

Where does the water come from?

River Lee Navigation Dobb's Weir Lock

Unlike canals, which can have multiple water sources and may cross between different river valleys, a river navigation follows the course of a river in its valley. The depth and flow of the water is modified by dredging, the use of weirs (submerged dams) across the river and artificial 'cuts' with locks which bypass the weirs, allowing navigation

The water here comes from the River Lea, and tributaries including the River Stort, with a large catchment area (shaded)

The navigable route alternates between artificial cuts and the natural river course

The section of the River Lee Navigation downstream of the junction with the River Stort Navigation is a lacework of natural and artificial river courses. Dobb's Weir Lock lies on a man-made cut which bypasses Dobb's Weir on the river



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