

# Gipping river portage guide

All references as facing downstream to Ipswich

16 Portages

Approx 17 miles

Stowmarket

Start

0 Left bank off Prentice Road IP14 1RQ

Foot bridges

1 Weir - exit left bank just past 2nd footbridge

River Rat

2a&b Exit Left bank - or shoot centre flume & weir

Road A1120

Railway bridge

3 Badley Mill - DANGEROUS WIER  
Exit Lt bank in good time Enter below old lock

4 Hawks Mill. Leave sluice on left side  
Exit left bank just before lock  
Down left bank & enter stream

Old Bridge to Needham Market

5 Needham Lakes - Lunch stop  
Exit left bank by bridge  
Enter left bank below Bosmere Lock

Road bridge B1078

6 Creting or Riverside Farm Lock  
Exit & enter Right bank

7 Pipp's Ford Lock Slight ledge only

8 Baylham Lock - being restored  
Left fork before Mill.  
Lift over piling from downstream side.

Bridge to Rare breeds centre IP6 8LG

Footbridge

Bridge for farm track

9 Sha(r)mford Lock DANGEROUS WEIR  
Exit right bank.  
Enter via steep slope far end of dock

Farm track bridge

Railway bridge

10 Gt Blakenham Lock. DANGEROUS WEIR  
Exit right bank 15m before lock & follow  
footpath between buildings. Left into lane.  
Enter across road on right bank.

Road bridge - cu de sac - IP6 0NJ

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