

Three river approaches to St Benet's Abbey moorings are outlined here.

St Benet's has free moorings for up to 24 hours.



1 St Benet's Abbey Moorings

Journey times here are approximate and refer to motor cruiser or day-boat. Sailing may take considerably longer.

The Broadcaster visitor guide and www.broads-authority.gov.uk, call the destination for the Abbey 'Ant Mouth on the Northern Rivers'.

1. From Wroxham and Horning, downstream on the Bure.

Journey time:

From Wroxham, 2hours 15 mins

From Horning, 1 hour

Between Wroxham and Horning the nature reserves of Hoveton Great Broad, Hoveton Little Broad and Cockshoot Broad bring the rich Broads wildlife within easy reach of your boat.

Horning is best viewed from the river, with its greens, riverside pubs, shops and eateries. From the free 24 hour moorings you can walk to the BeWILDerwood adventure park (20 mins) and the children's play area on the recreation ground (5 mins).

This trip passes Horning's historic Ferry Inn and the 13th century church of St Benedict, where the vicar retains the title Prior of St Benet's Abbey. There are

free moorings with a short path up to the church which is unsuitable for mobility vehicles. Inside, a model of St Benet's shows the Abbey as it might have been in its heyday.



2 The River Bure at Horning

Just before the junction of the rivers Ant and Bure, Horning Hall is visible. In its grounds stands the chapel of St James' Hospital where medieval pilgrims enjoyed hospitality. For much of the journey the 'Cathedral of the Broads', St Helen's Church tower at Ranworth is



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visible, though binoculars are needed to spot the weathervane depicting the monk Pacifus rowing across from St Benet's Abbey.



3 St James' Hospital Chapel Horning Hall (private)

After passing the river Ant, watch out for the mill at St Benet's which alerts you that the moorings are nearby on your left.

2. From Potter Heigham, upstream along the Thurne and Bure.

Journey time:
From Potter Heigham, 1 hour 15
From Ludham Womack Water, 30mins

As you leave Potter Heigham you will have a good view of the historic 12th century bridge, a renowned challenge to boaters heading to Hickling Broad. Several ancient mills and churches are within sight of the river Thurne.

If you turn from the Thurne into Womack Water there are moorings and facilities at Ludham village. A short, accessible walk away are the pub, shops and post office. Ludham is home to the historic Hunter fleet of wooden sailing yachts and the Norfolk Wherry Trust. The church of St Catherine, which was once owned by St Benet's

Abbey, has an image of the Abbot on its font. It holds frequent exhibitions and concerts.

Return to the River Thurne, head upstream to the Bure and up to the St Benet's Abbey moorings.



4 St Catherine's Church, Ludham



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3. From Stalham, downstream on the River Ant.

Journey time:

From Stalham, 2 hours

From How Hill, 1 hour

From Ludham Bridge 20mins

Stalham is home to the Museum of the Broads, which charts the development of this historic landscape and has many examples of local vessels.



5 Site of St Benet's Abbey, showing the Rivers Bure and Ant

Take the river Ant south, across Barton Broad nature reserve and on to another national reserve at How Hill. The thatched mansion houses the Broads environmental study centre. Along with the impressive gardens it is run by the How Hill Trust, which has a tearoom open at weekends through the summer.

From here it's downstream along the Ant, keeping an eye open for windmills, until you reach Ludham Bridge.

By the bridge you'll find moorings and a number of facilities including a pub, a café, an anglers' shop, a gallery and public toilets. Pass under the bridge and at the meeting of the rivers Ant and Bure turn left, downstream to the St Benet's moorings a short distance along on your left.



6 St Benet's Mill and Gatehouse, as seen from the path leading from the moorings



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