

The 18th British Rowing Tour

Lancaster Canal


1st – 4th September 2011

One of the most scenic canals in the country, this gentle waterway offers wonderful views of the Silverdale coast, Forest of Bowland and rolling countryside of Wyre. It was nicknamed 'the Black and White Canal' as it originally carried coal from the south and limestone from the north. The Lancaster Canal stretches over 41 miles from Preston to Tewitfield on one level, England's longest stretch of canal with no locks.



Ashton Memorial, Lancaster

Lune Aqueduct




Finish: Longlands Inn, Tewitfield



Start: University of Central Lancashire Sports Arena



Bridge House Marina, Garstang





White Cross Public House, Lancaster

The canal, engineered by Scottish architect John Rennie, has more than 130 bridges and 8 aqueducts, the most impressive being the one over the River Lune, which is 664 feet long and 61 feet high. Construction of the canal started in 1792 and the final section, a 2 ½ mile spur down to the coast at Glasson Docks, was completed in 1826. The Millenium Ribble Link, opened in 2002, now joins the southern end of the Lancaster Canal to the rest of the canal network.

*This year's tour is organised by Weyfarers in association with
Lancaster John O'Gaunt Rowing Club*

Provisional Programme

Thursday 1st Sept (p.m.)	Boats and trailers to University of Central Lancs Sports Arena, unload and rig Transfer trailers to Halton Army Training Camp Check in Lancaster University Conference Centre or Lancaster House Hotel Informal dinner, Lancaster University
Friday 2 nd Sept	Coach from hotel to UCLSA Row UCLSA to Garstang (22 km) Picnic lunch en route Coach to Lancaster / University, visit Maritime Museum Dinner in Condor Green, on the Glasson Canal Link
Saturday 3 rd Sept	Coach to Garstang Row Garstang to Halton Bridge (Lune Aqueduct) (23 km) Picnic lunch en route Coach to Lancaster / University, visit Lancaster Castle Tour dinner Lancaster House Hotel
Sunday 4 th Sept	Coach to Halton Bridge Drivers transfer trailers to Tewitfield Row Halton to Tewitfield (16 km) Lunch at Longlands Inn, Tewitfield Coach return to Lancaster University if required

Accommodation

Twin or single rooms with en-suite facilities at Lancaster University Conference Centre.
Superior double, twin or single en-suite rooms at Lancaster House Hotel.

Boats

Stable crew boats ONLY, sculling recommended, owing to restricted width of canal. Crews should equip themselves with canoe paddles as some sections (e.g. aqueducts) are too narrow to row. Seats in coxed quads may be offered for hire to individual participants without their own boat by clubs with spare capacity.

Places of Interest

Optional visits to Lancaster Castle and the Maritime Museum (cost approx. £3.00 each)
Guided walks can be arranged for non-rowers

Cost

A participation fee will be charged to include:

- 3 nights accommodation (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) with full English breakfast
- dinners on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening
- lunches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- transport to and from boating sites
- tour polo shirt
- boating fees / licences

A non-residential rate will be available for local participants

Provisional cost (depending on number of participants):	
University, sharing twin room	£220
University, single room	£250
Hotel, sharing double or twin room	£285
Hotel, single room	£345
Non-residential (includes 3 dinners, 3 lunches, tour shirt and boating fees, using own car)	£120 or pro rata
Hire of seat	£15

Further information

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Please register me for the Tour. I understand that I take part in the tour at my own risk and confirm that I have no medical conditions which may affect my ability to participate.

Name:.....

Address:

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Tel No (home):(mobile).....

Email.....

Accompanied by:

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

T-shirt size(s): S / M / L / XL / XXL Club: BR number.....

(please note: you must be a member of British Rowing to take part in the tour)

Room requirements (subject to availability):

University of Lancaster / Lancaster House Hotel (delete whichever is not applicable)

Single: Twin: Double (hotel only):

Sharing with:

Any special dietary requirements:

Boat (please complete one option):

Own boat name and type:

Sharing boat with:

I wish to hire a seat:

Sightseeing

I would be interested in: Lancaster Castle Maritime Museum Guided Walks

Signature: **Date:**

Deposit:

Please enclose a cheque for £50 per person, payable to Recreational Rowing WP by 30th June 2011.
The balance must be paid by 31st July.

Return form to:

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