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# NARROWBOAT TRIP

## INFORMATION SHEET

**Date:**

**Venue:** Falcon Adam Narrowboat.

**Cost:** £ per child (in the event of cancellation the money is only refundable if we can fill the place)

**Transport:** **Children will need transport to and from the venue.** Parents are welcome to look round the boat on arrival.

**Forms** please return the consent form as soon as possible.  
The Health form should be brought along on the day along with any medication that needs to be administered (named, with dosage) **WE CANNOT ACCEPT A CHILD WITHOUT THEM**  
Please make your Guider aware of any dietary or medical needs or problems a.s.a.p

**Pocket money.** There is an on-board shop selling badges, certificates, toys, etc. suggested £3- £5 (in change please)

**Drop off** Frouds bridge marina at 7pm on the Friday evening having had tea (they will be given a drink and biscuit before bed)

**Pick up** from Frouds Bridge marina at 5pm on Sunday afternoon (subject to delays on canal)

**Staff:** skipper\*

\* Guiding and CCBM qualified skipper

**Accommodation** – Falcon Adam is a 70' narrowboat designed to sleep 12 in bunks. It has a fully equipped kitchen and 2 bathrooms as well as a seating area for eating indoors.

Please note that space is at a premium so pack everything in a squashable holdall!

**Route** Brownies will be boarding the narrowboat at Frouds bridge marina on the Friday evening. We will be traveling to Newbury on the Saturday, staying there sat night then traveling back to Frouds bridge on the Sunday where they can be picked up at 5pm subject to delays on the canal

**Directions:**     **Frouds bridge marina: RG7 4LH** from M4 J12 – take A4 towards Newbury, at the first two roundabouts continue straight ahead. Drive for a further 2 ½ miles on A4 passing Spring Inn on your left and a petrol station on the left and caravan centre on the right. At the next roundabout (A340 to Basingstoke) continue along A4. You will see a road to Upper Woolhampton on your right, take the next left, Frouds lane. Go over the railway then over the canal and turn right past castle windows in Frouds park and through gate into Frouds bridge marina.

From M4 J13 take A34 then A339 towards Newbury. Take A4 towards Thatcham. Follow A4 through Thatcham and Woolhampton. You will pass Sun garage on the right and next right is Frouds lane. Turn into Frouds lane and follow directions above.

**Newbury:** Come off M4 at junction 13, Take A339 towards Newbury. In Newbury take A4 towards Thatcham, get into the right hand lane and turn right onto faraday road. Follow the road to the end and turn into football pay and display car park. Should there be a football match on, you can park in the library car park. RG14 5AU. The boat is usually moored in the wharf next to Victoria park.

## **Health**

The risk of contracting illness from contact with canal water is small but there are a few precautions you should follow to minimize this further.

- Cover any cuts with a waterproof plaster
- Wash after contact with the water
- Avoid immersing yourself in the water

If, after coming in contact with canal water, you develop symptoms such as fever, chills, headache or vomiting within 2 days – 4 weeks, seek medical attention.

Say that you have been in contact with a possible contaminant and mention Leptospirosis or Weils disease. A simple blood test can test for the virus which can then be treated with antibiotics.

Please note that this is **very rare** and most cases are farmers with direct contact with infected animals, or canoeists in infected waters