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WOOLVERSTONE MARINA
AND LODGE PARK

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Welcome

Dear Guest,

Welcome to Woolverstone Marina and Lodge Park. We're delighted to have you and we hope you enjoy your stay, and all this beautiful area has to offer.

Please take a few minutes to read the contents of this Welcome Pack, as it will provide you with information that will help to make your stay relaxing and enjoyable.

The Park Reception is open 24/7, 365 days of the year. If you need to contact us, the telephone number is 01473 780206.

Please make yourself at home, have a look through the cupboards to familiarize yourself with the contents of your lodge. Clean bedding and towels have been provided for use during your stay. Your lodge is equipped with laundry facilities, including an iron and ironing board and there is also a laundry room available underneath reception.

The town of Ipswich has an excellent choice of places to eat out or to enjoy a relaxing drink. There are Indian, seafood and Italian restaurants, as well as oldie worldy public houses offering a wide range of menus along with real ales. Ipswich is only 4 miles away but if you don't want to wander too far, you can visit the onsite bar and restaurant. Here you can relax and watch the various watercraft going up and down the River, as well as the water birds that frequently visit.

Please speak to any member of our team if you have a question about the local area, ideas for days out or if there is anything else that we can help you with to make your stay with us an amazing one.

Thank you for choosing to stay with us,

The Woolverstone Marina and Lodge Park Team

Useful

INFORMATION

Address of this lodge

Any deliveries will be available to collect from Reception. Please ensure that any post is clearly labelled with your name, your lodge name, and the following address:

Woolverstone Marina and Lodge Park
Woolverstone
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP9 1AS

WiFi

You have unlimited superfast WiFi available within your lodge. In order to access this, please use the following network and enter the password below paying careful attention to the capital letters:

Network:	(Your Lodge Name)-Wifi	Example: Bramble-Wifi
Password:	(Your Lodge Name)Lodge	Example: BrambleLodge

Towels

Fresh towels have been provided for use during your stay, and complimentary toiletries are available in each bathroom.

Heating

Your lodge has central heating and is controlled by the thermostat.

Outside door

To lock the doors, please pull the handle up until you feel it click. Insert the key and lock.

Outdoor furniture

Outdoor furniture has been provided for your enjoyment and parasols are available upon request should they be required.

Outside Lighting

There are various outside lights to help you navigate your way back to your lodge in the dark. We have also provided you with a torch should you venture out after dark.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted inside the lodges. An ashtray has been provided on the outside furniture for your use. Please ensure any cigarette ends are disposed of responsibly.

Barbecues – Only disposable BBQs permitted once permission granted

- Do not take into your lodge!
- Always use outdoors away from any open windows or doors.
- All BBQs are to be extinguished by 2200hrs.
- Never leave a lit or hot BBQ unattended.
- All BBQs must be raised off the ground so please contact reception for a stand.
- No open fires/firepits are permitted.
- Only use disposable BBQs.

In the event of a fire

- Ensure the Lodge is vacated.
- Go to the nearest fire assembly point and contact the Reception team.
- Do not re-enter the lodge until instructed to do so.
- Your unit is fitted with a fire blanket and an extinguisher.
- Only attack the fire if it is practicable to do so.
- The nearest telephone is in Reception.

Rubbish bins

These are located in the wooden compound on the main entrance road. There is a key for this on your lodge keys. Please use the correct receptacles provided including those for recycling. Glass bottles can also be recycled at this location.

Parking

Your lodge has its own parking space for your vehicles. Please refrain from parking in other lodge spaces or blocking the roadway. Additional car parking is available on the main entrance road if required.

Speed limit

- The speed limit within the Lodge Park is strictly 4mph.
- The site speed limit is strictly 10mph.

Departure

PROCEDURE

- Please note that the departure time is 10 am (unless prior arrangements have been made).
- Please check all cupboards and drawers before leaving the lodge and ensure that you take all valuables with you. Anything left behind will be kept for 28 days.
- Please ensure all dishes are washed and put away in the appropriate location.
- Please remove and dispose of all rubbish in the appropriate bins within the waste compound.
- Please leave the lodge in a clean and presentable condition. All used towels should be left in the bath.
- Please lock the lodge and hand the key into Reception.
- If the office is unattended, please post the key through Reception's letterbox. Any lost or unreturned keys may be subject to surcharge.
- Thank you for your co-operation and we hope that you have enjoyed your stay with us.

If the Lodge is not left clean and tidy and free from damage, you may incur extra charges.



Fantastic

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

- Why not take the kids swimming at Leisure World in Colchester.
- Visit Pleasurewood Hills near Lowestoft.
- Watch the Camels, Emus, Snakes and Crocodiles at Jimmy's Farm in Wherstead, near Ipswich.
- Eat, drink, play, laugh and learn at Colchester Zoo.
- See lots of amazing farm animals at Easton Farm Park, near Woodbridge.
- Explore one of England's most complete and unusual keeps at Orford Castle.
- Discover some of the UK's rarest wildlife and enjoy family-friendly activities at Minsmere Nature reserve.
- There is something for everyone to enjoy at Alton Water including walking, cycling, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing or stand-up paddle boarding.
- Blow away the cobwebs with a walk around Rendlesham Forest.
- Discover the dramatic story of the fortifications that played a pivotal role in the defence of the East Coast for over 400 years at Landguard fort in Felixstowe.
- Explore the UK Food Museum, set across 75 acres of glorious Suffolk countryside near Stowmarket.
- Enjoy a range of exciting activities, from a dry ski slope where you can ski or ringo, to high ropes, climbing, obstacle courses, a driving range and mini golf at Suffolk Leisure Park in Ipswich
- Relax with a glass of wine at one of the many waterfront bars and restaurants in Ipswich.



Historic IPSWICH

Come and discover the historic town of Ipswich, one of England's gems. Ipswich is a town steeped in history and you'd be hard pushed to move far in the town centre without seeing something worth stopping for.

Ipswich is the county town of Suffolk, and one of the oldest towns in Britain. It claims to be the oldest British town in continuous settlement, a claim also made by Colchester. Which town is older rather depends on how you define 'oldest', but there's no doubt that Ipswich is one of the most historic towns in Britain.

Ipswich was permanently settled in the 7th century as a trading port, taking advantage of the River Orwell's good navigation links to the sea. Its riverside location made it perfectly situated for ocean-going trade with Germany and overland trade within East Anglia.

During the Saxon period, it was a centre for weaving, and developed into a large and prosperous town, supporting its own mint. The very location that made Ipswich such a good trading port also made it vulnerable to Viking attack. The Danes occupied the town from AD 869 - 917.

The period of Danish rule did not stop Ipswich from growing, and by the time of the Domesday Book in 1086 the town had a population of over 3000, making it the 8th largest settlement in England. Ipswich was granted a royal charter in 1200, at a time when it was known as a centre for wool trading and leather manufacture and has been closely linked with the discovery of the New World and with historical figures such as Cardinal Wolsey and Charles Dickens. From the 13th century the town developed a thriving shipbuilding industry, and it had an annual fair, drawing people from all over East Anglia.

Its buildings match its illustrious past. The glorious Tudor Christchurch Mansion is set in a beautiful park close to the town centre and is now a museum housing period rooms and a stunning art gallery, home to the most significant collection of Constables outside London.

Not far away from this you'll find Ipswich Museum housed in an impressive Victorian building on High Street. The museum hosts galleries devoted to Suffolk geology and wildlife, British mammals and birds, and a Victorian Natural History Gallery. One of the most popular exhibits in the museum is a life-sized model of a woolly mammoth.

Suggested

WALK FROM WOOLVERSTONE MARINA AND LODGE PARK

Enjoy this 8.7-km loop trail near Woolverstone, Suffolk. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 2 h to complete. This trail is great for hiking and walking. Further details can be found here: www.alltrails.com/trail/england/essex/the-butt-and-oyster-cliff-plantation-and-woolverstone-park-walk



1. Woolverstone Church to Butt and Oyster

With the church entrance on the left, follow the tarmac lane as it swings right and then take the first stile on the left. (Note: there are two stiles into this field, so make sure you take the first one, not the second.) Keep straight ahead through this field, which is likely to be holding sheep, following the line of the fence on the left. Across to the left you'll see the front view of Woolverstone Hall. At the end of the first field, go over the stile, cross the park's entrance drive and take the stile opposite into the next field. On the left you'll pass the old stables. The tall central water tower was a later addition to the building. The next stile leads you into the open estate land. Continue on the path which initially follows the fence on the left. When the buildings on the left end, simply keep straight ahead on the path through the centre of the crop field. The path leads you through a belt of woodland passing a large pond on the right. Beyond this, keep ahead on the track with woodland to the right and an open crop field to the left. Halfway along this field, follow the track as it forks right through the edge of the woodland. As the woodland on the right ends (where the track swings right), keep straight ahead on the path through the crop field. At the far side, keep ahead to join the path along the left-hand edge of the next field. (You are now retracing your steps on the path back to Pin Mill). Follow this path all the way to the end of the fields and then keep straight ahead on the bridleway, passing the boatyard to the right. At the T-junction alongside a double garage on the right, turn left along the bridleway. Follow the track as it swings right, passing Pin Mill Sailing Club on the left and a row of pretty coastguard cottages on the right. Keep ahead for just a short distance to reach the Butt and Oyster.

2. Butt and Oyster to Cliff Plantation

Standing alongside the Butt and Oyster with your back to the river, walk straight ahead along the village lane, heading back towards the public car park. Just a few yards after passing the car park entrance on the right, you will come to a footpath crossing the road. Turn left and follow the path up the flight of concrete steps. Keep ahead along the tarmac driveway and continue on to the grass path between garden fences. Follow the fenced path as it swings left with horse paddocks to the right. Pass through the metal kissing gate to enter the National Trust woodland, Cliff Plantation.

3. Cliff Plantation to Clamp House

Keep straight ahead on this path through the stretch of cliff-top woodland, with the Orwell Estuary visible through the trees down to the left. As the fence on the right ends, simply keep ahead in the same direction. At the first signed junction of paths keep straight ahead again. Continue on the path winding downhill and you will pass a cunningly placed bench on the left should you wish to sit and enjoy the peaceful setting which includes an amazing carpet of bluebells in the spring. The path then climbs up a short steep slope (take care as this can be a little slippery) to continue its journey through the woodland. Continue some distance further on the meandering and undulating path. At the next signed junction, keep ahead again. Eventually the path leads you out of the woodland, swinging right to reach a junction of paths alongside a private property, Clamp House.

4. Clamp House to Chelmondiston Church

Turn right along the woodland track, heading directly away from the river. Pass through the kissing gate, alongside the vehicle entrance gate for Clamp House, and you will come to a junction of tracks. Keep straight ahead, ignoring the track off to the left. The track passes a reservoir to the left and then winds uphill, with an open field to the left. Where the woodland on the right ends, keep ahead on the track which winds between open crop fields. Take time to enjoy the expansive views from this point. The track leads you past Hill Farm. Keep straight ahead on the bridleway between hedges which leads you steadily downhill to a junction with the village road. Cross over with care to take the lane opposite, Hollow Lane. Follow the lane climbing steadily and as it swings left you will see the church tower ahead. Follow the road as it swings right and then left to reach the entrance gate for Chelmondiston Church on the left.

5. Chelmondiston Church to Brickyard House

The original St Andrew's church was built here hundreds of years ago, but after some years of neglect it was almost completely rebuilt in the 1860s. In 1944 the church was destroyed by a V2 rocket and it was not until 1952 that this replacement was commissioned. With the church on the left, turn right into Collimer Close and after just a few paces turn right again down a gravel drive signed as a bridleway to Pin Mill. The track leads you past a number of properties and then down to a gate. Cross the stile alongside this gate (or you might find the gate open) and follow the path at 1 o'clock. The path soon leads you alongside a fenced paddock to the right with the village allotments visible beyond. At the end of the field, pass through the gate and follow the path across a stream. Fork left through the pretty picnic area and you will emerge back to the car park entrance lane. Turn right and then left to follow the village road back towards the river. Should you wish to finish the walk now, simply keep ahead to the Butt and Oyster. For the full walk, about 50 yards before the waterfront, look for a footpath sign on the left. Follow this path in front of the modern timber-clad house (on the left) and keep ahead onto the narrow footpath between hedges. Follow this path along the back of a boatyard and over a stream. At the path junction, keep ahead and you'll emerge out with the boatyard office, Harry King and Sons, ahead. Turn left for a few paces and then right to join the gravel drive with Brickyard House to the right.

6. Brickyard House to Yacht Club

Go ahead along this drive and, as you approach the boatyard ahead, follow the hedge on the right as it swings right to reach a junction of paths (alongside a double garage). Turn left here onto the signed bridleway. Follow this track between hedgerows with the boatyard to the left. At the next junction of paths, keep straight ahead (ignoring the bridleway off to the left). Follow this track along the edge of crop fields for some distance, crossing a stream along the way. Take time to enjoy the views over the estuary which open up occasionally to the right. Eventually, beyond a small belt of trees, you'll come to a choice of two paths across an open crop field. Take the right-hand of these two paths. At about 11 o'clock you'll see the mansion at the centre of Woolverstone Park sitting on top of the hill. Woolverstone Hall was built in 1776 for William Berners, a property developer from London. Unlike many 18th century houses, the mansion is as attractive from the back as it is from the front and is considered to be one of England's finest examples of Palladian architecture. In 1950 the hall became a boarding school for boys and in 1992 it became an independent school for girls. Notable former students from the boarding school for boys include the comedian Phil Jupitus, the author Ian McEwan and the rugby player Martin Offiah. The path leads you over a small pretty stream and to a fork, keep right here signed for the Stour and Orwell Path. The path continues with woodland to the left and marshes/mud flats for the Orwell on the right. Take care as this section can be a little boggy. You will eventually emerge out to a concrete slipway with the Royal Harwich Yacht Club to the left.

7. Yacht Club to Woolverstone Church

Keep right for a few paces and then left onto the grass path along the back of the beach. Immediately after passing the yacht club, you'll come to a T-junction with a concrete track. Turn left and follow it as it swings right, passing the distinctive Cat House on the right. The story goes that, in the 18th century, a supporter of the smugglers on the river displayed his stuffed white cat in a window here to let the smugglers know they were safe from customs men's hence the name. After passing the double garage for Cat House, turn left down the signed footpath, a fenced grass path with the boatyard/car park to the left and woodland to the right. The path will lead you through a section of woodland and then out into playing fields. Keep ahead to follow the path, staying close to the fence for Woolverstone Church on the left. Follow the fence as it swings left to reach the church entrance on the left.

Useful CONTACTS

Reception	01473 780 206
Tourist Information	01473 258 070
Holbrook/Shotley Doctor	01473 328 263
NHS Direct Helpline	111
Ipswich Hospital	01473 712 233
Fire, police or ambulance	999 or 112

Taxis

Avenue Taxis Ltd	01473 888 888
Hawk Express	01473 222 222

Bus Operators

Ipswich bus route 98/202	0800 919 390
National Express	08705 808080

Ferries

Foot Ferry from Shotley Marina	07919 911 440
Stena Line Reservations	08705 707 070
Stena Line Information	01255 243 333

Rail Operators

National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950
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Nearest Pubs

The Loch and Quay onsite bar and restaurant Also available for takeaway and delivery to your lodge	01473 780 909
The Butt & Oyster, Pin Mill	01473 780 764
The Boot, Freston	01473 780 722
The Outlook, Fox's Marina	01473 603 020
The Red Lion, Chelmondiston	01473 780 400
The Oyster Reach, Wherstead	01473 692 372

There is also a wide selection of takeaways in Ipswich which offer a collection service.

Supermarkets

Most major supermarkets offer a delivery service to the Lodge Park. Please use the below address when placing your order.

Woolverstone Marina and Lodge Park,
Woolverstone, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP9 1AS

Hollingsworth Stores, IP9 1HS, 1.4 miles – Tel No 01473 780225

At the main road junction, turn left and the shop will be on the left-hand side further down the road.

Co-Op in Holbrook, IP9 2PZ, 2.6 miles – Tel No 01473 328214

Also includes a Post Office and there is a local Butchers across the road.

The Suffolk Food Hall, IP9 2AB, 2.0 miles – Tel No 01473 786610

At the main road, turn right and continue until just before the Orwell Bridge. They are located on the left-hand side up a long driveway.

24hr Tesco at Copdock, IP8 3TS, 7.2 miles

At the main road, turn right and continue under the Orwell bridge to a roundabout. Turn left and proceed up the hill. Join the A14 towards Bury St. Edmunds. At the next junction, leave the A14 and follow the signs to 'Ipswich A1214'. The Tesco superstore on is on the left-hand side.

Reviews

It's really important to us that you enjoy your stay. If there's anything that we can do to improve your stay, please call us at Reception and let us know. If you have enjoyed your stay, please leave us a review on TripAdvisor by using the QR code.



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Social Media

Having a great time? Let your friends know just how much fun you're having and don't forget to tag us in your post.

 @woolverstone.marina
 @mdlmarinas

Please remember there is always a member of the team available at Reception 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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