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## Electra School & Youth Group Options 2025

### Learning benefits

A trip on the Grand Union canal on Milton Keynes all-electric community boat Electra provides a rich and varied learning experience for primary school age groups. We offer a variety of cruise options and trips can be tailored to different curriculum areas, including:

- History: industrial heritage; transport; and local history
- Geography: leisure study of canals and surrounding areas and how the local area is changing
- Science: local habitats; seasons (particularly spring when there is an abundance of new life); environmental issues; electricity; pollution; potential for water movement across the country

Cruises can also support study topics and badge work by youth groups.

Because Electra is so quiet, trips have proved to be very calming for children and may have a wellbeing focus too.

### Learning support

Cruises are run by volunteer Skippers and Cabin Hosts who can answer questions about the boat and the canal. Each cruise has a 'spotter sheet' which can be copied.

Before a trip, an Electra Volunteer will liaise with the teacher/group leader about the purpose of the trip and how to make the most of the opportunities available.

### Making a booking

There are three options detailed overleaf/below.

Each booking is arranged according to your requirements.

More information about the boat can be found here

[bmkwaterway.org/electra/facilities-and-boarding-points/](http://bmkwaterway.org/electra/facilities-and-boarding-points/).

Visits to see the boat can be arranged if required.

For all queries, please contact our schools team on

[electra@bmkwaterway.org](mailto:electra@bmkwaterway.org)

#### Please note

- Maximum trip group size is 12.
- One adult supervisor is required per five children.
- Book before 01 March 2025 in order to have the best choice of dates.
- Risk Assessment and Insurance documents are supplied with our Invoice/Booking Form.
- Payment must be made by BACS before the trip takes place.





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## Three great Electra trip options for Schools and Youth Groups

### OPTION 1

#### Campbell Wharf Round Trip & Electra Welcome Centre

30-minute return cruise, with 30 to 60 minutes use of the volunteer-staffed Electra Welcome Centre (toilet, kitchen, seating for 12, display system, picnic tables). Supports a carousel of activities for a larger group (eg class of 30 pupils).

- Available for schools Thursdays and Fridays, 24 April -11 July and 18 Sep-24 October
- Available early evening for youth groups on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays in June and July
- Lift available for wheelchair/rollator users
- Drop off near mooring possible; parking 10-15 minutes' walk away
- £45 per trip group

Electra Volunteers can also offer half-hour sessions for groups of 12 on the following topics: canal history, water safety, locks and boat, knot-making, guided local walk using map (£10 per session).

### OPTION 2

#### Fenny Stratford-Water Eaton Return Trip and Lock Visit

45-minute round cruise, plus 30-minute guided walk to Fenny Lock, to view lock and swing bridge.

- Available for schools Thursdays and Fridays, 24 April -11 July and 18 September-24 October
- Available early evening for youth groups on Thursdays or Fridays in June and July
- Lift available for wheelchair/rollator users
- Drop off near mooring possible; parking about 10 minutes' walk away
- £55 per trip group

### OPTION 3

#### Great Linford-New Bradwell Longer One Way Trip

50 minute one-way trip (pick-up at different point to drop-off)

- Available for schools Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 22 April-09 July and 09-24 September
- Available early evening for youth groups on Tuesdays only in June and July
- Lift not available (no electricity supply at New Bradwell)
- Easy parking at Great Linford Memorial Hall and New Bradwell; both about 10 minutes' walk away from the boat mooring
- £55 per trip group



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