Canal & River Trust

Anderton Boat Lift

Cheshire

Useful contacts

Canal & River Trust
0303 040 4040

Anderton Booking Office
Currently closed

Emergency Hotline
0800 47 999 47

Lock Keepers
Vale Royal Lock
Hunts Lock
Saltersford Lock
Dutton Lock

Please arrive on site prior to lock times advertised to enable passage

Pollution Incident
Environment Agency 0800 807060
Please report any pollution, illegal dumping or fish in distress.

National Rail Enquiries
0845 748495

Tourist Information Centres

Northwich	01606 353534
Runcorn	01928 576776
Winsford	01606 593582
Cheshire West and Chester	0300 123 8 123

Hospitals

Northwich Victoria Infirmary	01606 564000
Halton General Hospital	01928 714567
Leighton Hospital	01270 255141

Vets

Northwich	01606 40332
Frodsham	01928 717581

Taxi Services

Northwich	01606 77777
Winsford	01606 594101
Frodsham	01928 735353

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Boaters Information

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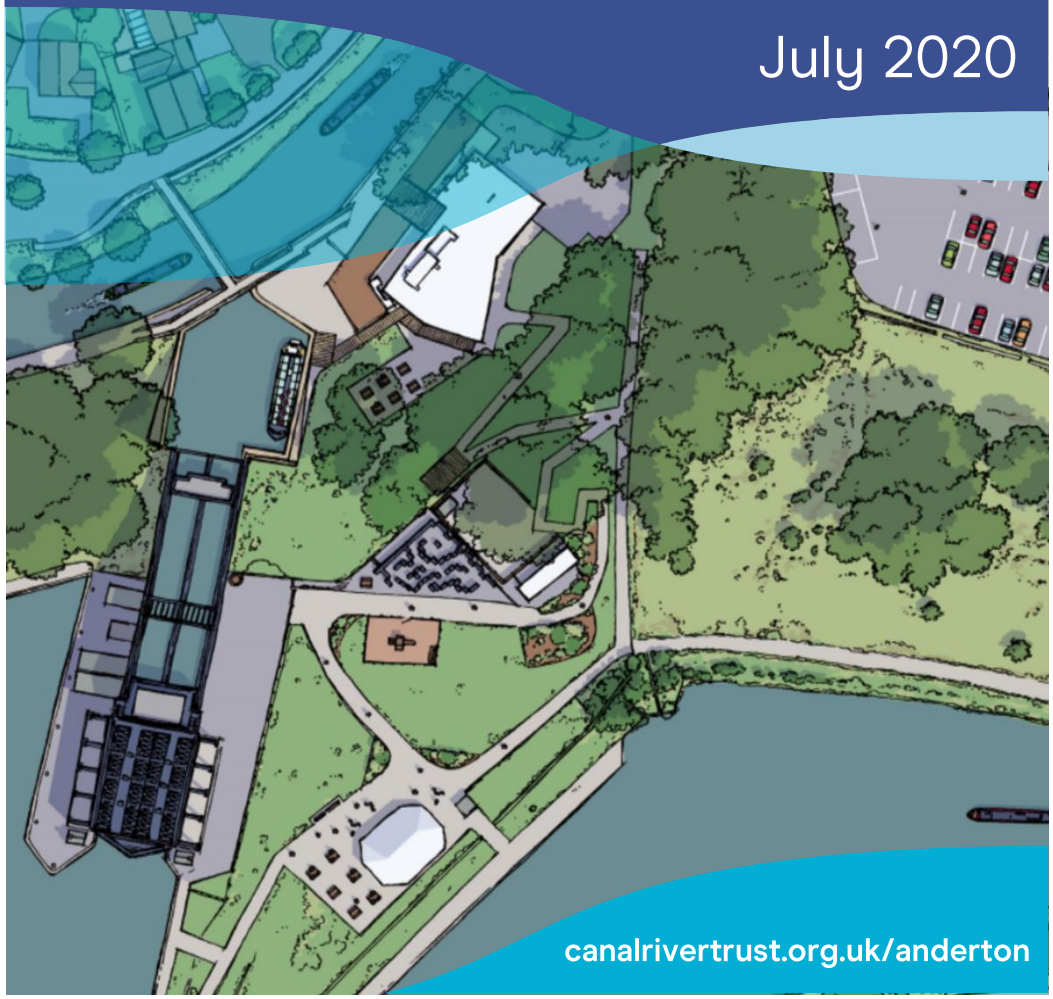

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Lift Passage Schedule - July 2020

During this unprecedented period of restrictions due to Covid-19 we will be operating a reduced passage schedule. Lift Passage will be bookable 48hours in advance for passage times between the hours of 10:00 and 13:00

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

10:00	↑		2x private passage – Weaver to T&M,
10:45	↑	↓	2x private passage – Weaver to T&M, 2x private passage T&M to Weaver
11:30	↑	↓	2x private passage – Weaver to T&M, 2x private passage T&M to Weaver
12:15	↑	↓	2x private passage – Weaver to T&M, 2x private passage T&M to Weaver
13:00		↓	2x private passage T&M to Weaver

We will review the operating procedures each week and hope to extend the operating times once the new procedures are established. Please refer to our website and booking page for more details.

https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/anderton-boat-lift-visitor-centre/boating-through-anderton-boat-lift

For the safety of Trust employees and members of the public we will be operating within social distancing guidelines and we ask that you always follow the advice given from the Lift Operators during your passage.
Many thanks for co-operation and patience during this period

You must follow Our instructions for the preparation of the Boat for Passage. It is Your responsibility to ensure that Your Boat has a current Canal & River Trust licence.
The skipper of any Boat entering the Lift must declare the number of Passengers on the Boat to the Gate Keeper.
All Passengers must respect the health, safety and comfort of users of the Lift and of Our staff and must comply with Our safety instructions and any reasonable request made by Us during the Passage. No smoking, other use of a naked flame or consumption of alcohol is permitted during the Lift Passage. All craft engines must be turned off once the vessel has been safely secured in the caisson.

5. Cancellation and charges

If you wish to change a booking, you must contact Us at the Anderton Booking Office immediately by telephone to ensure that there is available Passage on the new date requested and then confirm the changes in writing. Bookings may not be changed less than two days before the Passage date. If you wish to cancel the booking you must notify Us immediately by telephone and confirm the request for cancellation in writing. Our acknowledgement of your cancellation in writing shall be confirmation that the booking is cancelled. For cancellations more than 7 days before the Passage date, the Passage charge will be refunded less an administration fee of £5.00. All £5.00 booking/administration charges are non-refundable irrespective of notice given.
For cancellations within 7 days but more than 2 days before the Passage date, one half of the Passage charge shall be refunded, less am administration charge of £5.00. Cancellations within 2 days of the Passage date will not be subject to a refund. If any charges for an earlier Passage or a cancelled Passage are outstanding, We may refuse any further Passage until these are paid.

6. Cancellations by Us

We reserve the right to cancel or delay a booked Passage at any time on grounds of compliance with the safe operation of the Lift. In the event of such delays or cancellations, We will notify You as soon as possible and offer an alternative Passage. Where such Passage is not acceptable to You, a refund of the Passage charge shall be made. Please note that where Passage is cancelled on grounds that the Boat is, in Our opinion, unsuitable for Passage, no refund will be made.

7. Complaints

We shall inspect the Boat before Passage to ensure it is suitable. At the same time, We may take a record of the condition of the exterior of the Boat. You must make a proper check of the condition of the Boat and its contents on arrival at the Lift exit and bring any alleged damage to Our attention at that time so that We may inspect that alleged damage before the Boat leaves the Lift. You must provide reasonable assistance and facilities to Us to enable Us to make that inspection and to record any alleged damage.

8. Limitation of liability

We shall not be liable for any damage to the boat or its contents reasonable capable of discovery by a proper check at the Lift exit and not notified to Our staff at that time before departure of the Boat.
We shall not be liable for any scratches to paintwork or damage to fixings along/below the gunwale line of the Boat.
We shall not be liable for any damage to the contents of the Boat (including, but not limited to, all crockery and glassware) where such contents were not properly secured and protected for Lift Passage. We shall not be liable for any losses or costs incurred as a result of any delay or cancellation by Us of Lift Passage apart from providing a refund in the particular circumstances set out in paragraph 6 above. In any event, We shall not be liable under this agreement for any loss or damage caused by Us in circumstances where (i) There is no breach of a legal duty of care owed to You, or any other Passenger, by Us, (ii) Such loss or damage is not a reasonably foreseeable consequence of such a breach, or (iii) Any increase in loss or damage results from breach by You, or any other Passenger, of any term of this agreement.

9. Waiver

Any waiver by Us of any breach of these conditions by You or any other Passenger shall not be a waiver of any continuing breach or any other breach of these conditions.

Terms & Conditions

Please read these conditions carefully as they are part of your agreement with us.

1. Definitions

In these conditions: “We”, “Us”, and “Our” refer to Canal & River Trust, including Our employees and agents to whom these conditions apply.
“You” means the person or persons named in the booking confirmation.
“Boat“ means the boat or vessel booked by You for a passage through the Lift. “Passengers” means the persons (not exceeding 12, including You) who are to be transferred through the Lift at the same time as the passage of the Boat.
“Passage Date” means the date booked for travel through the Lift.
“Lift” means the Anderton Boat Lift on the Weaver Navigation.
“Lift Passage” includes passage (in either direction) between the Weaver Navigation and the Trent & Mersey canal.

2. Passage Agreement

This booking is an agreement for passage through the Lift on the date and at the time specified. By making the booking with Us, You accept that these conditions apply both to You and to any other Passengers on whose behalf the booking is made and you confirm that You have the necessary authority of such persons to give that acceptance on their behalf.

3. Prices and Payment

There is a standard set of charges for Passage through the Lift. These are available from the Anderton Booking Office. This charge includes Passage through the Lift for up to 12 passengers per booking (including You), but not exceeding the number of berths on any vessel. Pre-booking of Passage is not compulsory although Passage cannot be guaranteed on a particular day for boats that have not booked in advance. Bookings are subject to there being sufficient space on a particular planned Passage. Craft that have booked a Passage must arrive on the holding moorings 30 minutes before their allocated time of Passage. The last Passage through the Lift will be 30 minutes before the advertised closing time. Boat Clubs wishing to bring groups of boats through the Lift are advised to inform the Anderton Booking Office at least two weeks in advance. Pre-booking is the only way that We can accommodate the need of any group bookings. Bookings may only be made with Us at the Anderton Booking Office. Bookings may be made by phone, in writing, or in person. Payment is accepted by cheque (if backed by cheque guarantee card), credit or debit card, or cash. A booking is only confirmed and binding when We have received your payment. A telephone booking is not binding on Us unless you authorised payment by credit or the card issuer confirms debit card at the same time as such payment. All prices are inclusive of VAT. Boats will not be taken through the Lift until payment has been received in full.

4. Safety and other Passage requirements

We reserve the right to refuse passage to any Boat not complying with the restrictions and safety requirements set out in (a) These conditions, (b) The Booking Confirmation or (c) Notified to you in advance of the Passage. We reserve the right to suspend use of the Lift for safety reasons or in line with a scheduled stoppage for repair or refurbishment at any time. We reserve the right to refuse Passage to any Boat that is without a confirmed booking or that is considered unsuitable for Lift Passage. You agree to allow Us to inspect the Boat (both internally and externally) prior to Passage. If an inspection is refused, the Boat will be deemed unsuitable for Passage. Passage may not be suitable for young children, but children of all ages are accepted provided that they are closely supervised at all times by a responsible adult. All pets/animals must be securely held within the cabin of the Boat at all times during the Passage. Equipment or material carried on any deck of a Boat must be properly secured or removed prior to entering the Lift. You must arrive on the holding moorings 30 minutes before allocated time of Passage to ensure all preliminary checks and preparations can be made. If you arrive late, the Boat will not be allowed Passage at the booked time, but We will arrange Passage for You on the next space available. This may be on another day. We shall not be obliged to arrange an additional Passage for You in these circumstances. If the alternative Passage is not acceptable to you, no refund of the Passage charge shall be made.

Weaver Lock Schedule – June/ July 2020

Please see the revised times for the Dutton, Saltersford, Hunts and Vale Royal Locks on the Weaver Navigation, operated on

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday weekly

	Morning	Afternoon
Dutton	9am	4.30pm
Saltersford	10am	3.30pm
Hunts	11am	2.30pm
Vale Royal	12pm	1.30pm

The above locks will remain closed outside these times and will be only be manned just prior to each passage.

Passage will be on first come first served basis

Please note, these opening times are subject to review.

Please continue to follow the government advice regarding coronavirus – stay alert, control the virus, save lives.

Weaver Navigation

MOORINGS

Moorings are not quite as plentiful as on the canal system; nevertheless, there are plenty of places to tie up. Some preferred moorings are:

- Rock Savage, Runcorn
- Sutton Weaver, Frodsham near Runcorn Rowing Club or at Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge.
- Devil's Garden midway between Frodsham Cut and Dutton Locks. (3rd party ownership by kind permission of landowner, please respect this)
- Dutton Lock, Northwich.
- Acton Bridge Northwich several good public houses within walking distance
- Barnton Cut, Northwich
- Anderton Boat Lift, Northwich
- Northwich Town below and above Town Bridge.
- Upstream of Vale Royal Locks, Northwich
- Red Lion Pub jetty, Winsford
- Winsford Flash, very shallow and beyond the jurisdiction of Canal & River Trust.

TURNING AROUND

There are plenty of places to turn around on the Weaver Navigation, so winding holes are not marked on the guidebooks, but skippers of 70ft craft travelling upstream need to turn at the marked winding hole, just before the Red Lion Inn at Winsford.

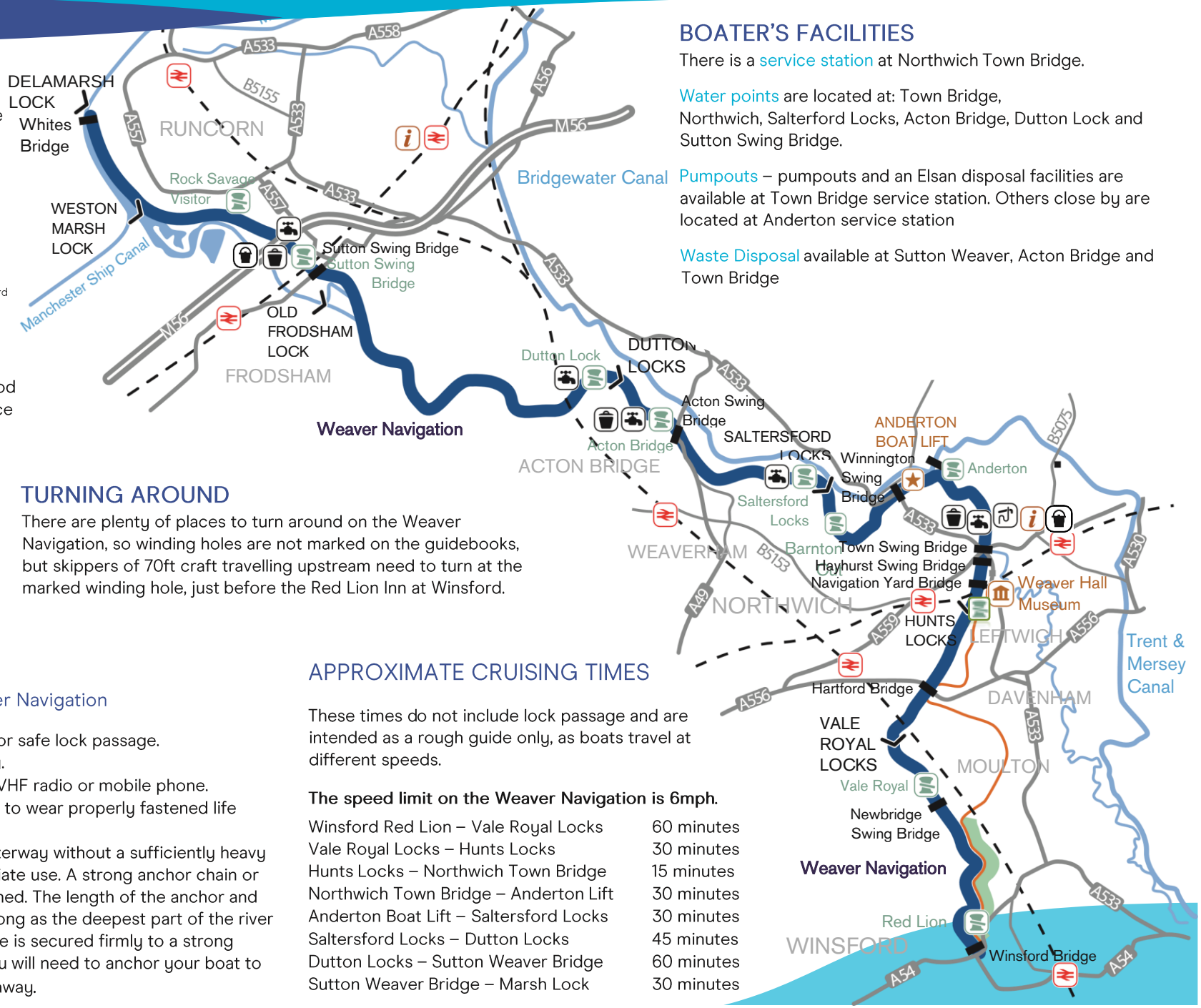
BOATER'S FACILITIES

There is a service station at Northwich Town Bridge.

Water points are located at: Town Bridge, Northwich, Salterford Locks, Acton Bridge, Dutton Lock and Sutton Swing Bridge.

Pumpouts – pumpouts and an Elsan disposal facilities are available at Town Bridge service station. Others close by are located at Anderton service station

Waste Disposal available at Sutton Weaver, Acton Bridge and Town Bridge



BASIC EQUIPMENT

Equipment you'll need on the Weaver Navigation

- 2 x 30ft / 9.14m ropes are necessary for safe lock passage.
- Canal & River Trust service station key.
- Communication is essential either via VHF radio or mobile phone.
- We advise children and non-swimmers to wear properly fastened life jackets at all times.
- Never go on a river or commercial waterway without a sufficiently heavy anchor attached and ready for immediate use. A strong anchor chain or rope (or combination) should be attached. The length of the anchor and chain should be at least five times as long as the deepest part of the river (approx. 50ft long). Make sure the cable is secured firmly to a strong anchorage point. If the engine fails, you will need to anchor your boat to prevent it from possibly being swept away.

APPROXIMATE CRUISING TIMES

These times do not include lock passage and are intended as a rough guide only, as boats travel at different speeds.

The speed limit on the Weaver Navigation is 6mph.

Winsford Red Lion – Vale Royal Locks	60 minutes
Vale Royal Locks – Hunts Locks	30 minutes
Hunts Locks – Northwich Town Bridge	15 minutes
Northwich Town Bridge – Anderton Lift	30 minutes
Anderton Boat Lift – Saltersford Locks	30 minutes
Saltersford Locks – Dutton Locks	45 minutes
Dutton Locks – Sutton Weaver Bridge	60 minutes
Sutton Weaver Bridge – Marsh Lock	30 minutes