

Recreational Rowing Tour 2026 4th – 7th June The Broads National Park

The 2026 tour will take place on the three rivers which form the main arteries of the complex waterways in Norfolk and Suffolk. The Broads national park is a uniquely beautiful environment, one of the most popular inland waterways in Europe.



The tour will take place as three day-tours on the three main rivers – the Bure, the Waveney and the Yare. The starting points will be at the Norfolk Broads Yacht Club on Wroxham Broad, at Beccles Rowing Club on the Waveney and at Yare Boat Club and Norwich Rowing Clubs on the River Yare. The three tours will allow all the rowers to experience the three very different rivers. The approximate distance each day will be 32 km, with a shorter row on the Sunday to allow time for loading the trailers

The Bure is a very popular tourist destination with picturesque villages, boatyards and the navigable Salhouse Broad. There will be a lunch stop at the Lion at Thurne before returning to Wroxham.

The Waveney is quieter but was an important trading river in medieval times as Beccles had to pay 60,000 herring per year to the abbey of Bury St Edmunds. The tour will go down river to Oulton Broad for lunch on the first two days with a shorter leg on the Sunday to Geldeston Lock and the Locks Inn.



The River Yare was the principal trading route for many centuries from Great Yarmouth on the coast to the historic city of Norwich. There will be a downstream row in the morning, returning to Yare Boat Club for lunch, followed by a short sightseeing row up river through the city.