











Boaters' Guides

A note about the data

These guides list information we currently have on our facilities, dimensions and navigation guidance, based upon local knowledge and expertise. Whilst we anticipate that this data is reasonably accurate, we cannot guarantee its precision. Therefore, this data should only be used as a helpful guide and you should always use your own judgement taking into account local circumstances at any particular time. If you spot something wrong, please let us know canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us

Key to facilities

-  Winding hole (length specified)
-  Winding hole (full length)
-  Visitor mooring
-  Information and office
-  Dock and/or slipway
-  Slipway only
-  Services and facilities
-  Water point only

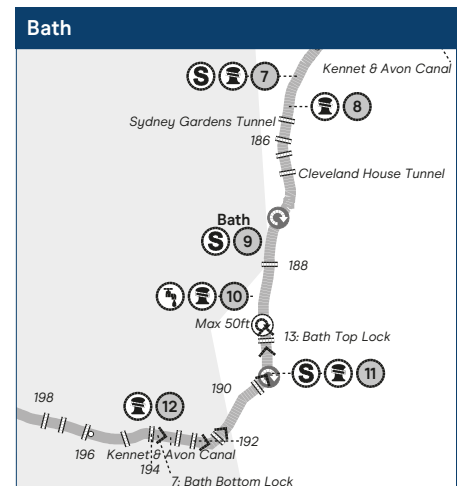
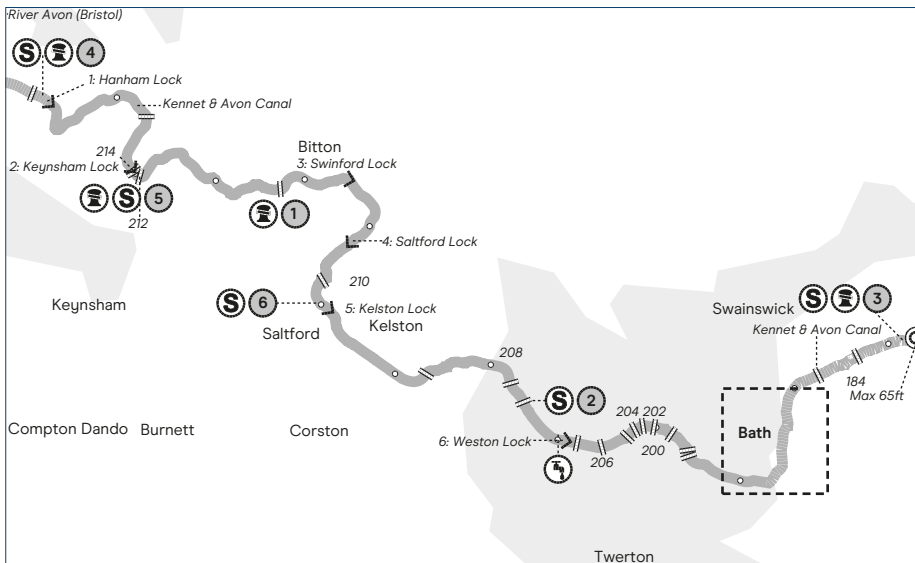
River Avon (tidal section)



⑤ Services & facilities

- 1 Bristol:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal. Various.

River Avon and Kennet & Avon Canal



Navigation notes

Kennet & Avon Canal

Bath Valley: Within the relining works undertaken throughout the Bath Valley, much attention has been given to replacing the interesting waterside vegetation after the works. Generally this has been undertaken on the offside edge but some towpath edges also have a planted area. Moorings are therefore discouraged although the edge is fendered (note, offside vegetation shelf is not fendered).

Newbury to Bath: Navigation should be possible for narrowboats of up to 72ft length, but please consult the waterway office first. The chambers of most locks are at least 14ft wide and can therefore accommodate two narrowboats, though in some instances the gates will not open fully. Also, a few locks in the Caen Hill Flight are slightly narrow – the lock-keeper will advise where this is a problem. Crofton Lock 61 is short and narrowboats over 70ft long may not be able to share with other boats.

River Avon (Bristol)

Bath to tail of Hanham Lock: Two craft will fit into Woolhampton Lock, but it is difficult to take a working pair into the lock as a single unit. You should steer one vessel into the chamber at a time. Regular dredging works are undertaken each winter to maintain the standard depth, but actual available depth will be dependent on adequate water supplies during dry summers. Owners of deep draught vessels should contact the local waterway office for an update.

Locks & bridges

Kennet & Avon Canal

Lock 8/9, Bath Deep Lock: When navigating through the locks in Bath, please respect the privacy of the canal side residents by not being too noisy. The moorings above Bath Locks are very popular. A little further on at Darlington Wharf there are more visitor moorings which have been commented on as being more convenient for the city.

📍 Services & facilities

Kennet & Avon Canal

- 2 Bath Marina & Caravan Park:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower.
- 3 Bathampton:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.

River Avon (Bristol)

- 4 Hanham:** Water, refuse disposal.
- 5 Portavon Marina:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.
- 6 Salford Marina:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.
- 6 Salford:** Water, Elsan disposal.

Kennet & Avon Canal

- 7 Darlington Wharf:** Refuse disposal.
- 9 Sydney Wharf:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal. Bath Narrowboats.
- 11 Bath Locks (Lock 11):** Refuse disposal.

Maximum Dimensions

Hanham Lock to Bridge 194 (Bath)

Length: 22.55m (74ft)
Beam: 4.88m (16ft)
Draught: 1.3m (4ft 3")
Headroom: 2.67m (8ft 10")

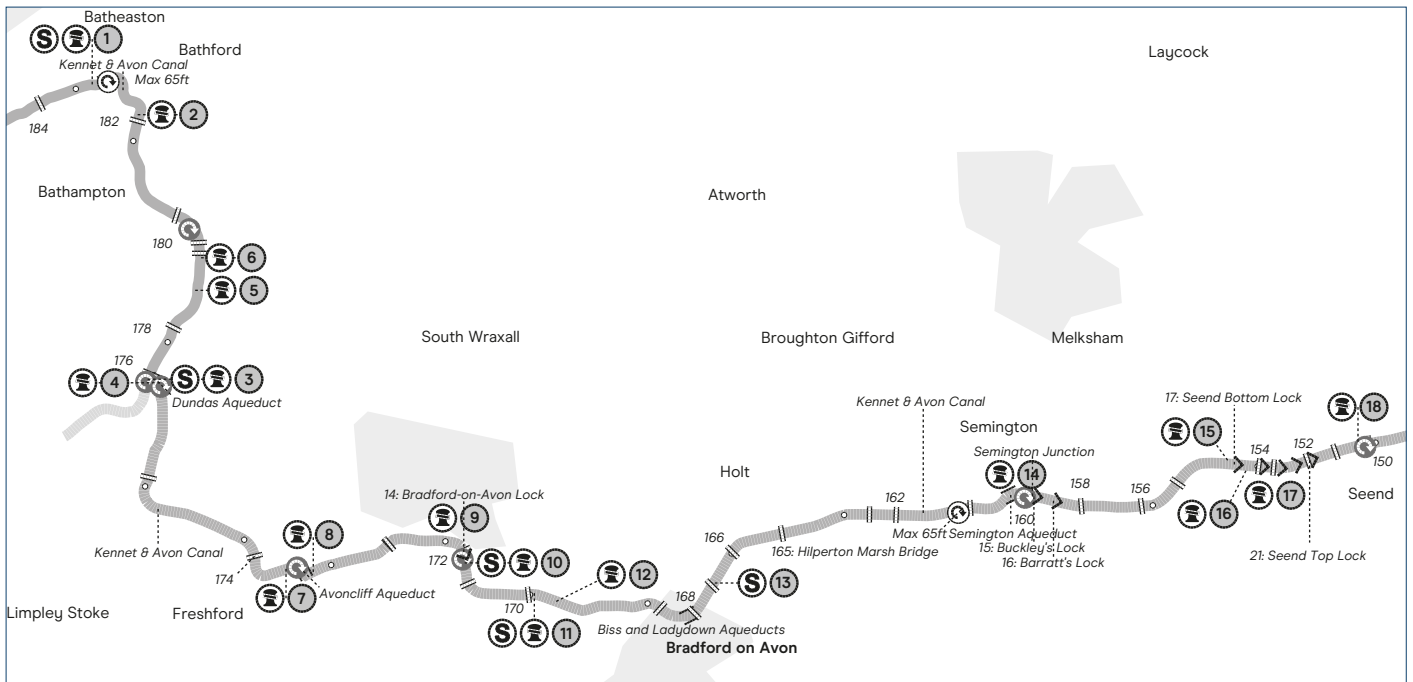
Bridge 194 - Blakes Lock (Reading)

Length: 21.95m (72ft)
Beam: 4m (13ft 1")
Draught: 1.1m (3ft 7")
Headroom: 2.4m (7ft 10")

🚣 Visitor moorings

Kennet & Avon Canal

- 1 Bitton Railway Bridge:** Maximum 24 hours. Total 60 metres.
- 3 Bathampton, west:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 135 metres.
- 3 Bathampton, opposite school:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 140 metres.
- 3 Bathampton, east:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 60 metres.
- 4 The Chequers, Hanham:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 5 Keynsham:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 7 Darlington Wharf:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 340 metres.
- 8 Darlington Tunnel:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 10 Bath, top Lock:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 170 metres.
- 11 Horseshoe Walk Bridge:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 12 Bath, Broad Quay:** Maximum 72 hours. Total 310 metres.



Locks & bridges

Avoncliff Aqueduct: On approaching the aqueduct, please sound your horn and approach the bends with caution. Deep draughted boats are advised to approach the bends in the centre of the channel due to the shape of the concrete underwater profile. Bridge 165, Hilperton Marsh Bridge: Low bridge.

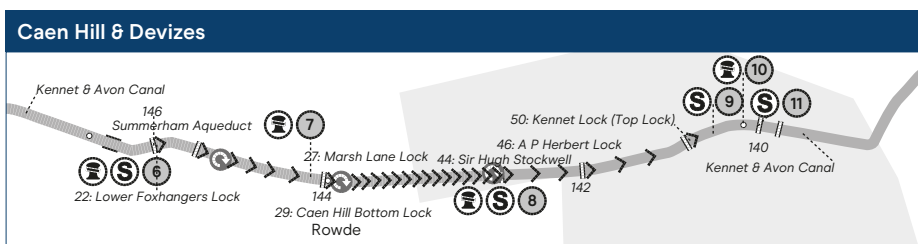
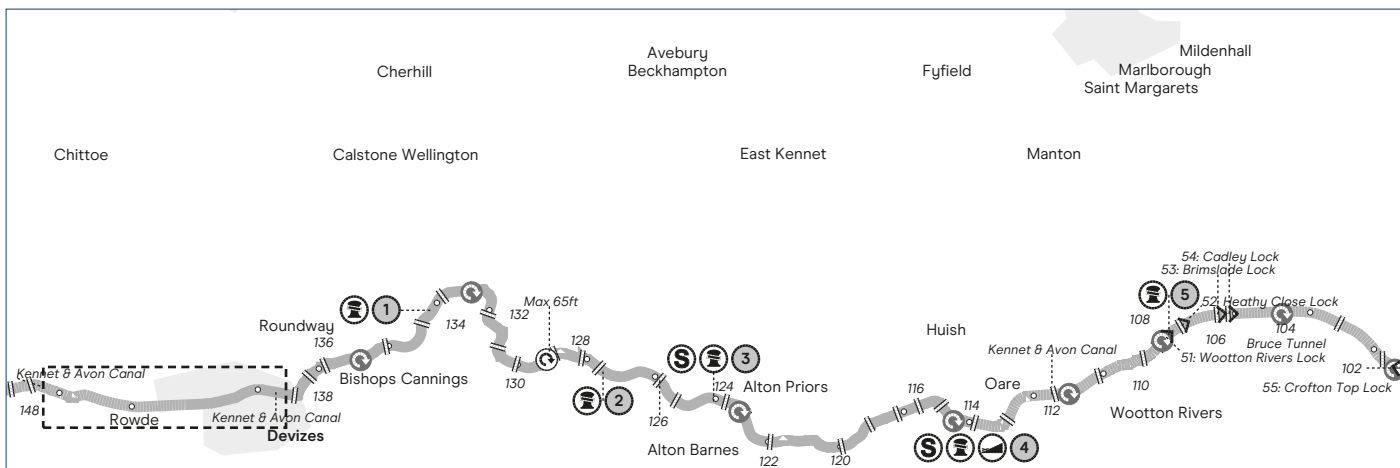
Services & facilities

- 1 Bathampton:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.
- 3 Dundas:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.
- 10 Bradford-on-Avon Wharf:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.
- 11 Bradford-on-Avon Marina:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal. Bradford-on-Avon Marina.
- 13 Hilperton:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal. Hilperton Marina.

Visitor moorings

- 1 Bathampton, opposite school:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 140 metres.
- 1 Bathampton, west:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 135 metres.
- 2 Bathampton, east:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 110 metres.
- 3 Dundas, west of Basin:** Maximum 72 hours. Total 165 metres.
- 3 Dundas, in Basin:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 60 metres.
- 4 Dundas, east of Basin:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 65 metres.
- 6 Claverton:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 180 metres.
- 7 Avoncliff, west of Aqueduct:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 95 metres.
- 8 Avoncliff, east of Aqueduct:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 105 metres.
- 9 Bradford-on-Avon, below Lock:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 240 metres.
- 10 Bradford-on-Avon, above Lock:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 325 metres.

- 11 Widbrook Bridge:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 125 metres.
- 12 Widbrook:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 13 Hilperton:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 14 Semington Road Bridge:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 100 metres.
- 15 Seend, below lock:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 180 metres.
- 16 Seend, above Lock:** Maximum 48 hours (this is just west of Seend Below Lock).
- 17 Seend, Barge Inn:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 120 metres.
- 18 Sells Green Bridge:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 150 metres.



Locks & bridges

Lock 24, Devizes Lock: Start of the Caen Hill Flight. The flight is now open seven days a week, all year. Navigation from lock 22 to lock 29 and lock 44 to lock 50 is available from dawn until dusk with no restriction. Canal & River Trust provide lock keepers at the central flight of 16 locks (29–44) to manage safe navigation, and only allow passage when a lock keepers is on duty. During the summer this is from 8am to 8pm. In the winter it is from 8am to 4pm. To pass through the 16 central locks, boaters should allow at least 3 hours at the height of summer and 2–5 hours in winter. Since the flight is closed at 8pm in the summer, last entry will therefore be 5pm: in winter, last entry will be 1pm with a lock keepers remaining on duty until the last boat has passed through.

Lock 41, Caen Hill Locks:

One of the narrowest locks on the waterway.

Bruce Tunnel: This tunnel is able to take two-way narrowboat traffic (single file for craft with a beam greater than 7ft/2.13m). Craft should show a forward-facing white light, and boaters are advised to sound the horn and ensure the exit is clear before entering the tunnel. Pass straight through the tunnel without stopping. Keep crew and passengers inside the profile of the boat whilst in the tunnel. Remember to extinguish any naked flames – including kettles on the hob!

Services & facilities

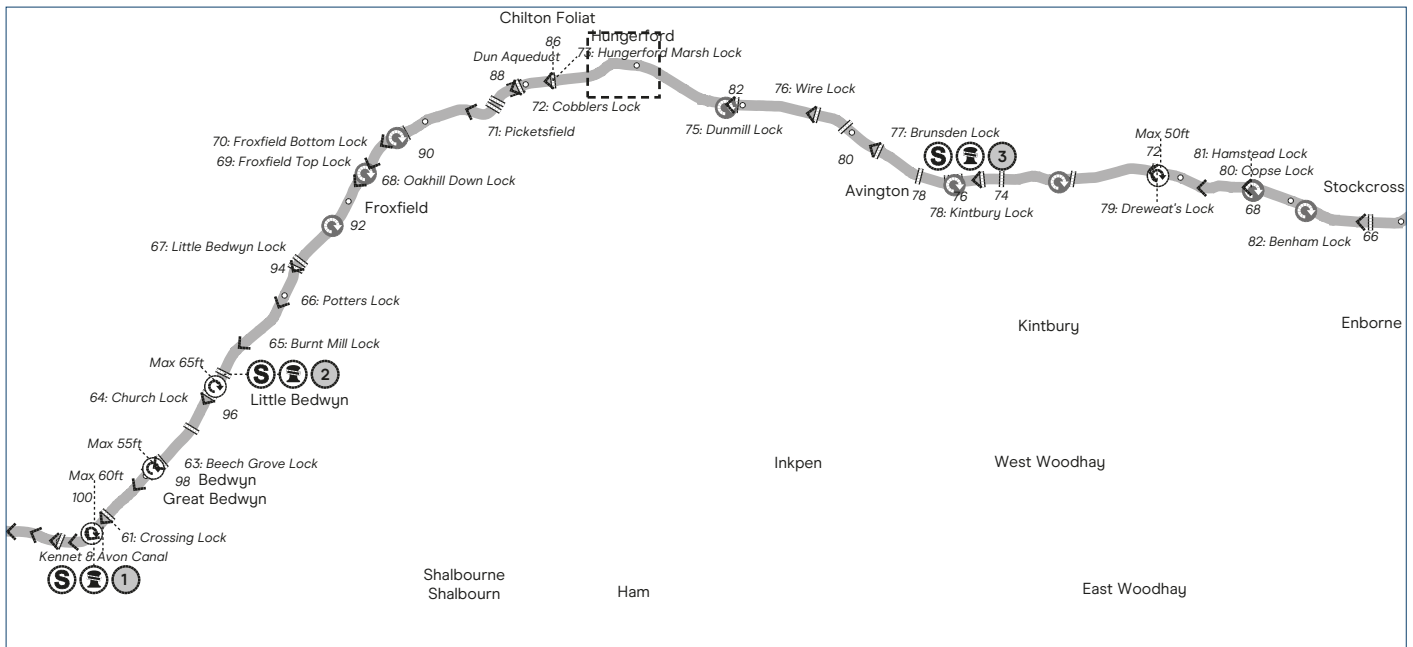
- 3 Honey Street:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal. Gibsons Boat Services.
- 4 Pewsey:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.
- 6 Lower Foxhangers:** Elsan disposal.
- 8 Devizes-Caen Hill:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.
- 9 Devizes:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal. Devizes Marina.
- 11 Devizes Wharf:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.

Visitor moorings

- 1 Horton:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 2 All Cannings Bridge:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 100 metres.
- 3 Honey Street, Barge Inn:** Maximum 24 hours. Total 140 metres.
- 4 Pewsey, east of Wharf:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 150 metres.
- 5 Wootton Rivers, above lock:** Maximum 24 hours. Total 120 metres.
- 6 Lower Foxhangers:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 7 Marsh Lane:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 8 Caen Hill:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 10 Devizes, opposite Wharf:** Maximum 72 hours. Total 340 metres.

Slipways & docks

- 3 Pewsey Wharf:** Slipway.



Navigation notes

River Kennet SSSI (Hungerford to Woolhampton): The canal between Hungerford and Woolhampton is closely linked with the River Kennet Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). In several lengths the river and the navigation are the same, such as below Copse Lock at Hamstead Marshall.

The ability to navigate through the SSSI provides boaters with an almost unique opportunity to enjoy this special landscape from the water. Our aim is to conserve the very valuable habitat and the historic navigation by minimising the impact of the increasing levels of use.

Help us to conserve the SSSI's unique aquatic plants and wildlife by navigating slowly. Slowing down helps to prevent bank erosion and reduces the displacement of silt. On-board domestic cats should not be allowed to roam freely along the banks, in order to protect breeding birds, water voles and other vulnerable wildlife.

Wherever possible, please use the designated hard-edged visitor moorings. This helps to conserve the sensitive plants at the water's edge.

Please conserve water by sharing locks with another boat if possible.

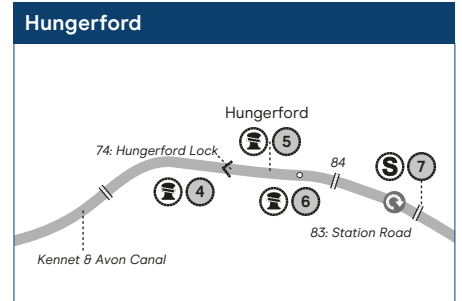
Locks & bridges

Bridge 83, Station Road: Low bridge.

Lock 73, Hungerford Marsh Lock: There is a manual swing bridge over the top of the lock. Boaters must open the bridge before entering the lock.

Lock 61, Crossing Lock: Lock 70ft long only. Wide or breasted craft are limited to 70ft length: 72ft narrowboats can pass through diagonally, subject to hull taper.

Lock 60, Crofton Lock: Please do not moor within this lock flight at anytime except at the visitor moorings between locks 60 & 61.

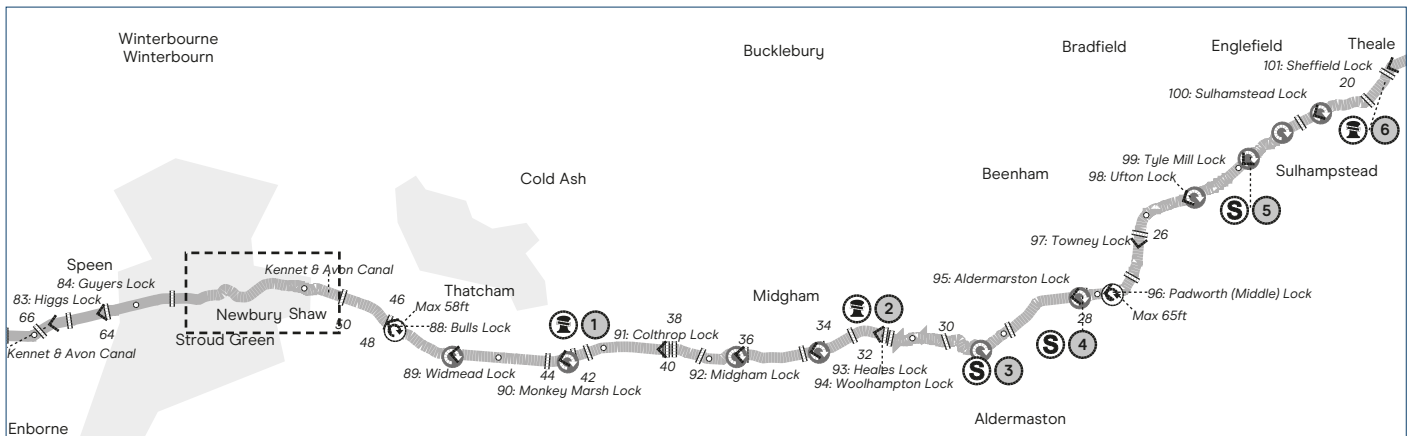


Services & facilities

- 1 Crofton:** Water, refuse disposal.
- 2 Great Bedwyn:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.
- 3 Kintbury:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.
- 7 Hungerford:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal.

Visitor moorings

- 1 Crofton, Engine Pound:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 190 metres.
- 2 Great Bedwyn:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 100 metres.
- 3 Kintbury, above lock:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 250 metres.
- 4 Hungerford, church:** Maximum 24 hours. Total 100 metres.
- 5 Hungerford:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 6 Hungerford Wharf, both sides:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 60 metres.



Navigation notes

Reading to Newbury: Navigation should be possible for narrowboats of up to 72ft length, but please consult the waterway office first. Narrowboats over 70ft long can only pass through Burghfield and Sulhamstead locks diagonally, and should not share with other boats.

Reading to Newbury: *Do not proceed in strong streams, but tie up safely until safe to continue. Check information at canalrivertrust.org.uk/stream.* The navigation from Reading to Newbury is canalised river. This means that the river navigation has been bypassed by the building of manmade stretches of waterway.

As a result, strong currents may be experienced when entering or leaving the canalised parts of the navigation, and boaters should allow for the fast-flowing river, particularly after rain.

Your boat may get pulled towards a weir; in the lock areas, the river millstream frequently will push the boat off course; and going downstream, the boat will need to go slightly faster than the water to maintain steerage.

Locks & bridges

Lock 84, Guyers Lock: One of the narrowest locks on the waterway.

Lock 85, Newbury Lock: Between Newbury Lock and Greenham Bridge, there may be strong currents from both sides of navigation during high river levels. Stay alert.

Lock 94, Woolhampton Lock: Particular care is needed at this section. The river flow is always strong below the lock, making stopping and steering very difficult.

Going upstream, boats should moor on the landing below the bridge. Crew should prepare the lock, opening the bottom gates before the bridge is opened. After this, the bridge can be opened and the boat can navigate straight through into the lock.

This lock entrance is the most awkward on the navigation. The strong stream entering from the towpath side, below the lock, will push the boat wide towards the offside bank.

Boaters are advised to maintain full power as they cross the stream, preferably starting the boat wide and crossing the stream at an angle if possible. This will help to stop the bow being pulled too far off course.

Going down stream, boats should open the swing bridge before leaving the lock. The strong current makes stopping between the lock and bridge awkward. Downstream of the bridge is a landing stage for picking up crew members.

Lock 100, Sulhamstead Lock: Lock 70ft long only. Wide or breasted craft are limited to 70ft length: 72ft narrowboats can pass through diagonally, subject to hull taper.

Services & facilities

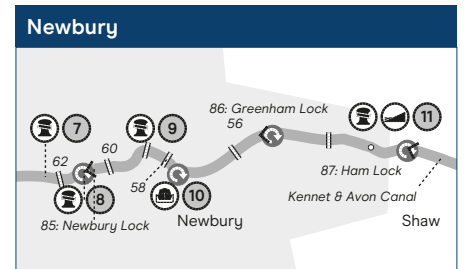
- 3 Froudes Bridge:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, refuse disposal. Froudes Bridge Marina.
- 4 Aldermaston:** Water, pump-out, refuse disposal. Reading marine.
- 4 Aldermaston Wharf:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.
- 5 Tyle Mill:** Water, Elsan disposal, refuse disposal.

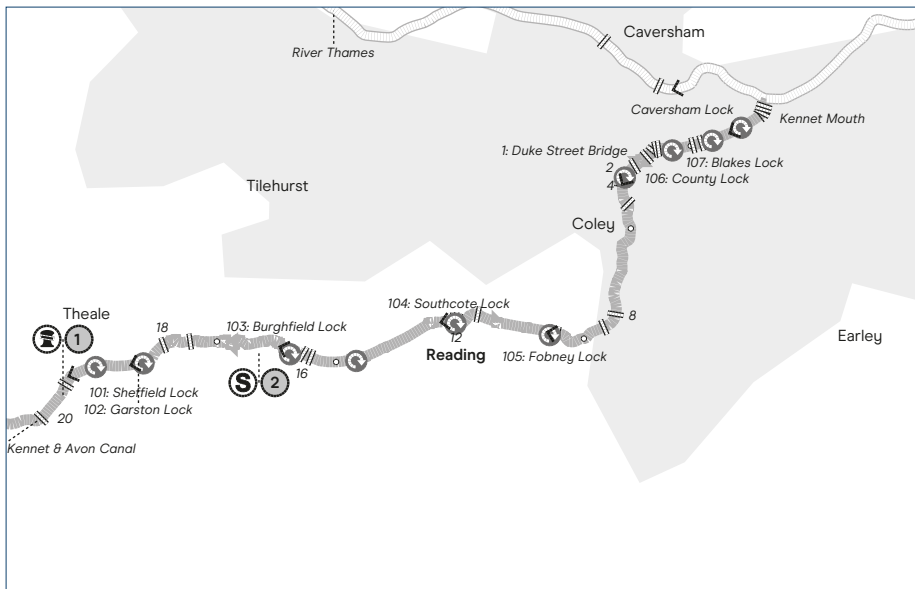
Visitor moorings

- 1 Thatcham Bridge:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 100 metres.
- 2 Woolhampton, above lock:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 140 metres.
- 6 Theale Swing Bridge:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 100 metres.
- 7 Newbury West:** Maximum 24 hours.
- 8 Newbury, above lock:** Maximum 24 hours. Total 140 metres.
- 9 Newbury Wharf:** Maximum 48 hours. Total 80 metres.
- 11 Newbury:** Newbury Boat Company. Moorings available.

Slipways & docks

- 10 Greenham Island:** Dry-dock.
- 11 Ham Marsh Marina:** Slipway.





Locks & bridges

Lock 103, Burghfield Lock: Lock 70ft long only. Wide or breasted craft are limited to 70ft length: 72ft narrowboats can pass through diagonally, subject to hull taper.

Lock 105, Fobney Lock: If emptying the lock check that all boats are securely moored to the landing stage below the lock before raising a paddle. Strong weir currents below lock.

Lock 106, County Lock: After leaving County Lock going downstream, or Blakes Lock going upstream, you will encounter traffic lights. On reaching the signals there will be a red light: press button for green light. Time for passage through controlled section is 8 minutes downstream and 12 minutes upstream. Please wait for the traffic light to turn green before entering the controlled section and do not stop until you are through the controlled area.

When travelling downstream through The Oracle site within the controlled section boats will occasionally experience a fast flow of water. It is suggested therefore that boats keep to the centre of the channel and steer through the bends pointing the boat to the right.

Bridge 1, Duke Street Bridge: Low bridge.

Lock 107, Blakes Lock: After leaving County Lock going downstream, or Blakes Lock going upstream, you will encounter traffic lights. On reaching the signals there will be a red light: press button for green light. Time for passage through controlled section is 8 minutes downstream and 12 minutes upstream. Please wait for the traffic light to turn green before entering the controlled section and do not stop until you are through the controlled area.

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Services & facilities

2 Burghfield/Southcote Moorings: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out. Kennet Cruises.

Visitor moorings

1 Theale Swing Bridge: Maximum 48 hours. Total 100 metres.