

Explore the Kennet & Avon Canal

The Kennet & Avon Canal is just 1.7 miles from The Retreat. It is truly idyllic, evocative of a simpler time, and quintessentially English. Its towpath is perfect for walking and cycling, and there are several options if you would like to enjoy the canal by boat.



The Kennet Horse Boat Company

Public horse-drawn trips on the Kennet and Avon Canal last from two to three hours and operate from Easter to the end of September. You can just hop on if there are spare seats – but it's best to book in advance so that you guarantee reserved seats.

kennet-horse-boat.co.uk/horse-drawn-boat-trips/ Tel: 01488 658 866



The Rose of Hungerford

A traditional wide-beamed passenger trip boat operated by volunteers of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust. The Rose has a fully licensed bar, toilet and wheelchair lift, and is based in nearby Hungerford. Public trips operate throughout the summer.

rose.katrust.org.uk Tel: 01488 686 858





The Jubilee

A traditional narrowboat purpose with seating for up to 29 passengers. A licensed bar, refreshments and a toilet are available on board. Public trips are on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 12 noon and 2.00pm. jubilee.katrust.org.uk Tel: 01380 721279 (weekdays)

07716 460562 (weekends)

Self Drive

A group of up to eight people can enjoy the freedom of the Kennet and Avon canal with self-drive day-hire on Cygnet, a traditional 30 foot narrow boat, built to a very high specification. kennet-horse-boat.co.uk Tel: 01488 658 866