



**CANALBOAT
HOLIDAYS**

*For a relaxing holiday in the English countryside
with a sense of Adventure and Achievement.*

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Introducing CONCOFORM MARINE

Concoform Marine's first booking was taken in 1965. Since then we estimate that 54,000 holiday makers have holidayed aboard the Weed boats and that the boats have left one and a half million miles in their wake. They have introduced thousands of newcomers to the delights of boating, many of whom have gone on to purchase boats of their own. Each year we sell one boat and build one new one; if you too decide that you would like a boat of your own, do please ask for details.

The leisurely pace of life on the canal makes for a wonderfully relaxing holiday. We will do our utmost to give you and your family the best holiday that you ever dreamed of, and one that you will always remember. Our boats are built on the lines of the traditional narrow boat that has proved to be the most suitable craft for canal navigation. We have our own laundry at the boatyard where all the blankets, sleeping bags, liners, pillowcases, teatowels etc., are regularly laundered. We have a large team of cleaners and supervisors to make sure that the boats are in spotless condition when handed over to you.

We also have an expert team of engineers and boatbuilders who work hard all year round to ensure that the boats and their engines are all maintained to the highest possible standard.

The choice of narrow boat and hire company are vital to the success and enjoyment of your holiday. The most common remark from customers returning from their first holiday aboard a Weed boat is, "we can't believe how lucky we were choosing to come with you!"



A beautiful summer day at Goring Lock on the River Thames



The Swan at Fradley Junction, where the Coventry Canal meets the Trent & Mersey.

Front cover: Willowweed taking on water at Strensham Lock on the Lower Avon.



Emerging from Braunston Tunnel



The South Oxford Canal or could it be the Orinoko?



Hawksbury Junction



Hurry along please mum

Answers to your queries

For many of our customers this will be the first time they have holidayed afloat. We do hope that you will find the answers to your queries in this brochure, but if there are any points on which you are unsure please do not hesitate to telephone. You will be surprised just how easy it is to become skipper of your canalboat.

A Fully Inclusive Hire Fee: The hire fee includes the hire of the boat and a very full inventory (please see example on page 5), VAT as applicable, car parking, all bottled gas, diesel fuel, lubricating oil, bed linen etc used during your cruise, also colour television. All you need bring with you are clothes, a personal towel and fine weather.

Provisions: There are many delightful canalside villages where you can do your shopping during your cruise. It is wise, however, to bring enough for the first two or three days with you. Alternatively, there is a selection of shops in Weedon village.

Short Breaks: These can sometimes be arranged at short notice if a boat is available. To calculate the cost, divide the weekly hire charge (see pages 10 & 11) by 6, then multiply by the number of days required. Minimum charge £180.00.

First Aid: All boats carry a first aid box to deal with minor cuts and bruises.

Repairs and Service: All boats are given a major (aircraft type) overhaul during the winter months and are serviced between cruises, so service calls are extremely rare, but if one does become necessary every effort will be made to get you under way again with as little delay as possible. A phone call will always bring assistance. All service calls are completely free of charge.

Buoyancy Aids: Buoyancy aids are available free of charge. These should if possible be ordered at the time of booking. All boats carry a life buoy.

Additional berths: Some of our boats can be fitted with additional upper berths. Please see boat details on pages 6, 7, 8 & 9. The cost of these extra berths is £25.00 per berth per week. The additional bedding, cutlery, crockery etc is naturally included. There is space on the booking form to order these berths (there is no charge for an additional berth on Riverweed or Driftweed for a crew not exceeding 4). Additional berths are only recommended for children and small adults.

Pets: House trained dogs are the only pets allowed. We do ask customers bringing dogs to bring their own bedding for their pets and to keep them off the mattresses and blankets. A charge of £16.00 per week per dog is payable at the time of embarkation. For safety, dogs must be kept on a lead whilst at the boatyard. (Puppies are not allowed).

Electrical Supply: Mains operated appliances, e.g. hair dryers, curlers, irons etc. cannot be used on board. There is however provision for electric shavers (not the rechargeable type). All boats have a 12 volt electric hair dryer as part of their standard equipment.

Tuition: Customers are taken for a short run to familiarise them with the controls and to have the routine maintenance checks explained. You are encouraged to ask as many questions as you can and will not be left until you feel confident that you can handle the boat.

Car Parking: Cars may be parked free of charge at our yard during your cruise.

Locks: On the River Thames all locks are worked by Thames Conservancy Staff. These locks open at 9.30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. depending on the time of year. Canal locks are worked by your own crew with the Windlass provided (see page 21). These locks are generally open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Fishing: Almost all waterways are rented to local fishing clubs. Day tickets are usually available from the bailiffs. You should also obtain a rod licence from the appropriate Regional Water Authority. There is one golden rule however — on no account may worms or maggots be taken aboard any of our boats.

Clothing: Bring warm clothes for chilly mornings and evenings, sunbathing gear, slacks or jeans. Open neck shirts and sweaters are the most suitable clothes to wear while cruising, with perhaps a jacket and tie for the odd meal or evening ashore. A pair of wellingtons might be useful and a waterproof coat. A torch is really essential for finding your way back to the boat after an evening ashore! These are available from the Boatyard.

Inspection of boats: We welcome enquiries and will be pleased to show you through the boats. During the summer months the best time to inspect the boats is between 11.00am and 1.00pm on turnaround days. If you would like to see a particular boat please phone first to make sure that it will be at the Boatyard. During the winter months there are always boats that can be viewed. (Please see Boatyard opening times on page 22 before travelling long distances to look at the boats.)

Butterweed
Pinguicula vulgaris

For information and bookings, Telephone: (0327) 340739 until 16th April 1995, thereafter (01327) 340739



Lunchtime aboard Willowweed.



Bathtime aboard Jimsonweed.



Grooves cut by tow ropes in a typical cast iron bridgeguard

Damage/Loss Waiver Scheme: Customers can choose to pay either:

- an £80 returnable damage deposit which is refundable during the week following your holiday, less the cost of any damage, lost or broken items, or;
- a one-off payment of £17 which indemnifies you against loss or damage to the boat; this payment is not refundable. All other conditions of hire on page 15 still apply.

The waiver scheme has proved to be so popular that we now add it to all bookings, unless you indicate otherwise in the space provided on the booking form.

Licences: No form of driving licence is required. All boats have current safety certificates and licence fees paid for all British Waterways Board canals and rivers. Short period licences for the River Avon are payable by boat crews at the toll houses. River Thames and River Nene licences need obtaining 14 days in advance from the appropriate Water Authority, licence application forms for these rivers being available from our booking office. The River Nene is very susceptible to flooding, has very few facilities and is not generally advised.

Hire Fees: The balance of hire fee and accident deposit become due 6 weeks* before the commencement of the holiday when you will receive a statement and arrival advice from us. *Sometimes with late booking this is not possible. Therefore last moment payments must be in cash or Building Society cheques and must be pre-arranged with the booking office.

Young Children: All boats have bunks with fittings to take cotsides for very young children. These are available free of charge, please order when booking.

Waterproofs: All boats carry two sets of waterproofs in case of inclement weather conditions as part of their standard equipment.

Party Bookings: We regret we are unable to accept bookings from schools, youth groups or persons under 21 years of age. All male or all female crews must obtain written acceptance at the time of booking, and may be asked for an additional damage deposit to be paid.

Footwear: Please bring soft soled shoes as these are much kinder to the decks and safer for you. Boating shoes are available from the Boatyard.

Canoes, Dinghies and Bicycles: We have found that canoes, dinghies and bicycles brought by customers cause damage to our boats, and we regret therefore that these items may not be taken.

Narrowboat Hire Periods are from 3 p.m. and finish at 9.30 a.m. The period in between is absolutely essential for cleaning and maintenance, so please do not arrive before 2.15 p.m. The latest time for embarkation is 4.30 p.m. after which the yard is closed.

More Information: Please read our conditions of hire on page 15 carefully because they contain a lot more information that you will need to know. They are in the interest of all customers and enable us to maintain the highest standard of boats, equipment and service.



Driftweed and the electric dayboat Wireweed at the Boatyard, Weedon.

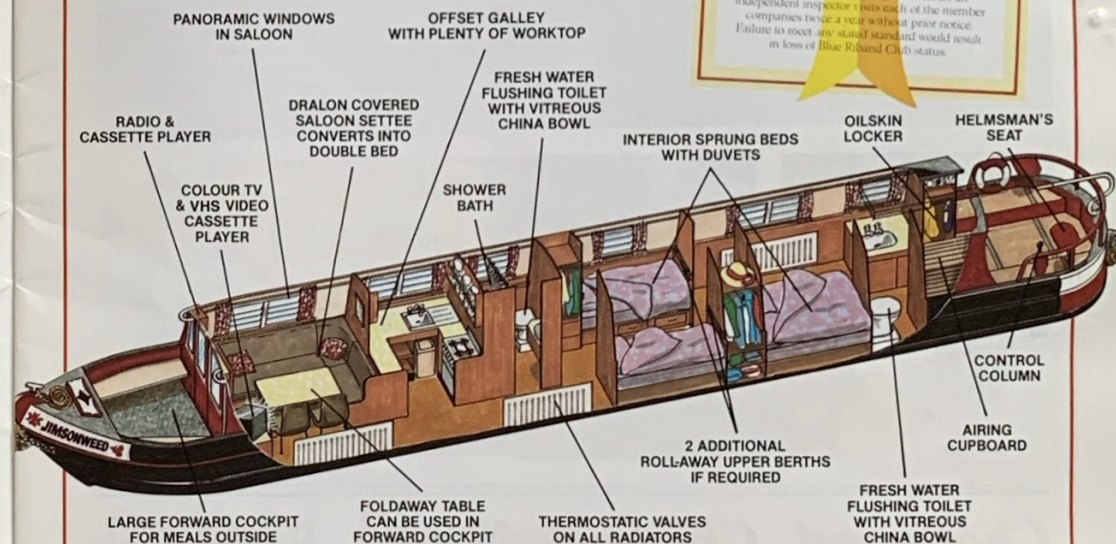
Your Holiday Boat

To avoid repetition on the following pages these items are common to all the Weed boats:

Over 6' headroom, a beam of 6' 10", Saab or Lister diesel engines from 10hp to 30hp depending on length of boat, all with plenty of power for river navigation. They carry 70 gallons of diesel fuel, ample for a 3 week cruise, and 100 gallons of fresh water. All galleys have full size cookers with grills and ovens, stainless steel sink units with running hot and cold water, and 3 cubic feet electric refrigerator with freezer compartment. Furthermore, all our boats have full gas fired central heating with radiators and airing cupboard, flushing toilets, showers with mixer taps and colour television.

All the Weed boats have a current safety certificate.

The cutaway drawing below is of the Jimsonweed class of narrowboat.



Six-berth narrowboat inventory

Crockery	Cutlery	Cooking Utensils	Galley Equipment	General Equipment
1 Meat Dish	7 Dinner Knives	1 Kitchen Knife	1 Tray	1 Colour Television
7 Dinner Plates	7 Tea Knives	1 Wooden Spoon	1 Tea Canister	1 Electric Hair Dryer
7 Fruit Dishes	7 Forks	1 Potato Masher	1 Vegetable Rack	1 Boat Manual
7 Soup Bowls	7 Dessert Forks	1 Potato Peeler	Salt & Pepper Pots	12 Coat Hangers
7 Bread Plates	7 Desserts Spoons	1 Fish Slice	1 Bucket	3 Ashtrays
7 Egg Cups	7 Soup Spoons	1 Pr. Kitchen Scissors	1 Washing up Bowl	1 First Aid Kit
7 Beakers	7 Tea Spoons	1 Pr. Cooking Tongs	1 Waste Bin	4 Fire Extinguishers
7 Beer Mugs	3 Tablespoons	1 Bottle Opener & Corkscrew	1 Long Broom	1 Lifebelt
7 Wine Glasses	1 Carving Set	1 Kettle	1 Dust Pan & Brush	4 Fenders
1 Fruit Bowl	1 Tea Strainer	3 Saucepans with Lids	1 Oven Holder	1 Mallet
1 Sugar Basin	1 Bread Board & Knife	1 Milk Saucepan	2 Tea Towels	3 Mooring Stakes
1 Pudding Basin		1 Frying Pan	1 Tin Opener	1 Long Shaft
1 Milk Jug		1 Collander	1 Dishcloth	1 Gang Plank
1 Cream Jug		1 Baking Tin	1 Floor Cloth	1 Water Hose
1 Butter Dish		1 Cake Tray	1 Saucepan Brush	3 Lock Windlasses
1 Casserole		1 Grill Pan	1 Kitchen Roll	2 Mooring Lines
1 Tea Pot		1 Cheese Grater	Toilet Roll, Jiff & Washing Up Liquid	1 Boathook
1 Measuring Jug		1 Egg Beater		2/3 Mats
		1 Toast Rack		1 Can of Engine Oil
		1 Sieve		1 Set of Keys
				2 Sets of waterproofs

Cottonweed
Eriophorum angustifolium

*Duvets are on all boats except Silverweed, Tasselweed, Butterweed, Knapweed, Bindweed and Brookweed.
Personal towels are not supplied except for customers coming from overseas.

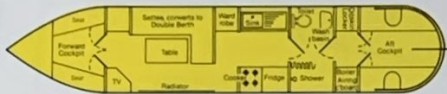
Roseweed Ragweed



2 Berths (One double)
Length Roseweed 37 ft., Ragweed 40 ft.

A superbly comfortable and spacious class of narrowboat for two. Well insulated for warmth in Spring and Autumn and for coolness in Summer. The draylon covered settee pulls out to form a double berth at night, there is a colour television, VHS video player and stereo radio and cassette player. No expense has been spared in building and equipping Roseweed and Ragweed to the highest possible standard with your comfort in mind.

There are relatively few two berth narrowboats available for hire on the canals today and certainly none of Roseweed and Ragweed's standard, hence these boats are always the first to become fully booked.



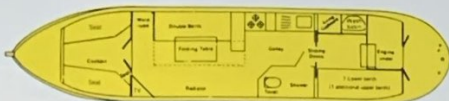
Roseweed
Helianthemum nummularium

Chaffweed Chickweed



3 Berths (One double and one single)
One additional single berth is available on
Chaffweed
Length 35 ft.

Chaffweed and Chickweed are built on more traditional lines. They have draylon covered settees in their saloons which pull out to form a double berth at night. They have a more enclosed steering position, so that during inclement weather the aft cabin doors can be closed behind the helmsman. The forward cabin doors are stable doors with windows opening into the forward cockpit. This class of boat does not have a radio/cassette or video player.



Chaffweed
Anagallis minima



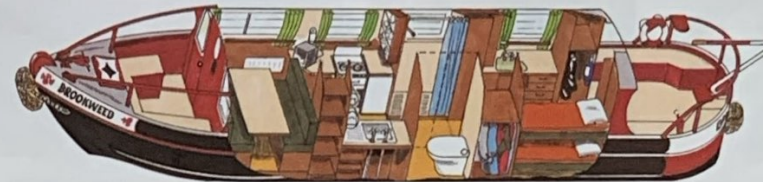
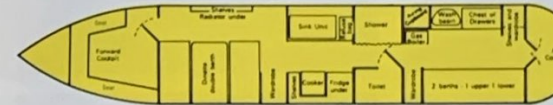
Knotweed
Polygonum aviculare

Bindweed Knapweed Brookweed



4 Berths (One double and two singles)
Length 42 ft.

These 4 berth boats are ideal for a family of 4 and have proved very popular. They are easy to handle and are an ideal boat for that first waterway exploration. The dinette is raised slightly to give a better view of the countryside through which you will be passing. At night the table lowers to form a double berth. This class of boat does not have a radio/cassette or video player.



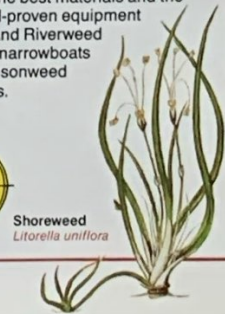
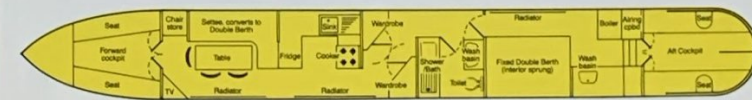
Bindweed
Convolvulus arvensis

Driftweed Riverweed



4 Berths (Two doubles)
1 additional single berth is available:
this is a full length canvas bunk supported on tubular rails and positioned above the double berth in the aft cabin. This is available free of charge for children who do not wish to share the double berth.
Length 55 ft.

A new class of super 4-berth narrowboats with a permanent double berth, with interior sprung mattress, in the aft cabin. Designed and fitted out by our own craftsmen and engineers at Weedon, using only the best materials and the most reliable and well-proven equipment available. Driftweed and Riverweed join our super luxury narrowboats of the Roseweed, Jimsonweed and Willowweed class.



Shoreweed
Littorella uniflora

Jimsonweed Silverweed Londonweed Tumbleweed



6 Berths (two doubles and two singles)
3 additional single berths are available - these are full length canvas bunks supported on tubular rails positioned above the berths in the centre cabin, with one above the double berth in the aft cabin. Length 65ft.

This class of narrowboat is similar in every way to our flagship Willowweed, only slightly shorter. The aft cabin with interior sprung double berth, toilet and vanity unit would not be out of place on a luxury yacht. All have VHS video and radio/cassette players.



Jimsonweed
Datura stramonium



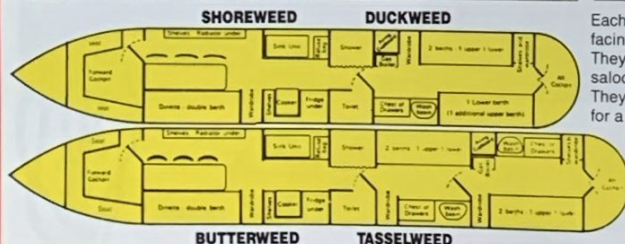
Shoreweed Duckweed Butterweed Tasselweed



Shoreweed Duckweed
5 Berths (One double and three singles)
1 additional single available Length 45ft.
Butterweed Tasselweed
6 Berths (One double and four singles)
Length 49ft.

Each boat in this class now has forward facing windows in the front bulkhead. They have dralon covered settees in their saloons that pull out to form double berths. They are economically priced and are ideal for a family of 4, 5 or 6 people. This class of boat does not have a radio/cassette or video player.

Tasselweed
Muscari comosum



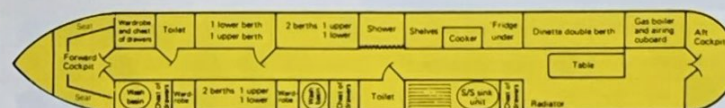
Tangleweed Bishopweed



7 Berths
(One double and five singles)
1 additional single berth is available. This is a full size upper berth with foam mattress and is positioned above the starboard berth in the forward cabin.
Length 56 ft.

Bishopweed
Aegopodium podagraria

This class of boat is very popular with two-family parties holidaying together and small group holidays. They can sleep up to eight people in three cabins and have two flushing toilets. They are both comfortable and economically priced and are ideal boats to gain experience on before booking our flagship Willowweed. This class of boat does not have a radio/cassette or video player.



Willowweed — The Flagship of the Weed Fleet



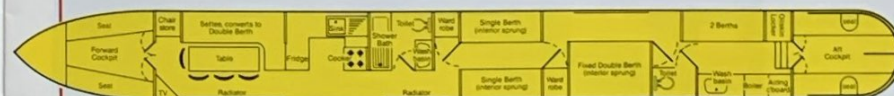
8 Berths (two doubles and four singles)
3 additional single berths are available - these are full length canvas bunks, two positioned above the berths in the centre cabin with one above the double berth.
Length 70ft.

Weighing 25 tons and costing £62,000 Willowweed offers abundant space and comfort. The large forward cockpit is ideal for that evening meal beneath the stars. The U-shaped galley enables passengers to pass without disturbing the cook. There is a Dralon covered settee and interior sprung mattresses. Plus thermo-static radiator valves, radio cassette player and VHS video player to enable children to bring their favourite films.

Willowweed
Polygonum persicaria

Boat crews will get immense satisfaction and pride in manoeuvring Willowweed in a slow and dignified manner.

Previous canal navigation experience is a requirement to hire this boat.



1995 Hire Charges and Vacancy Chart

Provisional Telephone Bookings: To be sure of the week and boat you want may we suggest a telephone reservation be made on Weedon (0327) 340739 (until 16th April 1995, thereafter (01327) 340739). Having made a reservation, please send your booking form and booking deposit to arrive at Weedon within 5 days of your phone call. Regrettably, provisional bookings cannot be held for longer than 5 days and are re-opened automatically after that time. Bookings already received and confirmed are marked:

All hire fees are in £s per week per boat.

Please divide the hire fee by the number in your crew to arrive at the cost per person, for ease of comparison with other holidays, package tours, hotels etc.

We make no extra charge for diesel fuel, car parking, bottled gas, bed linen or colour television. Do please double-check prices - some companies can charge a considerable amount for these items.

VAT is also included.

Boat Name	Berths		March		April				May				June				July				August				September				October					
		Week commencing WEDNESDAY	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25
LONDONWEED	6	3 additional berths possible (see page 3)	492	523	523	564	523	543	599	662	689	737	737	747	759	775	802	836	859	859	955	955	953	947	889	762	708	656	582	523	523	523	492	
BISHOPWEED	7	1 additional berth possible (see page 3)	449	469	469	507	469	469	510	569	583	594	594	606	623	635	666	716	724	724	817	865	859	857	767	677	635	577	519	469	469	469	469	
RIVERWEED	4	1 additional berth possible (see page 3)	410	445	445	475	445	465	499	539	582	626	626	635	664	677	694	734	744	744	789	789	787	768	704	656	598	537	479	445	445	445	410	
BINDWEED	4		347	359	359	488	359	359	399	434	459	514	514	518	544	554	567	594	607	607	679	679	677	668	579	529	487	444	392	359	359	359	347	
CHAFFWEED	3	1 additional berth possible (see page 3)	309	315	315	338	315	315	349	386	395	414	414	427	445	455	478	502	504	504	564	564	556	549	479	449	419	389	346	315	315	315	309	
		Week commencing THURSDAY	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
TANGLEWEED	7	1 additional berth possible (see page 3)	449	469	469	507	469	469	510	569	583	597	594	606	623	635	666	716	724	724	817	865	859	857	767	677	635	577	519	469	469	469	449	
SHOREWEED	5	1 additional berth possible (see page 3)	374	389	389	422	389	389	429	473	510	537	537	539	568	583	607	637	643	643	729	729	725	719	647	554	522	469	424	389	389	389	374	
BROOKWEED	4		347	359	359	488	359	359	399	434	459	514	514	518	544	554	567	594	607	607	679	679	677	668	579	529	487	444	392	359	359	359	347	
CHICKWEED	3		309	315	315	338	315	315	349	386	395	414	414	427	445	455	478	502	504	504	564	564	556	549	479	449	419	389	346	315	315	315	309	
ROSEWEED	2		317	323	323	346	323	323	389	419	427	452	452	467	478	489	498	513	529	529	567	567	563	547	487	459	429	399	359	323	323	323	317	
		Week commencing FRIDAY	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27
JIMSONWEED	6	3 additional berths possible (see page 3)	492	523	523	568	523	543	599	662	689	769	737	747	759	775	802	836	859	859	955	955	953	947	809	762	708	656	582	523	523	523	492	
BUTTERWEED	6		408	422	422	548	422	422	478	518	547	744	599	612	642	654	684	714	725	725	807	807	798	792	704	610	567	489	454	422	422	422	408	
DUCKWEED	5	1 additional berth possible (see page 3)	374	389	389	489	389	389	429	473	510	578	537	539	568	583	607	637	643	643	729	729	725	719	647	554	522	469	424	389	389	389	455	374
KNAPWEED	4		347	359	359	488	359	359	399	432	459	544	514	518	544	554	567	594	607	607	679	679	677	668	579	529	487	444	392	359	359	359	419	347
RAGWEED	2		317	323	323	346	323	323	389	419	427	479	452	467	478	489	498	513	529	529	567	567	563	547	487	459	429	399	359	323	323	323	375	317
		Week commencing SATURDAY	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28
WILLOWWEED	8	3 additional berths possible (see page 3)	558	582	643	765	582	643	688	756	781	1027	809	822	853	872	924	966	974	1115	1115	1115	1112	1089	992	868	812	754	677	582	582	582	720	558
SILVERWEED	6	3 additional berths possible (see page 3)	492	523	543	658	523	543	599	662	689	834	737	747	759	775	802	836	859	955	955	955	953	947	869	762	708	656	582	523	523	523	616	492
TUMBLEWEED	6	3 additional berths possible (see page 3)	492	523	543	658	523	543	599	662	689	834	737	747	759	775	802	836	859	955	955	955	953	947	869	762	708	656	582	523	523	523	616	492
TASSELWEED	6		408	422	444	548	422	442	478	518	547	744	599	612	642	654	684	714	725	807	807	807	798	792	704	610	567	489	454	422	422	422	509	408
DRIFTWEED	4	1 additional berth possible (see page 3)	410	445	465	572	445	465	499	539	582	728	626	635	664	677	694	734	744	789	789	789	787	768	704	656	598	537	479	445	445	445	529	410

Discounts

- 5% off the first 200 1995 bookings received.
- 15% off the cost of the second and subsequent consecutive weeks on all 2 & 3 week holidays.
- 5% off all holidays paid for in full at the time of booking (this offer closes on the 31st January 1995).
- 10% off a second booking in 1995 taken by the same customer off peak.



Teatime aboard Tangleweed



A typical barrel-roofed cottage on the Stratford-on-Avon canal.



Silverweed
Potentilla anserina

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Austcliff on the Staffs & Worcester.



Stretton Aqueduct



Breakfast Companions



Narrowboats unloading at Thrupp.

Cancellation scheme

Chickweed
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We recommend all customers to take part in this scheme. If you subscribe to it and you have to cancel for any of the reasons listed in A, B or C prior to 3.00 pm on the day of departure all hire monies paid to the Company will be returned to you in full. Without it you are liable for the balance of the hire fee unless we are able to obtain a re-letting in which case a re-letting fee of 15% of the total hire charge is made.

- A** Accident, illness or pregnancy of any members of the party incurred after the date of booking preventing such member from taking part in the holiday (certified by a medical practitioner).
- B** Redundancy of the Hirer only (qualifying for payment under the Redundancy Act of 1965).
- C** Death of any member of the party or death of a near relative (father, mother, brother, sister, child) but not earlier than three weeks prior to the commencement of the holiday (certified by a medical practitioner).

The charge for cancellation cover is 4% or 40p for every £10.00 of the total hire charge. To qualify you must notify Concoform Marine by telephone immediately circumstances occur which will give rise to cancellation and then confirm the cancellation in writing enclosing the appropriate certificate.

(The decision of Concoform Marine on all claims will be final.)



Fireweed, a coal fired steamboat built in 1988 by Concoform Marine to special order.

Easy payment plan

Ironweed
Atriplex patula

To help spread the cost of your canal holiday we offer our easy payment plan. If you would like to make use of this please tick the appropriate space on the booking form. When you book, we divide the total cost of the holiday, including the damage deposit, less the booking deposit already paid, by the number of months between the time of booking and the start of your holiday. Therefore if you booked six months before the start of your holiday for a £354.00 holiday, your booking deposit would be £88.50 and your five monthly payments would be £65.10. (We make no charge for this service.)

Over the years this arrangement has proved very popular. Customers have found it a great help being able to spread the cost of their holiday over a longish period.



A peaceful mooring on the Grand Union Canal at Nether Heyford

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CONCOFORM MARINE

The Boatyard, High Street, Weedon, Northamptonshire NN7 4QD.

Booking Form

Please reserve for me Narrow Boat (1st choice).....
(2nd choice).....(3rd choice).....
forweek(s) my 1st choice being from
(2nd choice) from(3rd choice) from

I now enclose my booking deposit, being 25% or one-quarter of the total hire charge to the nearest £.

Booking deposit

I wish to take part in the cancellation scheme as described on page 12, and enclose my premium of

Payment for books and maps as listed overleaf.

Total:

(Euro-cheques should not exceed £200; use multiple cheques to avoid high bank exchange charges.)

Name and address (block letters please) Mr/Mrs/Miss.

Home phone number.....Business phone number

My party will consist ofMalesFemalesChildren

Advertisement seen in/Recommended by

I have previously holidayed with Concoform Marine

I do not wish to take part in the damage waiver scheme described on page 4 and elect to pay the £80 damage deposit.

I would like to pay for my holiday using the easy payment plan described on page 12.

Narrowboat to have the additional berth, bedding, etc., fitted and to be charged at the additional rate. Please see page 3 for details.

Buoyancy aids are supplied free of charge for non-swimmers, please order now.

Weights up to 3 stone

3 to 6 stone

6 to 10 stone

10 to 15 stone

15 to 20 stone

Cotsides for the very young are Free of Charge, please order now. (It is not possible to fit cotsides to the additional upper berths).

Please list previous experience if booking Willowweed.

I, the undersigned, am over 21 years of age and have read the conditions of hire on page 15 in this brochure and fully understand and agree to be bound by them.

DateSignature
(Please do not forget to complete the reverse side of this form).

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Please give the names and addresses of each member of your party, also their ages if under 25 years (please use block capitals)

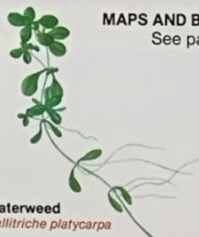


Silverweeds Galley

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MAPS AND BOOKS

See page 20.



Waterweed
Callitriche platycarpa

No. of Copies	Title or Description	Price Each



Isis Lock in the centre of Oxford



Of course there are other boats available for hire but we feel sure that you will be more comfortable aboard one of ours!!

For information and bookings, Telephone:

Conditions of hire

1 Bookings Boats are not booked until the completed and signed booking form has reached Concoform Marine (hereinafter referred to as the Company) with a deposit, which is 25% or one quarter of the total hire fee, and confirmation of the booking has been sent back to the hirer.

2 Balance of Hire Fees and Cancellations The hirer is responsible for the whole hire fee, the balance of which must be paid to the Company 6 weeks before the date on which the hire is due to begin. Should the hirer be unable to take the holiday booked, he must notify the Company immediately and return his Hire Confirmation. Every effort will be made to re-let the boat at the full published price. If the Company is successful, a charge of 15% of the hire fee is made. If the Company is not successful in re-letting, the hirer remains responsible for the balance of the original hire fee less an allowance for diesel fuel and gas not consumed. (Please see Cancellation Scheme on page 12). All hire fees in this brochure include VAT at 17 1/2% - the current rate. Should the Government change the rate or scope of VAT either upwards or downwards, the final cost will be adjusted accordingly. Bank charges incurred in the conversion of foreign currencies and the cost of representing UK cheques will be passed on to the hirer.

3 Insurance The hire fee includes full insurance of the boat and its equipment excepting the first £80 of any claim. Third party risks are covered up to £1,000,000. We therefore require £80 to be paid to the Company with the balance of hire fee 6 weeks before the hire is due to begin. This amount is held as a security deposit to be returned (by cheque) during the week following the completion of the cruise, if no loss or damage has occurred and the boat has not been involved in any accident. No replacement equipment can be accepted unless identical to the article damaged or lost. (Please see Damage Waiver Scheme on page 4).

4 Hire Periods and Return Times Boats are let from and after 3.00 p.m. depending on the amount of work required and must be returned in a clean and tidy condition by 9.30 a.m. and vacated by 10.00 a.m. at the end of the hire period. If the hirer fails to return or vacate the boat in accordance with this condition he shall pay to the Company as liquidated damages £30.00 per hour for every hour during which time the boat is delayed or occupied. Hirers must therefore allow time for unforeseen contingencies during their cruise to permit their punctual return. In the interest of other hirers we are absolutely strict about this rule. Hirers returning a boat in an unclean condition will be charged £8.00 per hour for extra cleaning required.

5 Accidents The hirer is in complete charge of the boat and is responsible for its safe navigation. No minor may control a boat without the supervision of an experienced adult. In the event of any accident, the hirer must notify the company immediately, giving full particulars and names and addresses of witnesses. Do not admit liability under any circumstances. The company shall not be liable for any death or personal injury to the hirer, his crew, or passengers.

6 Delays and Restrictions The Company takes great care to see that the boats are in good condition when handed over, but cannot be held responsible for any non-fulfilment of programme, consequent losses, damages or delays due to mechanical trouble or other defects, restrictions of cruising waterways arising from industrial action, obstructions, repairs or damage to navigational works, bad weather, storms, floods, drought, ice or any other cause, and reserves the right to restrict cruising waters without notice if unusual or hazardous conditions prevail; also to hand over the boat from an alternative site as circumstances allow. No financial adjustment will be made in any of these circumstances. If owing to circumstances beyond our control we are unable to provide the boat booked, every effort will be made to offer an alternative, but if no boat can be made available all monies paid by the hirer will be refunded, the Company having no further liability. The company cannot give any guarantee regarding the availability of any particular routes.

7 Repairs If repairs or service become necessary the hirer must immediately notify the Company who will issue the necessary instructions. The hirer must not undertake or arrange for any repairs, adjustment or service to be carried out. Forfeiture of the deposit will be automatic if any unauthorised repairs or adjustments are carried out. In the interest of other hirers we must be absolutely strict about this rule. Getting boats off mudbanks etc., and removing weeds, ropes or other objects from propellers is the responsibility of the hirer.

8 Cruising Limits No boat may be taken on to tidal waters except for hirers on a circular cruise who may navigate the tidal Thames between Brentford and Teddington only. Disregard for this condition and disregard for any restriction imposed by the Company due to unusual or hazardous conditions will make the hirer liable in full for any damage sustained to the boat, and any third party, as cruising beyond limits is not covered by insurance.

9 Fuel The cost of all fuel used, both diesel and gas, is included in the hire fee. However, the Company reserves the right to make a fuel surcharge if there is a major fuel price increase after brochure publication. This has been necessary only once in the last 28 years.

10 Navigation Authority Bye-Laws The hirer shall observe the appropriate Navigation Authority's Bye-Laws on whatever waterway he is cruising. He shall not cruise after sunset or before sunrise. The hirer shall be liable for any charges made by navigational authorities in respect of loss or water or damage to waterway property.

11 Hirer's Property The Company cannot accept any liability for loss or damage to the Hirer's, the Crew's or Passenger's property, baggage, motor cars etc., however caused. Under no circumstances may any inflammable liquids, firearms, bicycles, canoes, dinghies, tools, car batteries, gas cylinders or live bait (this means no maggots etc) be taken aboard a boat. Hirer's property left behind can only be returned if claimed and payment made for post and packing (minimum charge £5.00). Property not claimed will be disposed of by the Company after two months. The Company also reserves the right to silence any car alarms that go off in the customer's absence, and to recover any costs incurred.

12 Company Reservations The Company reserves the right to decline to accept a booking or to refuse to hand over a boat to any person who, in its opinion, is not suitable to take charge. In this event all hire monies will be refunded in full and the contract discharged without any further liability. The Company also reserves the right to repossess the boat at any time if, in its opinion, the boat is being mishandled or the crew's behaviour deemed to be detrimental to other users of the waterway; also if a serious accident or damage has occurred. In such cases the Company will not make a refund of any portion of the hire fees.



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*a history
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Many people ask why we chose the name Concoform. It was first used in 1939 when the

As you can see Concoform Marine has a solid background and a wealth of experience in the letting, maintaining and building of boats.

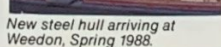
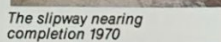
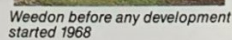
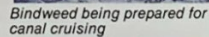
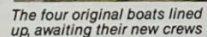
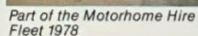
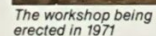


Weedon boatyard
Summer 1979

Weedon before any development started 1968

The slipway nearing completion 1970

New steel hull arriving at Weedon, Spring 1988.

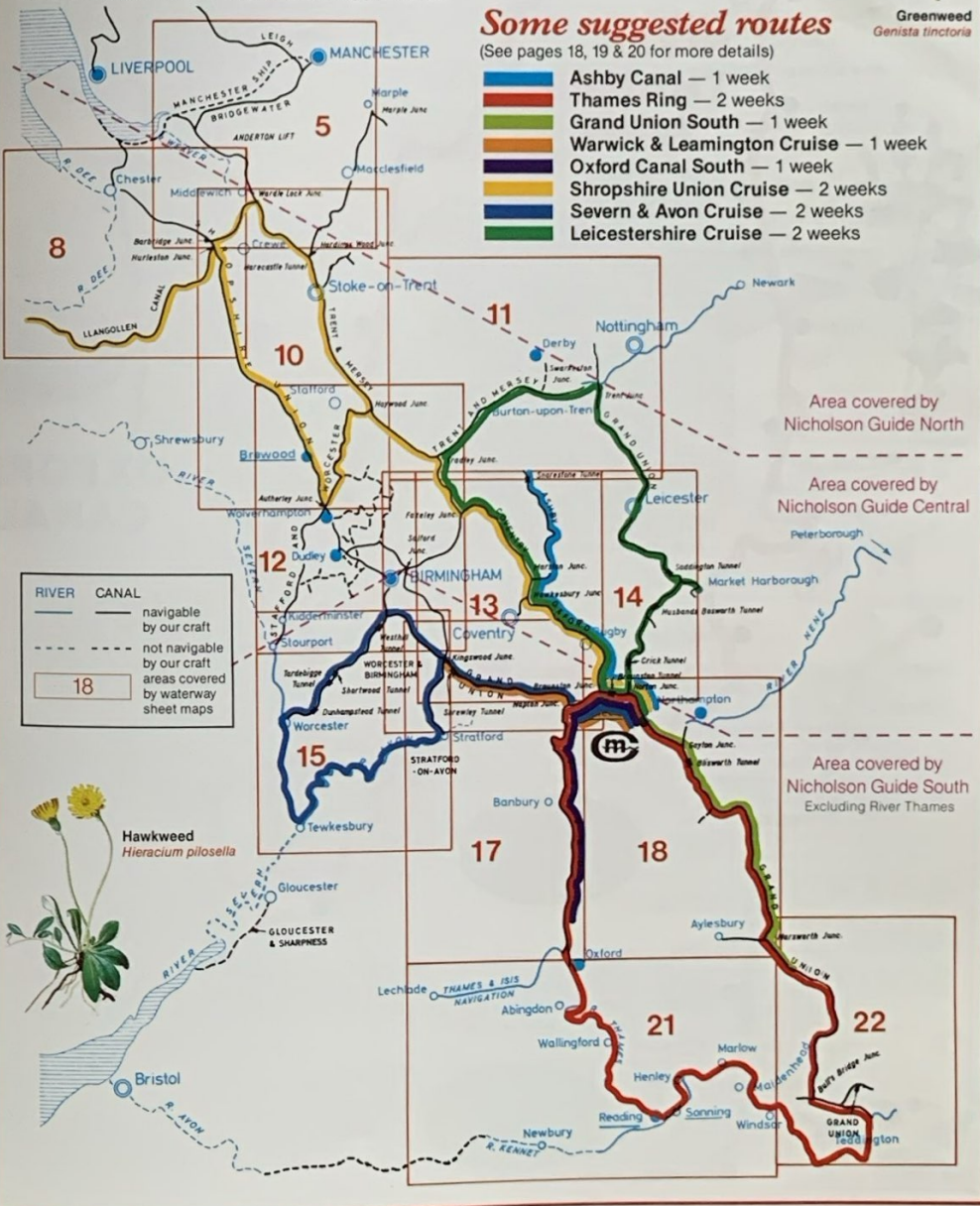


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Some suggested routes

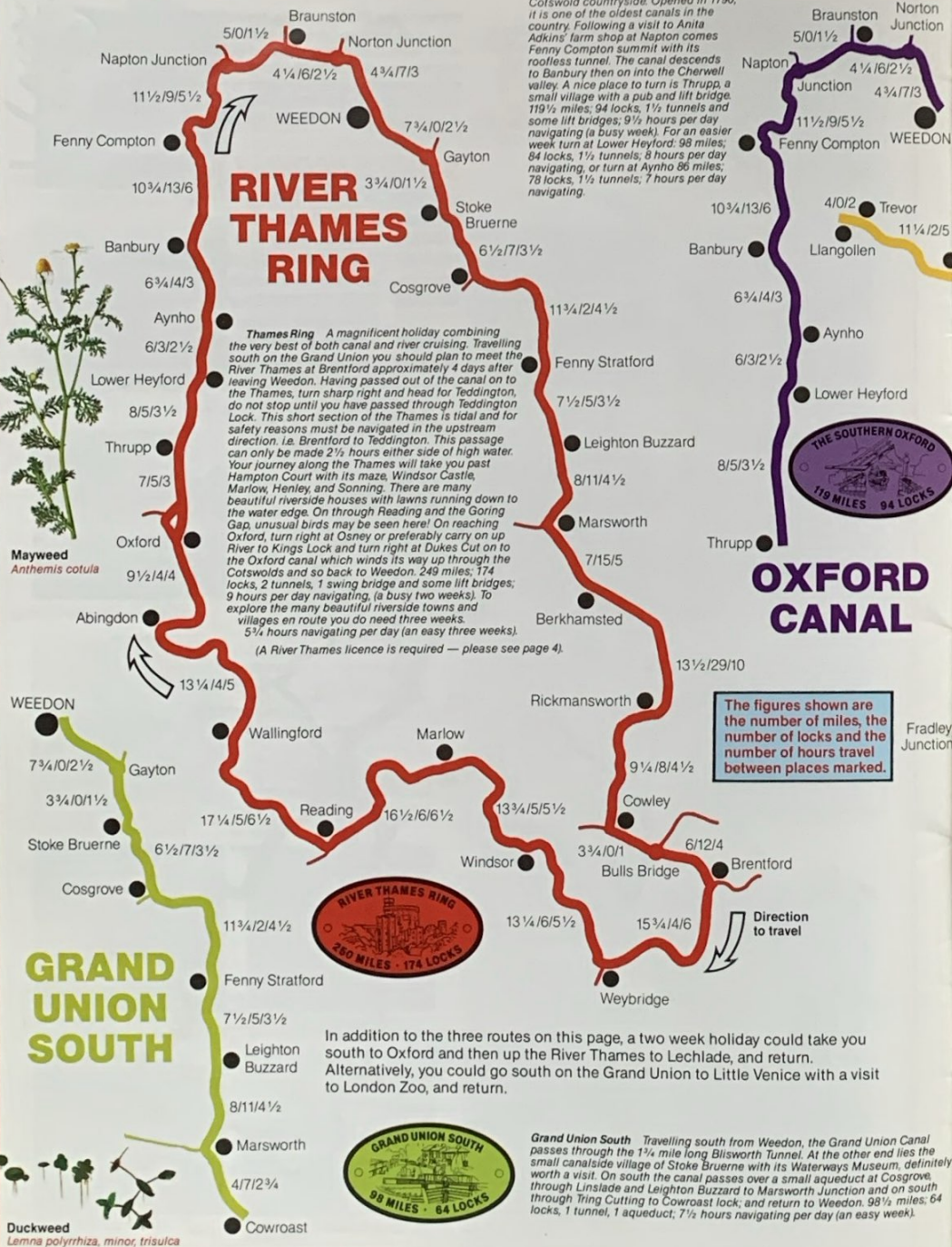
(See pages 18, 19 & 20 for more details)

-  Ashby Canal — 1 week
-  Thames Ring — 2 weeks
-  Grand Union South — 1 week
-  Warwick & Leamington Cruise — 1 week
-  Oxford Canal South — 1 week
-  Shropshire Union Cruise — 2 weeks
-  Severn & Avon Cruise — 2 weeks
-  Leicestershire Cruise — 2 weeks



Greenweed
Genista tinctoria

South from Weedon



For information and bookings, Telephone:

Canal locks and how to work them

Four things not to do when negotiating locks

- 1* Never let your rudder get caught up on the lock sill as the water goes down. Always keep at least 10 ft. clear of the gate behind you.
- 2 Never let the paddles crash down, always wind them down slowly, because dropping them can easily break the old cast iron.
- 3* Never make fast to a bollard or you will be left hanging as the water goes down.
- 4 Never allow your rudder to become trapped in the bottom gates as the water rises.



A young lockkeeper and his assistant at Stratford New Lock.



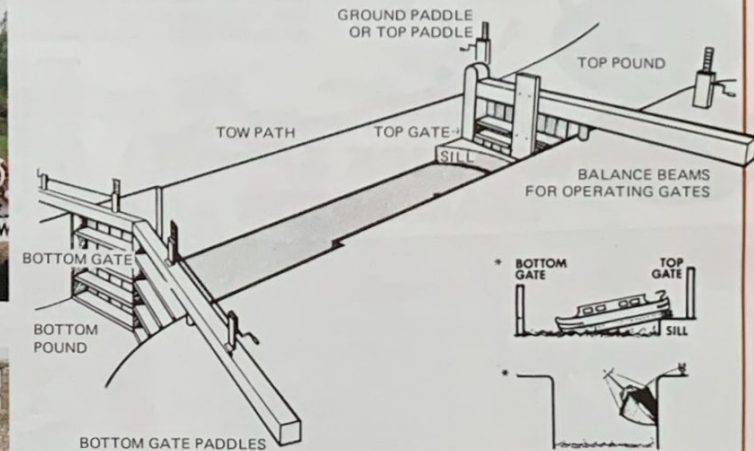
Lockside onlookers.



Awbridge Lock.



A circular weir unique to the Staffs & Worcester canal.



GOING UPHILL

On arriving at the lock and finding it full — first see that all the top paddles are down and that the gate is shut properly, then open the bottom gate paddles. When the water in the lock is the same as the water level in the bottom pound, open the gates and bring the boat in. Take lines ashore and secure the boat, then close the bottom gates, also the bottom gate paddles. The top paddles may now be raised **very** slowly at first to avoid a terrific rush of water, damaging the boat and lock walls. The boat must be held during this operation to avoid the water sucking the boat forward and crashing it into the top gate. A watch must also be kept on the stern of the boat to see that it doesn't get trapped under the bottom gate framing as the water rises. When the level in the lock is the same as the level in the top pound the top gate may be opened, never use the boat to push open the gate. Before leaving the lock, make sure that all paddles are down and that the top gate is closed behind you.

GOING DOWNHILL

On arriving at the lock and finding it empty, close the bottom gates and bottom gate paddles, then open the top paddles. When the water level in the lock is the same as the water level in the top pound, the top gates may be opened. Having brought the boat in, close the top gate and top gate paddles. Lines must be taken ashore and held so that they can be paid out as the boat goes down. The bottom gate paddles may now be opened. A watch must be kept on the boat to see that the rubbing strikes on the boat do not get caught up on the lock sides, also that the rudder doesn't get caught up on the sill beneath the top gate, which in many cases extended 3 ft. to 4 ft. into the lock itself, and is not visible until it is too late! When the water level in the lock is the same as the water level in the bottom pound, the bottom gates may be opened. Before leaving the lock, make sure that the bottom gate paddles are down and that the bottom gate is shut.

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North from Weedon

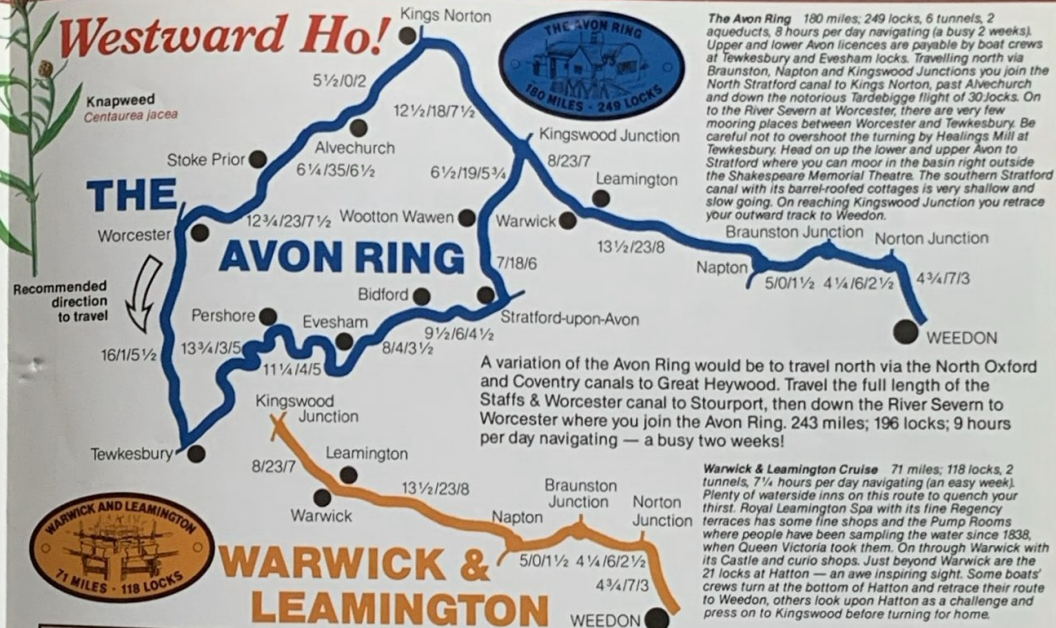
In addition to the three routes on this pages, a two week holiday could take you to Stoke-on-Trent and the beautiful Caldon Canal; alternatively on to Hardingswood Junction to explore the Macclesfield Canal.



The figures shown are the number of miles, the number of locks and the number of hours travel between places marked.

The Leicester Cruise 219 miles; 115 locks, 1 swing bridge, 5 tunnels; 7¼ hours per day navigating (an easy two weeks). Some lovely scenery. You travel the long winding Leicester summit to Foxton, down this famous flight of locks and the old inclined plane can still be seen. They use a steam engine to winch the narrowboats up the hill in tanks of water. The old town of Market Harborough makes a pleasant detour; then on through Leicester and down the River Soar. Do not be left at Trent and steam trains crossing bridge 38: this is the Great Central Steam Railway. Turn right at Trent and go on through Sharnford to Shardlow then via the Trent and Mersey and Coventry Canals and the lock free Ashby canal to Stratford and back then on south, skirting round Rugby and so through the 2045 yard long Braunston tunnel to Weedon.

Westward Ho!



The Avon Ring 180 miles, 249 locks, 6 tunnels, 2 aqueducts, 8 hours per day navigating (a busy 2 weeks). Upper and lower Avon licences are payable by boat crews at Tewkesbury and Evesham locks. Travelling north via Braunston, Napton and Kingswood Junctions you join the North Stratford canal to Kings Norton, past Alvechurch and down to Worcester. A large flight of 30 locks. On to the River Severn at Worcester, there are very few mooring places between Worcester and Tewkesbury. Be careful not to overshoot the turning by Healsings Mill at Tewkesbury. Head on up the lower and upper Avon to Stratford where you can moor in the basin right outside the Shakespeare Theatre. The canal to Stratford is a canal, its barrel-roofed cottages is very shallow and slow going. On reaching Kingswood Junction you retrace your outward track to Weedon.

A variation of the Avon Ring would be to travel north via the North Oxford and Coventry canals to Great Heywood. Travel the full length of the Staffs & Worcester canal to Stourport, then down the River Severn to Worcester where you join the Avon Ring, 243 miles; 196 locks; 9 hours per day navigating — a busy two weeks!

Warwick & Leamington Cruise 71 miles; 118 locks, 2 tunnels, 7½ hours per day navigating (an easy week). A plenty of water and fine views to guide you to quench your thirst. Royal Leamington Spa with its fine Regency terraces has some fine shops and the Pump Rooms where people have been sampling the water since 1838, when Queen Victoria took them. On through Warwick with its Castle and curio shops. Just beyond Warwick are the 21 locks at Hatton — an awe inspiring sight. Some boats' crews turn at the bottom of Hatton and retrace their route to Weedon, others look upon Hatton as a challenge and press on to Kingswood before turning for home.

Books and maps

- WATERWAYS SHEET MAPS** (see map on p.17 for areas covered)
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| 5. Cheshire Ring | 14. East Midlands Canals |
| 8. Chester and the Llangollen | 15. The Avon Ring |
| 10. The Four County Ring | 17. From Avon to Thames |
| 11. Trent Waters | 18. The Grand Union South |
| 12. Black Country Canals | 21. The Upper Thames |
| 13. The Warwickshire Ring | 22. London Waterway |

HOLIDAY ROUTE PLANNER

(gives times, distances & number of locks between places)

NICHOLSONS

The Ordnance Survey guide to the waterways Central

Nicholsons Inland Waterway Map (shown below)

Standards Map of the River Thames

WATERWAYS WORLD CANAL GUIDES

Coventry, Ashby & Oxford North (including Birmingham)

Grand Union Leicester section, (including R. Soar & Frewash Canal)

Grand Union South. (Stoke Bruerne to Brantford)

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These cover complete Canal routes between Oxford & ...

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Severn & Warwickshire Ring (Gayton, Birmingham, Fazeley, Snarestone) £7.60

Stourport Ring (Worcester, Stourport, Great Haywood, Evesham, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Birmingham)

Wolverhampton, Staffs. 1900-1901

Our Counties Ring

(Wolverhampton, Barbridge, Middlewich, Heywood, Wolverhampton)

When sitting round the fireside during the long winter evenings planning your holiday, you will find these books and maps most helpful, particularly the Pearsons Companions. All prices include postage and packing. There is space to order these books and maps on the booking form.





**CONCOFORM
MARINE**

THE BOATYARD HIGH STREET WEEDON NORTHAMPTON NN7 4QD
PHONE WEEDON (0327) 340739 UNTIL 16th April 1995, THEREAFTER (01327) 340739



Dear Holidaymaker

We are pleased to enclose our 1995 holiday brochure. We do hope that you will enjoy reading it and that you will consider taking a holiday aboard one of our canalboats to explore the inland waterways. Let our 30 years experience ensure that your boating holiday is a really enjoyable experience.

New for 1995 is a 65ft luxury six-berth canalboat named Silverweed, entering the fleet in March. This will be the fourth boat in this very popular class.

Also being introduced for 1995 is a new discount structure giving even more benefits to our customers (please see page 10 for details).

There is a real sense of adventure when setting off on a canal cruise, and a satisfactory feeling of achievement when returning to base. Holidays afloat are a wonderful way of relaxing and of enjoying the English countryside at your own individual pace.

We do hope that you will choose to holiday aboard one of our canalboats, whether you are a seasoned canal navigator or whether this is to be your first voyage.

You will be sure of real value for money and an enjoyable holiday with a company that has more years of experience in providing boating holidays than most.

Yours sincerely,

Norman
Clarke



These commemorative brass plaques are available from our Weedon boatyard while stocks last.

Operators of the Weed fleet holiday narrowboats. Proprietors Norman and Jenny Clarke.

Our customers' page — just a few of their letters

Kirkcaldrews-on-Eden
Carlisle
21st June 1994

Dear Concoform
On behalf of all the crew of Willowweed 4th-18th June, I would like to thank you for the hire of such a fine boat. Willowweed performed perfectly all through the holiday, she is certainly the best equipped and most comfortable boat we have yet hired. I have to admit that I thought that her 70ft length could be a little difficult to handle, but we found that she handled far better than a sixty-two foot boat that we hired from another company two years ago.

We spent a very enjoyable fortnight and travelled along the Grand Union to Kingswood Junction, then down the South Stratford on Avon. We then had a cruise along the river route back. Altogether a relaxing and very enjoyable way to spend a holiday, a route we would recommend to anyone else who does not want to 'do the ring'.

Sorry if we alarmed you on the second Tuesday of our holiday, but we thought we should inform you as soon as we knew that we were stuck the wrong side of the lock closure on the south Stratford that could have lasted until late on Thursday. In the event British Waterways did very well and the lock was open to traffic by the Wednesday lunchtime.

I was pleased to hear from one of your engineers on our return to the boatyard that a new 8-berth Silverweed is currently being fitted out. I would have no hesitation in recommending any of your latest craft to another potential boater.

So again, many thanks for a wonderful holiday, good luck for the rest of the season, and hope to be able to cruise on one of your boats again in the future.

Yours sincerely

Ian Beattie

Banbury
Oxon
24th September 1993

Dear Mr & Mrs Clarke and staff
I write on behalf of my husband, as well as myself, to thank you for all the marvellous holidays that we have enjoyed on board your boats. Each holiday was looked forward to with much eagerness and was always the highlight of our year. Indeed it was our experiences and involvement with your excellent services that finally persuaded us to make the ultimate decision to buy our own boat. We shall miss coming to you but will be seeing you from time to time as our mooring is nearby. We shall continue to recommend you whenever we can and wish you every success in the future.

Yours very sincerely

Jenny and Roy Glynn

Wallington
Surrey
19th September 1993

Dear Mr & Mrs Clarke and staff
Thank you for the wonderful holiday that we had on Chickweed - everything was there that we needed.
We really appreciate you sending us the film that you found on board after we left - we had missed it but thought that it was a bag somewhere. Many thanks.
We will definitely see you again.

Yours sincerely

Brenda & Frederick Garner

Baldock
Hertfordshire
15th November 1992

Dear Mr & Mrs Clarke
Just a note to express our gratitude for our superb holiday on Duckweed. Having never tried a narrowboat before it was with a certain amount of apprehension that we first boarded. All our worries were allayed within two minutes. The 'once-over' given by the engineer was quite comprehensive and the thirty minute trial run proved to be an absolute boon.

We were somewhat puzzled by the 'photo call' but all was explained with the arrival of the Helmsmans Log - what a brilliant idea! We were also impressed with the boat's inventory - down to trivial items like washing up liquid and toilet rolls (unheard of on the Broad!). All checks and tuition completed we set off on our mad dash to Stoke Bruerne before darkness set in. We made it with about 10 minutes to spare after a nervous transition of the Blisworth Tunnel.

All in all we found that Duckweed handled superbly and was comfortable and warm. For the time of year the weather was magnificent with the helmaman getting wet for about 1 hour (the kids liked that bit). The chilliness of the evenings was dealt with by using warm gloves on the tiller and a regular supply of hot toddies. You will most definitely be hearing from us soon as we have every intention of booking Duckweed again, this time for at least two weeks but hopefully a bit earlier in the year.

Yours sincerely

R Holbrook

Haverlingland
Norwich
October 1993

Dear Mrs Clarke
Apologies - we managed to pack one of your tea cloths in our case. Please find it enclosed duly washed and pressed.
Many thanks for yet another lovely holiday afloat - we hope to make it again next year - finances permitting!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jill Forster

Mississauga
Ontario
November 15th 1992

Dear Mr & Mrs Clarke
Out trip in Roseweed seems now like a beautiful dream. I only wish we had done this at a much younger age - so by this time in history I could say it was my tenth trip! Roseweed is a dear boat - beautifully equipped and breathing taking.
Our friend who joined us for a few days enjoyed it to the fullest. Should it be possible to get a 'Boatman's Log' for her?
Thank you both Ian and Brian for all your help and hospitality. Tell Ian whenever I see a 'wolf dog' I think of him.

Sincerely Bert and Elizabeth Fleming

Braintree
Essex
14th July 1992

Dear Mr Clarke
Thank you for returning our damage deposit cheque.
It isn't often following a holiday that I have been moved to put pen to paper, but I feel I must express our delight and thanks for a really enjoyable holiday.

The boat Jimsoneed was absolutely wonderful, clean and comfortable that we immediately felt at home and very impressed. As complete beginners and not really 'nautical' types, our whole family had a great time.

We hope to be back.
Thanks again. Yours sincerely

Barbara Johnson (Mrs)

North Yorkshire
29th August 1991

Dear Concoform
I am writing on behalf of all the crew of Shoreweed on that wonderful week afloat that we had in August. Although we were a bit concerned at first as to what to do, our 'Waterways Code for Boaters' and then further by the tuition from you at the boatyard.

Our cruise down the scenic Oxford Canal was very good and we made plenty of new friends along the way, especially at the locks. They were very helpful to us as it was our first canal holiday and they put us right if we were unsure.

The boats were very comfortable and portrayed a very homely atmosphere. We enjoyed working the locks and steering the boat was a skill in itself. Our holiday was great and we will look forward to booking a reliable weed in the future!

Thank you again, Simon Midgley

Ventnor
Isle of Wight
14th June 1992

Dear Mr Clarke and Staff
Thank you for sending the cheque for £60 as returned damage deposit.

Once again we had a very enjoyable holiday and found Londonweed to be very comfortable, clean and well equipped. The little extras on board made our two weeks holiday all the nicer.

As always we found the staff of Concoform Marine very helpful and friendly.
We went to Oxford where we moored up for a couple of days and had a good look round and then to Newbold on Avon before making our way back. As we had two weeks it was nice to take our time and sit back and watch the world go by and admire the scenery, we all came home feeling very relaxed.

Looking forward to our next 'Weed' holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Marion & David Walker and the crew!

P.S. Could we please have the same weather next year - hot and sunny every day.



CONCOFORM MARINE

THE BOATYARD HIGH STREET WEEDON NORTHAMPTON NN7 4QD
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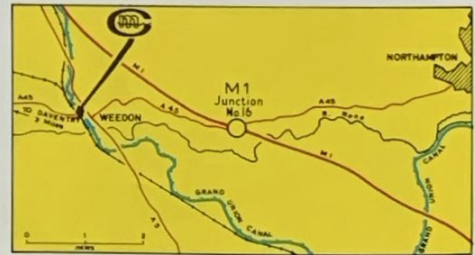
How to reach us

This map shows the location of our Weedon boatyard. For those coming by train the most practical transportation from Northampton Station is by taxi, the distance is approximately 8 miles.

Having reached Weedon and the junction of the A5 and the A45, proceed up the A45 towards Daventry for approximately 300 yards. The entrance to the boatyard is through the gateway opposite the Heart of England public house.

HOURS OF BUSINESS

April to October inclusive Tuesday to Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sunday and Monday closed.
November to March inclusive Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday closed.



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