

STATEMENT

23 June 2020

OVERNIGHT STAYS ALLOWED FROM 4 JULY: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM THE CANAL & RIVER TRUST

In line with the latest government advice for England issued today (23 June 2020), we are pleased to say that from Saturday 4 July 2020 all boaters can stay overnight on their boats and take extended cruises. Holiday hire boat companies will also be able to freely operate, taking precautions around safe practise, such as extra cleaning.

This means the waterways in England will be fully open from 4 July for boating, angling and paddle sports. Our towpaths remain open for people to enjoy exercise and being in the outdoors, close to nature.

In Wales, the restrictions on staying local will be lifted on 6 July, if conditions allow. A range of options for the reopening of self-contained holiday accommodation, such as boats, will be considered in a review on 9 July.

You can enjoy the canals while following the updated advice around social distancing, keeping at least one metre from both other people and moored boats where people may be living aboard.

When on the towpath, please move aside to allow others to pass safely, using the full width of the path. If you are a cyclist, please remember that pedestrians always have priority, so take it steady and be ready to slow down to give way to others, including those by their boats or fishing. You may want to consider using an alternative route away from the towpath for your exercise if you want to avoid other people.

We continue to remind people to act with consideration and respect for others.

We strongly advise that you [regularly check the Welsh Government website](#) for updated information.

We will keep the situation under active review and update you in line with changing circumstances and Government guidance. Sign up to [Boaters' Update](#) and our [stoppage notifications](#) to get updates.

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