

Exploring the Broads

The Broads and surrounding countryside are the ideal place for cycling. Quiet country lanes, gentle slopes, beautiful countryside and fresh air; all combine to make cycling a real pleasure.



There are plenty of pretty villages within easy reach, with ancient churches, wind pumps and other attractions to enjoy. You can even make it to the nearby coast, with its rolling waves, dunes and beautiful sandy beaches.



Above all, there are stunning views, with white sails drifting in the distance alongside marshlands with waving reed-beds, set beneath the spectacular skies for which the area is famous.



Some parts of the Broads are best seen by boat, and Canadian canoes are an ideal way of discovering the secluded

waterways and other delights of this fragile wetland.

Canoeing is silent, so you will be able to get closer to the wildlife, including water voles, great crested grebes, kingfishers, herons and, if you're lucky, otters. Looking down into the water you may see fish and freshwater mussels as you paddle along.

Whatever you choose to do, cycling and canoeing give you the freedom to explore this beautiful and special area at your own pace, with plenty of riverside pubs and cafes to complete your refreshment and relaxation.

Canoes

Bungay, Outney Meadow Caravan Park, NR35 1HG tel 01986 892338
www.outneymeadow.co.uk

Burgh St Peter, Waveney River Centre, NR34 0BT tel 01502 677343
www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk

Geldeston, Rowan Craft, NR34 0LY tel 01508 518208
www.rowancraft.com

Hickling, Whispering Reeds, Staithe Road, NR12 0YW tel 01692 598314
www.WhisperingReeds.net

Martham Boats, NR29 4RF tel 01493 740249
www.marthamboats.com

Salhouse Broad, Lower Street, Salhouse, NR13 6RX tel 07795 145475 / 01603 722775
www.salhousebroad.org.uk

Sutton Staithe Boatyard, NR12 9QS tel 01692 581653
www.suttonstaitheboatyard.co.uk

Wayford Bridge, Bank Dayboats, NR12 9LN tel 01692 582457
www.bankboats.co.uk, urwin@clara.net

Wroxham, Barnes Brinkcraft, Riverside Road, NR12 8UD tel 01603 782625
www.barnesbrinkcraft.co.uk

Bikes

Bungay (see under canoe hire)

Burgh St Peter (see under canoe hire)

Clippesby Hall, NR29 3BL tel 01493 367800
www.clippesby.com

Hoveton, Broadland Cycle Hire at Bewilderwood, Horning Road, NR12 8JW tel 07887 480331
www.norfolkbroadsbicycling.co.uk

Ludham Bridge Services, NR29 5NX tel 01692 630486 / 630322

Stokesby, Riverside Tea Rooms and Stores, NR29 3EX tel 01493 750470

Bike & Canoe

Hire in the Broads 2010



Bikes for all ages
from £12 a day,
half-day, hourly and
family rates on request



Broads Bike Hire



2 & 3 seater canoes
£30 a day, £20 a
half-day, 24 hour
and hourly rates
on request



Broads Canoe Hire





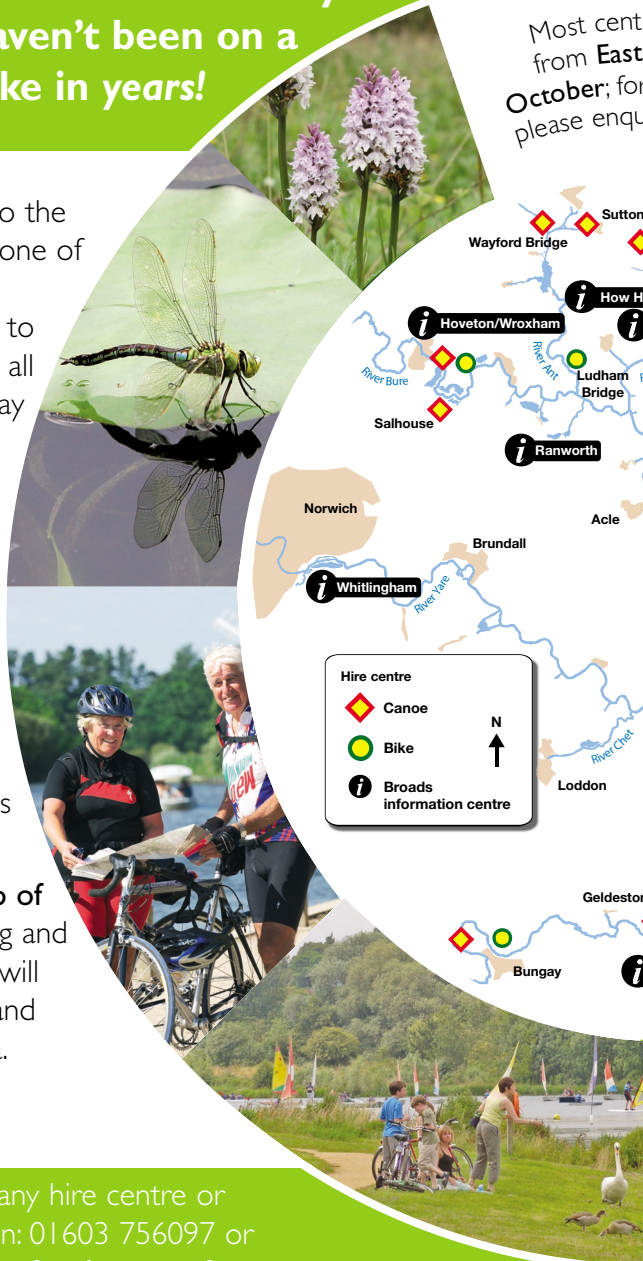
Broads Bike Hire

Great fun - even if you haven't been on a bike in years!

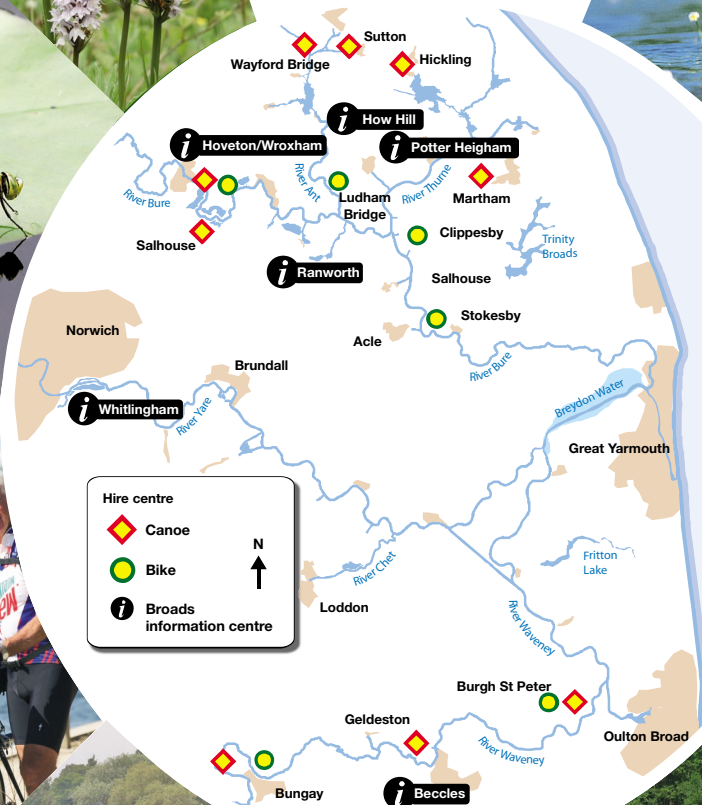
Make the most of your visit to the Broads by hiring a bike from one of the network of six bike hire centres, mostly situated close to moorings. There are bikes for all ages - prices start at £12 a day for adults and some centres have half-day, hourly and family rates.

At each centre you will find high quality bikes for adults with locks and racks for your bags. Child seats are available, and some centres have children's bikes and tandems - contact the centres for full details.

The hire price includes a **map of a long or short route** starting and finishing at the centre, which will guide you around the sights and special attractions of the area.



Most centres are open from **Easter / April to October**; for other periods please enquire at centres.

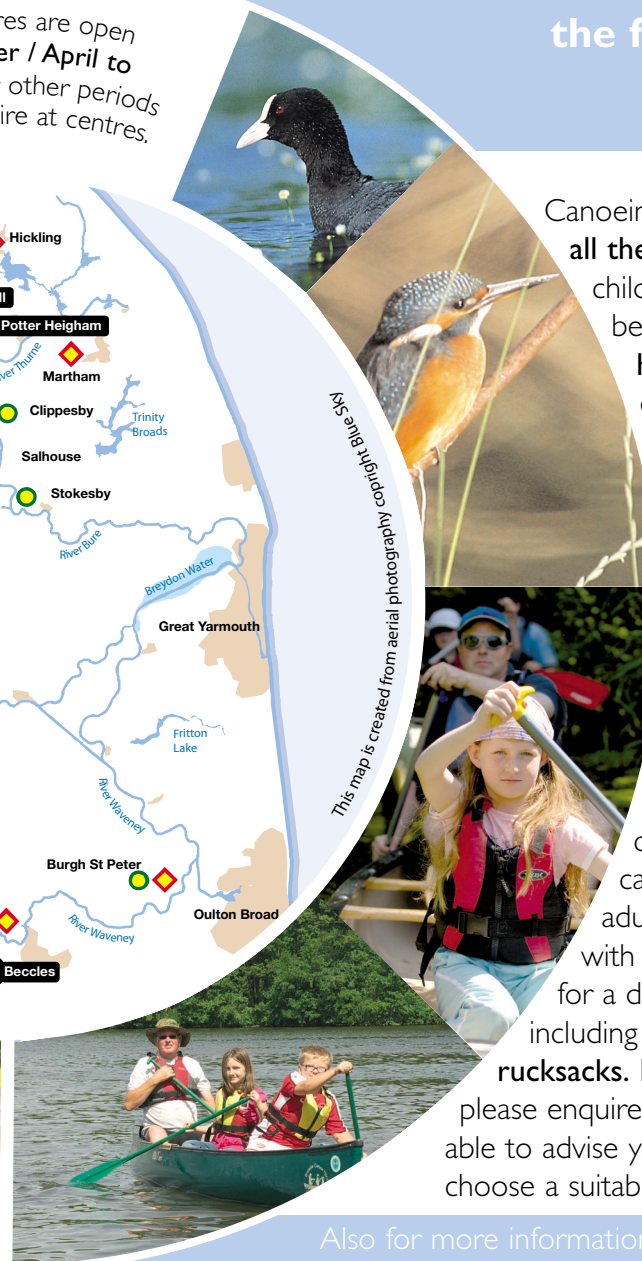


Great fun afloat - for all the family



Canoeing in the Broads is suitable for **all the family**, including young children. If you've never canoed before you'll be amazed at **how easy** it is. Canoeing allows exploration of all but the smallest of the waterways of the Broads - it's ideal for exploring the headwaters (less tidal waters). We don't recommend canoeing in the lower reaches. If you do, you need to be extremely experienced, fit and able.

There are nine Broads canoe hire centres, mostly situated close to moorings. Canadian canoes usually carry up to three adults but you are advised to check with the operator. The cost is £30 for a day and £20 for a half-day, including **buoyancy aids and waterproof rucksacks**. For hourly and 24 hour rates please enquire at centres. Your centre will be able to advise you on safety and help you choose a suitable route.



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For more information call in to any hire centre or telephone Broads Information on: 01603 756097 or 01603 782281 www.broads-authority.gov.uk

Also for more information on canoeing in the Broads visit www.canoethebroads.co.uk