

Broome Island FAQs



Broome Island

What is Broome Island?

Broome Island is a unique island campsite, only accessible by boat, on the River Soar between Mountsorrel and Barrow Upon Soar. We are open to adventure groups, families, youth organisations and Duke of Edinburgh's Award canoe expeditions. The river is host to fishers and swimmers as well as boaters of all types.

All visits must be booked in advance - youth groups have exclusive use of the site, and public bookings have the choice of exclusive or shared use. The island is open March-October, with winter visits subject to weather conditions. Bookings may be made any day of the week for self-service access, and a warden is provided for large groups.

What facilities are available?

The island has a small toilet hut with caravan-style toilet, hot shower and sink, which use natural rainwater harvesting. Drinking water is provided separately, along with USB charging ports. There is a double-size brick BBQ, central fire pit, large picnic table and outdoor washing-up sink.

****Our newly opened Riverside Cabin offers a cosy getaway - double bed, mini fridge and USB sockets!****

How do I get there?

Broome Island is only accessible by boat, with ample moorings available at our jetty. We offer kayak hire, or feel free to bring your narrowboat, kayak or paddleboard. Several charities offer accessible boating on the River Soar; please contact us for details.

Where do I park? Can I bring my caravan?

There is no vehicle access to the island and no private parking available. Limited street parking is available in the nearby villages of Barrow Upon Soar and Mountsorrel. Please do not attempt to reach the site on foot, or via your sat nav! There is no parking or access via Barrow Boating or Meadow Farm Marina.

What do I need to bring?

Bring your own tents, sleeping gear, toiletries, cooking equipment, utensils and chairs. Toilet roll, hand soap and cleaning materials are provided for the toilet hut. Charcoal, tentage and other camping equipment may be hired, subject to availability.

Will I need to operate any canal locks?

Broome Island is halfway between No. 51 and No. 50 locks with shops, pubs, and restaurants at either end of the 2-mile-long waterway section. You may wish to navigate through a lock to extend your journey, but you must first take proper advice from your boat hire company or the Canal & River Trust.

Is the island disability friendly?

We are committed to making the waterways accessible to all; please contact us for a copy of our Access Statement.