

CIWEM East and West Midlands

Date: Wednesday 15 July 2009

Time : 18.00

Location : Assemble at the quayside outside the ICC,
Birmingham

Evening boat trip on the Birmingham Canals following the EGM



The West and East Midlands Branches are hosting CIWEM's Extraordinary General Meeting at the International Convention Centre (ICC), in the centre of Birmingham. Separate details are being sent to all members about this. After the meeting there will be the opportunity to explore part of the city's famous canal network by boat and afterwards on foot.

Because the trip is primarily for the benefit of members attending and voting at the EGM, priority will be given to CIWEM corporate members (i.e. Member or Fellow). Non-corporate members of CIWEM, and non members, may come as long as there is room – they are welcome to apply and we will make a decision and tell them one week before the event.



We have chartered two canal boats, each with about 50 seats, and with a small bar where tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks can be bought. There will be a running commentary during the cruise.

We will assemble by the canal outside the ICC at 1800 (PTO for directions). We will set off at 1815 and cruise part of the Birmingham Main Line Canal, probably as far as Rotton Park Reservoir, following the original course round the "loops" built by Brindley in the latter part of the 18th century.

We will return via the straightened canal built later by Telford, and if we have time we will cruise the first part of the Worcester & Birmingham Canal up to Gas St Basin and The Mailbox development. We should be back at the ICC at about 1930.

There will then be an optional 30 minute guided walk down the first few locks of the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal. Afterwards people may like to eat at one of the many restaurants in the locality.

We are offering places on a "first come, first served" basis, with priority to corporate members as noted above. If you would like to come, please email Grahame Newman (details below), indicating your grade of membership. There will be no charge for the event.

Grahame Newman, British Waterways,
The Dock Office, Commercial Road,
Gloucester, GL1 2EB. Tel: 07711 796402
Email: gnewman@britishwaterways.co.uk

The trip will qualify for 1.5 hours of CPD.

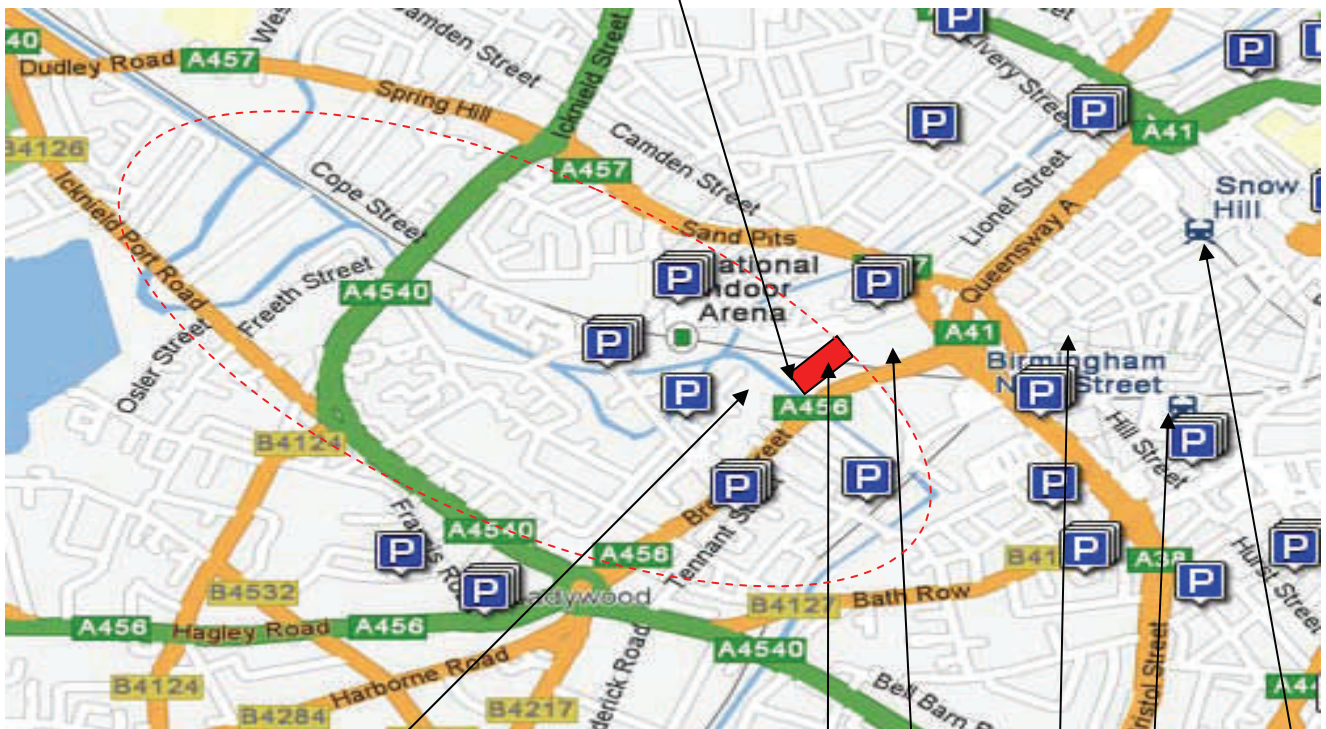
DIRECTIONS

Assemble at canal quayside outside the International Convention Centre at 1800.

Birmingham's New St and Snow Hill rail stations are a 10 minutes walk away, via Victoria Square, Centenary Square, and through the ICC's central mall to the canal.

Car parks are shown as a blue "P" on the map below. The nearest are at the National Indoor Arena (NIA) or Brindley Place (off Broad St). From the NIA, walk along the canal towpath to the ICC, From Brindley Place, walk over the canal footbridge to the ICC.

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Brindley Place

ICC (International Convention Centre)
Broad Street
Birmingham B1 2EA

Centenary Square

Victoria Square

New St Station

Snow Hill Station

Dashed line shows approx extent of the boat cruise