



Foxhangers Canal Holidays



ACCESS FOR ALL

Many people with special requirements or those less mobile can enjoy canal holidays and we are pleased to welcome them on board. However for safety reasons at least two of the party must be active enough to operate the boat, locks and swing bridges. If these people are new to the waterways we will provide full instruction before you take over the boat.

Foxhangers Canal Holidays does not offer any boats specifically adapted for wheel chair access or for those with severely restricted mobility, the Bruce Trust www.brucetrust.org.uk do have such boats or alternatively contact the Community Boat Association on 0845 0510649 www.national-cba.co.uk.

At Foxhangers Wharf

Access is off of the main road and as far as the farmhouse is a tarmac surface. Beyond the car park, and the wharf area itself, are unmade gravel surfaces with many uneven sections. It is possible to bring cars up to within a few feet of the boat for unloading/loading however the car park is some 50 yards (45 metres) away, up a fairly steep incline. We do our best to avoid trip hazards but like all wharves there will be ropes and just occasionally pipes to be aware of.

Toilets

There are toilets facilities, including a dedicated Disabled Access cubicle, beside the farmhouse about 300 yards (274 metres) from the Wharf. It is possible to park a car almost right outside if necessary.

The Boats

Access to each boat will be directly from the Wharf edge and this will involve either a small step up to the stern (back) deck or a higher step up and over the gunwale into the bow (front) deck. However once underway it is likely that access from the canal towpath to the bow or stern deck will include walking a few steps along a wooden plank between the bank and the boat.

From either deck there are 1 or 2 steps down onto the flat floor of the boat. The doors giving access from the front deck into the saloon are double width between 22-26in (56-66cm) outward opening. The access door at the rear opens inward and is between 15-19in wide (38-48cm). On the Silver Fox fleet, ie boats with a semi-traditional stern, the rear steps into the boat turn to the right through 90 degrees.

The corridors are a minimum 20in width (51cm) and interior height is at least 6ft 4in (193cm) in the centre of the boat, 6ft (183cm) at the lowest point.

Internal and external pictures of the boats, measurements for beds, etc. can be viewed on our website www.foxhangers.co.uk.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any stage to discuss your needs. We are keen to do everything we can to help.

A holiday at your own pace