge) Picnic Lunch Evening free to explore York |
| Saturday | Row Milby to York Lunch at the Dawnay Arms, Newton on Ouse Dinner in York (restaurant to be confirmed) |
| Sunday | Row York to Cawood Lunch at the Ferry Inn, Cawood Load boats and depart |

Accommodation

Twin, double or single rooms with en-suite facilities at the Holgate Hill Hotel, York.

Boats

Many tourers have their own boats, but for those who do not, Weyfarers RC are able to offer approximately 10 seats in touring coxed quads.

Cost

The price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- dinner on Thursday and Saturday evening
- picnic lunch on Friday
- transport to and from boating sites
- tour T-shirt

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| Basic cost | £170.00 |
| Single room supplement @ £6 per night | £18.00 |
| Hire of seat in Weyfarers boat | £15.00 |
| Extra night in hotel (sharing double room) | £34.00 |
| Extra night in hotel (single room) | £40.00 |

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Please register me for the Tour:

Name:

Address:

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Tel No: Email:

Accompanied by:

(rowing/non-rowing) *please delete as appropriate*

ARA number: T-shirt size(s): S / M / L / XL / XXL

Room requirements (subject to availability):

Single: ☐ Double: ☐ Twin: ☐

Any special dietary requirements:

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Extra nights:

Boat (please complete one option):

Own boat name and type:

Sharing boat with:

I wish to hire a seat in a Weyfarers boat:

Deposit:

Please enclose a cheque for £30 per person, payable to Weyfarers/ARA Tour

Return form to:

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