

Our Mooring

Our narrowboats are moored on the River Calder in the centre of Wakefield at Wakefield Sea Cadets.

Thornes Ln, Wakefield WF1 5QW

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From our mooring, there is easy access upstream onto the Calder & Hebble Navigation and from there onto either the Rochdale Canal or Huddersfield Broad Canal which leads onto the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

Downstream access is onto the Aire & Calder Navigation and from there onto either the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, Selby Canal, Stainforth & Keadby Canal or Sheffield & Tinsley Canal.

Please be aware that only masters and crew can board our narrowboats at our mooring; all other passengers must board at an alternative pick up point, see below for details.

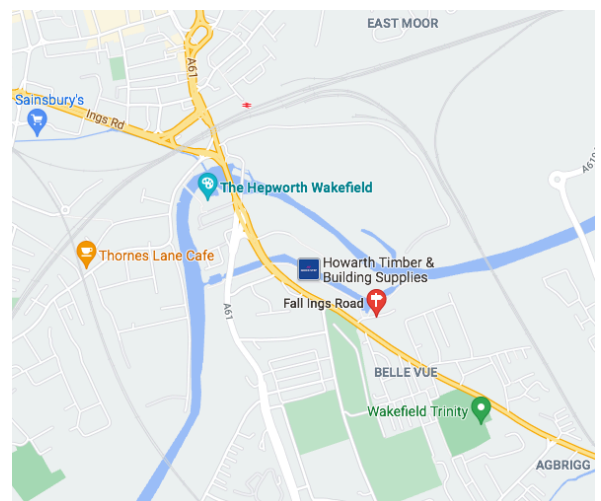
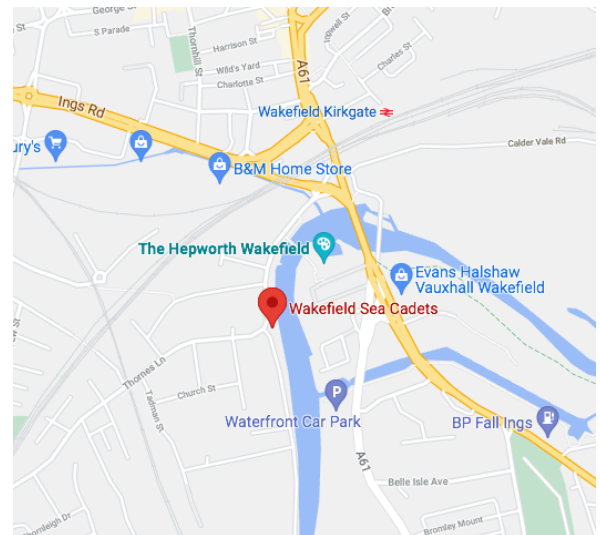
Recommended Pick up Point

The recommended pick up/drop off point for all other passengers is:

Fall Ings Basin, Fall Ings Road, Wakefield, WF1 5DT.

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This is a 5 minutes cruise from our mooring and please be considerate to other boats, especially those in residential moorings and ensure any disturbance is kept to a minimum.



Mooring Information

Angus Ferguson/ScoutingVenture's mooring at the Sea Cadets' HQ

The Sea Cadets have allowed us to moor both boats at their Thornes Wharf Headquarters. We have a duty to preserve their goodwill by decent, courteous behaviour.

Access to the Sea Cadets' site is for the Master of the boat and crew only.

The site is accessed through a large security gate at the junction of Thornes Lane and Thornes Wharf.

The key for the padlock is with the boat keys (it is a coated black key with a small blue pip on it.)

The padlock is chained to the fencing to prevent loss and the key can only be removed when the padlock is locked.

The gates are very heavy, as are the moving parts for bolting and locking. The left hand gate swings outwards (towards the pavement) and can fold back to the wall if needed. Please do not drive your vehicle onto the Sea Cadet's site.

The gates should be locked behind you once entry has been gained to preserve the security of the site.

ALL other passengers must be loaded and off-loaded elsewhere (Fall Ings Lock is our preferred local place) but you must ensure that there is a responsible adult to supervise the group and ensure that the residential boat owners are not disturbed.

Angus Ferguson/Scouting Venture – Alternative Mooring

During the summer when the boat is in almost constant use it is often moored at The Navigation Public House, Broad Cut Road, Calder Grove, Wakefield WF4 3DS

Cars may be left for evening trips in the pub car park but for weekends there is on road parking available at the rear of the pub.

Both the crew and the passengers are able to board at this location. Behaviour in this public area is obviously of paramount importance.

There are now toilet emptying facilities at Sea Cadets

The boats are moored together and extra care must therefore be taken when leaving and returning to the mooring.

You must have at least one other person with you to assist in releasing your boat from its mooring and pushing off at the front.

Where a Supervisor is required (see 2 below) you must not attempt to move your boat without being supervised by a qualified member of the WDS Narrowboat Committee.

Leaving the mooring point at Sea Cadets

- 1. If the boat you have booked is in the outside position i.e. it is secured to our other boat on the bank:
 - Board your boat by stepping across the ‘inside’ boat**
 - Release your boat from its mooring points to the other boat taking care not to compromise the other boat’s mooring rope****

- **Move off the mooring taking care to avoid contact with our other boat and Sea Cadet craft**
2. **If the boat you have booked is in the 'inside' position, i.e. our other boat is moored against it:**
- **It is imperative that the 'outside' boat is kept secure from drifting down river whilst the 'inside' boat is released from its moorings on the bank.**
 - **The supervisor will be responsible for giving appropriate instruction**

which will be either:

- i. **The supervisor moving the outside boat, under its power, to an alternative mooring or keeping it in mid-river whilst the inside boat is moved, or**
 - ii. **Securing the outside boat on longer ropes to allow room for the inside boat to move off and then pulling the outside boat back to the bank mooring.**
- c. **The method chosen will be entirely the supervisor's decision based on their assessment of the situation at the time specifically taking account of weather conditions, wind strength, direction and rate of river flow etc and the previous experience of the hiring Master.**

Returning to mooring at Sea Cadets

1. **If no boat is on the mooring:**
- **the front of the boat must be against the flow of the river**
 - **secure the front of the boat to the scaffold pole adjacent to the floodlight and the rear of the boat to the scaffold pole adjacent to the**

stairs, positioning the boarding point at the rear of the boat to the stairs

- there is further instruction and guidance on securing the boat to the bank contained within the information folder on board each boat

2. If there is already a boat on the mooring:

- The front of the boat must be against the flow of the river
- Carefully pull up alongside the moored boat
- Secure your boat to the mooring pins at the front and rear of the moored boat by stepping onto the inside boat as necessary. Ensure your boat is fully under control at all times
- Disembark the boat by stepping across the inside boat onto the bank

Angus Ferguson/Scouting Venture **Clothing**

Participants should be advised to pack as if for any other outdoor camp, though sleeping mats are not required.

- Waterproof jacket and over-trousers
- Sensible footwear – non slip, no heels – trainers or walking boots are the preferred footwear
- No jeans
- Gloves
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunhat
- Neckers not to be worn when operating locks

Contact Numbers

If you have an incident or problem whilst on board Angus Ferguson or Scouting Venture that you feel needs attention from one of the committee members or from a District Scouting official please use the following contact numbers.

Keith Allen 07801 531123
River Conditions, and state of floodgates, Mechanical and boating advice
(Committee Member)

Chris Duggan 07851 308856
For **Key Collection**, Mechanical, electrical boating advice
(Committee Member)

Chris Stead 07926 045250
For Mechanical, electrical boating advice (ADC Narrowboats, Committee Member)

Phil Short 07983 807477
(Narrowboat Committee Chair)

Richard Lister 07836 226443
(Booking Secretary)

Adrian Cooper 07719909622
(District Commissioner)

Canal and River Trust

In an Emergency 999
To report an incident 0303 0404040
Urgent but not an emergency 0800 4799947

Enjoy Your Trip

Booking Conditions

Booking Definitions:

The following are an indication of the agreed times for bookings but these can be flexed if required depending on availability

Weekend	Friday 5pm to Sunday dusk
Evening	From 5pm til dusk
Saturday and Sunday	From 9am Saturday til Sunday dusk
Day	From 9 am til dusk
Week	7 days / 6 nights, 9am til dusk
Day with night	From 9am til 9am
Mid-week afternoon	From 1pm til 5pm

Booking Conditions

For all journeys a Master is required who must either be a County Assessor or hold a current Scout Association Adventurous Activities (Narrow Boat) permit, or Girl Guiding equivalent, and be a member of the Scout (or Girl Guiding) Association. An RYA permit is not sufficient. If no-one in your party holds the relevant Scout Activity permit, we will try to find a qualified Master for you, but we cannot guarantee this. We will not provide a master for trips longer than a 'normal' weekend booking; i.e. for trips starting on a Friday evening and ending on a Sunday afternoon.

For overnight bookings involving young people, a member of your party must hold the Scout Association Nights Away (NA) Permit (or Girl Guiding equivalent) and a Greenfield (toilet) permit. If the Master is also the NA Permit holder, they must remain on the boat at all times. Please remember to notify your DC that you are out of district for this event. For non-Scouting / Guiding groups, the requirements of your organisation for overnight trips must be followed.

Copies of all permits must be provided to the Bookings Secretary before the booked trip.

DEPOSITS and BALANCE PAYMENTS

All bookings are on a first come, first served basis. The deposit must be paid within 14 days of your request to secure the booking. Deposits are non-refundable in the event that the hirer themselves cancels the booking where there are no other factors present that would have prevented the booking being completed.

In the event that a booking cannot proceed due to circumstances outside the control of the hirer; for example, flood conditions, adverse weather making towpaths hazardous, other circumstances where the booking has been cancelled by Wakefield Scouts and the boat(s) being unavailable for whatever reason, then the deposit will either be refunded to the hirer, or kept as a deposit for an alternative booking date

Deposits are payable as follows:

Value of Booking	Deposit Payable
Up to £99	£25
£100 to £199	£50
£200 to £399	£100
£400 +	£150

*Please note above deposits are per boat.

The balance is payable 3 weeks before the start of the booking. On receipt of payment / payment confirmation for electronic payments, Key Holder and other relevant information will be provided. Delays in sending payment impact key collection so please ensure payment is made on time.

The balance is only refundable if weather or water conditions prevent cruising, or in the event the boat becomes unusable (due to mechanical problems, for example), or for any other reason where the booking is cancelled by the narrowboat committee.

Rebooking for another date in these circumstances will attract the same fee applicable for the cancelled booking. However, where the hirer cancels the booking then the revised booking will normally attract the fee applicable at the time of the revised booking.

The Group Leader in conjunction with the Master, if appropriate, must review the risk assessment and amend it according to the needs of the group.

The Rules of The Boat must be adhered to at all times.

All incidents and damage must be reported to the Narrowboat Committee Chairman (Phil Short - 07983 807477) within 48 hours of occurrence.

Out of consideration to others, our boats **must** be left in a clean and tidy condition at the end of your trip, including emptying the toilet and refilling the water tank. Cleaning equipment is kept on the boats (mop, bucket and broom etc).

Please remember that if you fail to clean the boat it means that one of our volunteers has to and therefore. We do reserve the right to either refuse to accept a booking or to add a cleaning charge to future bookings from groups that fail to comply with this requirement

Emergency situations; What If.....?

Emergency contact details for the Narrowboat team and cwill be provided along with the key collection information and a copy is also kept on-board both boats on prominent display. Clearly in an emergency situation then the correct procedure is for a 999 call to be made.

Breakdown: If there is a mechanical failure or breakdown the Narrowboat team will endeavour to assist you as promptly as they can.

You must not attempt to continue your journey until the failure has been assessed, other than ensuring the boat is in a safe position.

They will not be responsible for any delay, loss or damage. You should not place any order for parts or work to be done without the permission of the Narrowboat team.

Accidents and Loss of Water: The person in charge of the vessel is responsible for safe navigation. In the event of an accident **DO NOT** admit liability under any circumstances, but take photographs if possible. Contact the Narrowboat team **immediately** giving precise location, circumstances, names and addresses of other persons involved and any witnesses.

Loss or Damage to equipment, discharge of life jacket cartridges, discharge of fire extinguishers: The cost of replacement may be levied in case of damage or loss to items such as spikes, windlasses, lock keys and all other consumables. The cost of a replacement cartridge for

the life jacket will be levied if one is discharged without valid cause. The replacement cost of a new fire extinguisher must also be met if the device is discharged without valid cause. These charges will be invoiced to your group after the booking and must be paid within 30 days.

Incidents involving the boats and damage to the boats: All incidents involving the boats and any damage caused to them must be reported to the Narrowboat Committee as soon as possible and within 48 hours of occurrence (dependent on the seriousness of the incident).

Full details of those committee members that can be called in an emergency, and their respective contact numbers, are prominently displayed on the boats. An incident report form, if requested by the Narrowboat chairman, must be completed within 7 days.

Lock or other part of the waterways infrastructure fails to operate normally (for example a swing bridge or other type of bridge) and stops your progress: this should be reported to a member of the Narrowboat Committee immediately using the call-out procedure referred to above. Dependent on the nature of the issue the committee will make the decision whether to report it to CRT (Canal & River Trust) for resolution. In all cases we will give you advice and guidance over the telephone, and where appropriate, by coming to site to give hands-on help.

Under no circumstances whatsoever should the boats be used to push, nudge or ram lock gates or bridge structures in an attempt to open them. Such action is highly likely to cause injury to persons on the boat and in the vicinity, and cause damage to lock / bridge equipment and the boats themselves

Lost Property; where hirers leave personal or group belongings of a non-perishable nature on the boats the narrowboat committee will retain the items for a period of 14 days, during which it will be the hirer's responsibility to contact the narrowboat committee and claim and collect the items.

If the items are not claimed within the 14 days then the narrowboat committee reserves the right to dispose of the items as it sees fit.

If perishable items are left on the boats (e.g. food stuffs), then these will be disposed of immediately.

Cleaning Requirements and Expectations:

We now offer the option to have the boat cleaned at the end of your hire at a cost of £50 which will be added on to the total cost of your hire.

When handing the boats back at the end of your hire you are required to leave the boats in a clean and tidy state. The expectations are as follows.

- Remove all kit, food, and belongings.
- Ensure cupboards are empty and wipe out.
- Ensure all under bunk lockers are empty and clean.
- Wipe clean all surfaces i.e., work tops, tables etc. (if cleaning option is not chosen)
- Ensure all toilet cassettes are empty and recharge with chemical bag.
- Leave the bunks in the table and chairs configuration.
- Sweep and mop all floors including toilet. (if cleaning option is not chosen)
- Wipe around toilet. (if cleaning option is not chosen)
- Ensure sinks are clean. (if cleaning option is not chosen)
- Ensure all pots, pans, cutlery, crockery are put away
- Ensure Fridge is empty and wipe out and leave the door ajar. (if cleaning option is not chosen)

Please note, If the boats are not to the standard stated above and you have not chosen the cleaning option you will be liable for the cost of a clean at £50.