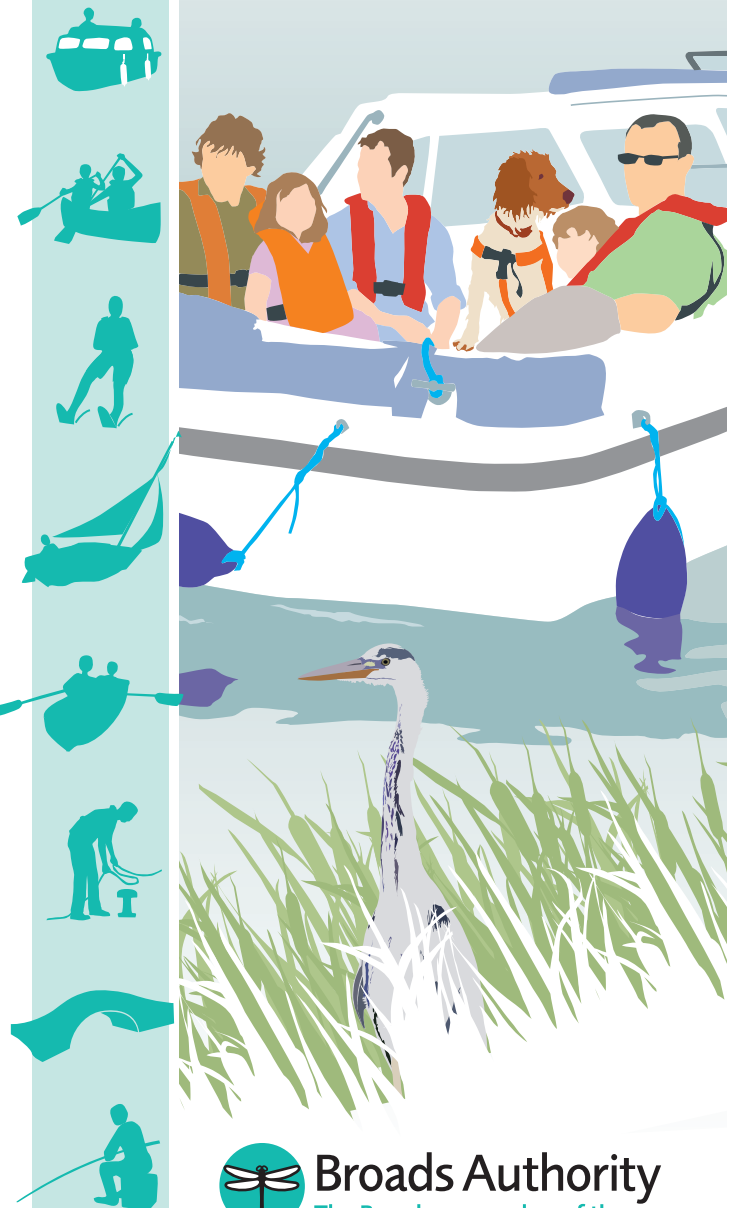




Day Boating



 **Broads Authority**
The Broads - a member of the
National Park family

Welcome to day boating

Boats are an essential part of the Broads, but whether you're a first-time boater or you've been boating all your life, please take care of yourself, your passengers, others on the waterways, the wildlife and the fragile world of the Broads.

Slow down and ...

see more ... in a small boat
you're closer to the wildlife -
grebes dancing,
dragonflies darting
and if you're really lucky,
otters frolicking.



Broads information centres

Beccles
tel/fax 01502 713196

Hoveton/Wroxham
tel/fax 01603 782281

Potter Heigham
tel 01692 677016

Ranworth
tel/fax 01603 270453

Toad Hole Cottage, How Hill
tel/fax 01692 678763

Whitlingham Visitor Centre, Norwich
tel 01603 617332



Try to take a mobile phone, make sure it is charged and know your number.

Useful numbers

Emergencies 999

Coastguard, Police, Ambulance, Fire

Problems/advice Broads Radio Control
Broads Authority 01603 756056

Police 0845 4564567
*non-emergency number for crime
and anti-social behaviour*

If you have to telephone in an emergency be as specific as possible about your location. Give:

- the name of the boat
- how many people are on board
- the name of the river
- the nearest village
- any nearby landmarks/post number
- the nearest 24 hour mooring site - this may include a grid reference



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Further information, Byelaws and Better Boating DVD available from the Broads Authority, Dragonfly House, 2 Gilders Way, Norwich NR3 1UB tel 01603 610734 fax 01603 756069 broads@broads-authority.gov.uk www.broads-authority.gov.uk



Think ahead

- **Plan your trip.** How far can you go in the time you have - an hour, half a day, a whole day? Where will you moor up on the way? (See map and journey times inside). Keep an eye on the weather.
- Boatyard staff will explain the basics of day boating and where to moor - please follow their guidance.
- You are not allowed to fish from a moving boat. Remember there's a closed season for fishing 15 March - 15 June.
- Stay out of the water - it's **never** safe to swim.



Getting on board

- Always ask for and wear a life-jacket or buoyancy aid.
- Be careful getting on board and stepping ashore - it could be slippery.
- Make sure that nothing is trailing behind the boat - e.g. mooring ropes - they could get caught around the propeller.

Go boating ... safely!

- Stay just to the right of the centre of the channel. In marked channels, stay within the red and green posts.
- Keep to the speed limits. Boat waves damage banks, harm wildlife and can be dangerous for other boaters and anglers.
- Make sure children are supervised. Young children are not allowed to helm the boat.
- Make sure you and your crew are always safely inside the cockpit.
- Keep a good lookout for boaters and anglers.



Follow directions from sailing boats -

They use the wind so may have to zig-zag across the water. Try to pass behind them.

- Watch out for fishing gear in the water and keep clear if possible.
- Take extra care near boats which are dredging or doing other maintenance work.
- **Boats don't have brakes** - use reverse to help slow down the boat. It helps to moor against the tide or current as your boat is easier to control. If anglers are fishing from a mooring, try to moor away from them.

Enjoy a relaxing trip

approximate journey times - in hours, one way



Northern rivers & broads

River Bure

Wroxham ~ Coltishall	2
Wroxham ~ Salhouse Broad	1
Salhouse Broad ~ Horning	1
Horning ~ Ranworth	1
Ranworth ~ South Walsham	1½
South Walsham ~ St Benet's Abbey	1
St Benet's Abbey ~ Upton	1½
Upton ~ Acle	½
Acle ~ Stokesby	½

River Ant

Stalham ~ Wayford Bridge	¾
Stalham ~ Sutton	½
Stalham ~ Barton Broad	¾
Sutton ~ Barton Broad	½
Barton Broad ~ How Hill	1
How Hill ~ Ludham Bridge	¾
Ludham Bridge ~ Ranworth	1½
Ludham Bridge ~ Upton	2

River Thurne

Hickling ~ Horsey	¾
Hickling ~ West Somerton	1½
West Somerton ~ Potter Heigham	1
Potter Heigham ~ Womack Water	½
Womack Water ~ Thurne	½

- Navigable
- Not navigable
- Limit of navigation for hire boats
- Bridge
- Free mooring (Broads Authority)
- Broads information centre

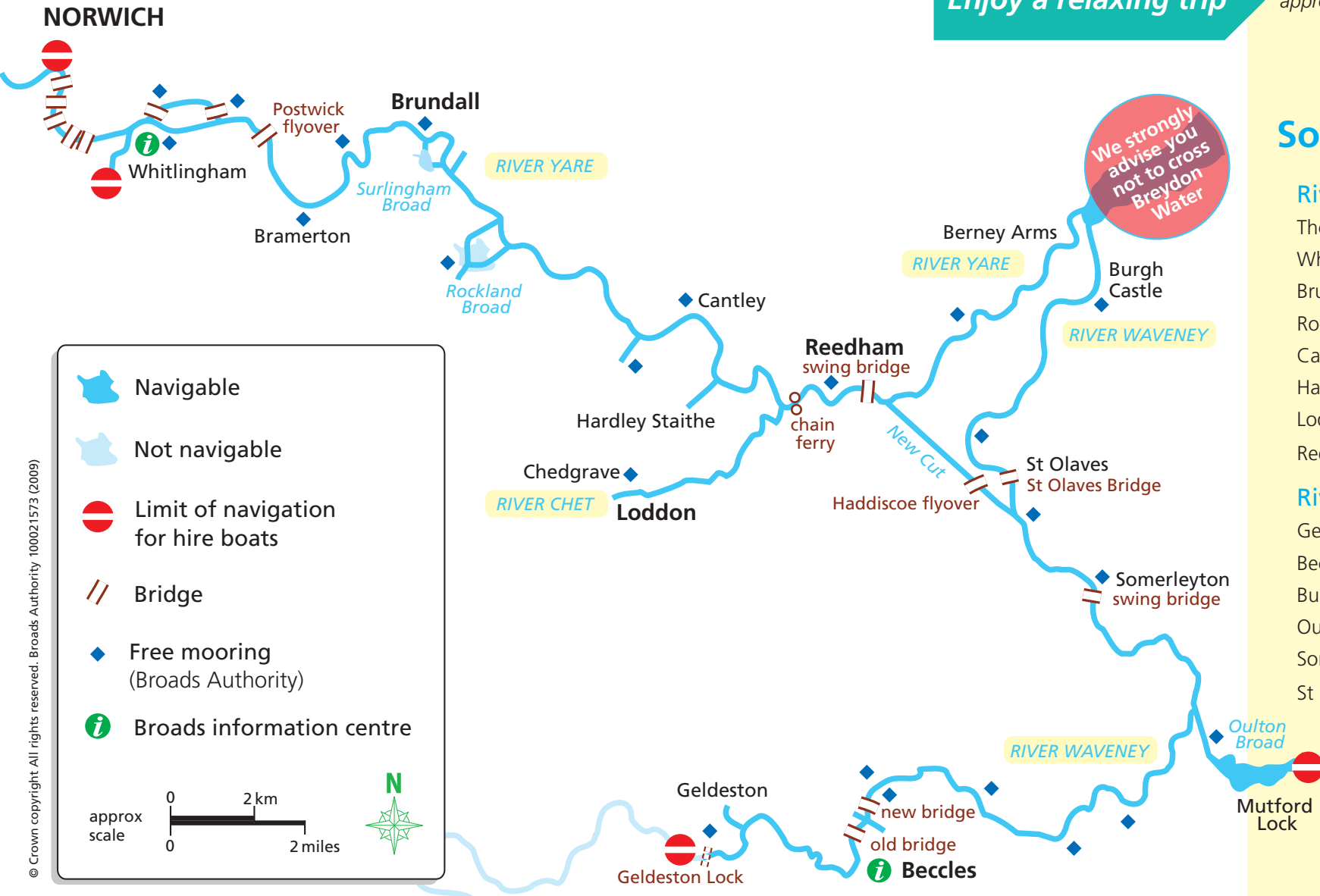
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We strongly advise you not to cross Breydon Water

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approx scale

0 2 km / 0 2 miles

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Southern rivers & broads

Rivers Yare and Chet

Thorpe St Andrew ~ Whitlingham	1/4
Whitlingham ~ Brundall	2
Brundall ~ Rockland	3/4
Rockland ~ Cantley	2
Cantley ~ Hardley Staithe	1/2
Hardley Staithe ~ Reedham	3/4
Loddon ~ Reedham	1 1/2
Reedham ~ Berney Arms	3/4

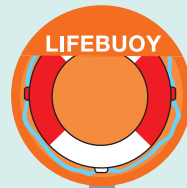
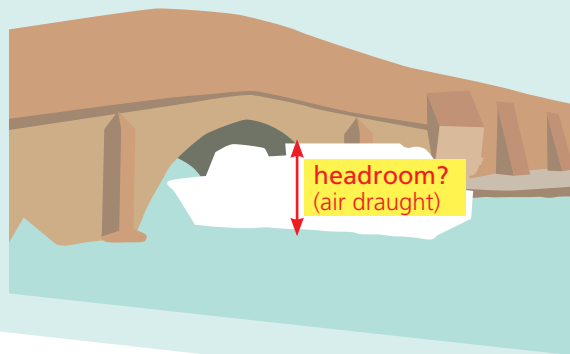
River Waveney

Geldeston ~ Beccles	1
Beccles ~ Burgh St Peter	2
Burgh St Peter ~ Oulton Broad	3/4
Oulton Broad ~ Somerleyton	1 1/2
Somerleyton ~ St Olaves	3/4
St Olaves ~ Burgh Castle	3/4

Going under bridges

On larger boats make sure you know the headroom (air draught) your boat needs before trying to pass under. Check the advance bridge gauge board to see what clearance you have available and whether your boat will pass through.

Watch your head!

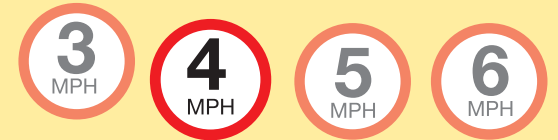


Mooring

There are free Broads Authority moorings throughout the Broads. There are also parish, boatyard and some other private moorings, such as pubs - there may be a charge for any of these.



Please follow the guidance from boatyard staff on how to moor.



For safety and protection of the environment please keep to the speed limits - look out for the signs.

4 mph is a very fast walking pace.