

# Broome Island FAQs



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## 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. Visitors have exclusive use of the site, and bookings are required for all visits. The river is host to fishermen and swimmers as well as boaters of all types.

## How do I get there?

Broome Island is only accessible by boat, with ample moorings available at our jetty. Feel free to bring your narrowboat, cruiser, dingy, kayak or paddleboard. We can arrange hire of kayaks, or contact us for details of charities offering accessible boating on the River Soar.

## When can I visit?

The island is open March-October, winter visits may be possible outside of this period. Bookings may be made any day of the week for self-service access, wardened visits can be arranged at weekends with prior notice.

## 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 via your sat nav! There is no parking or access via Barrow Boating or Meadow Farm Marina.

## 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.

## 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, as are charcoal and firelighters. Tentage and additional equipment may be hired, subject to availability.

## Will I need to operate any canal locks?

Broome Island is halfway between No51 and No50 locks, with 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.

## What's available nearby?

The nearby villages of Barrow Upon Soar and Mountsorrel have a range of shops, pubs, takeaways and village amenities, much of which can be accessed by boat. Slightly further afield are Loughborough and Leicester.

## 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. A number of local charities provide accessible boating on the River Soar.