

AVON NAVIGATION TRUST is an independently funded charitable navigation authority that receives no State funding. Our sole objective is to administer, maintain and improve the River Avon Navigation. We rely heavily on our team of enthusiastic volunteers and staff. Please join the Trust and become a part of this team. All members receive our newsletter 'The Avon Bulletin'.



AVON NAVIGATION



*Welcome to the
River Avon*

*'Your Friendly Local
Waterway'*

SERVICES

Location	Water point	Refuse Bins	Tip out facility	Pump out facility	Diesel Fuel	Calor Gas
Tewkesbury Lock	•	•				
Tewkesbury Marina	•		•	•	•	•
Strensham Lock	•		•			
Pershore Town Mooring	•	•	•	• Requires ANT Token		
Evesham Town Mooring	•	•				
Evesham Lock	•		•	• Requires ANT Token		
Evesham Marina	•			•	•	•
Offenham Lock	•	•	•			
Bidford Town Mooring	•	•				
Bidford Boat Services	•			•	•	•
Luddington Lock	•	•	•			
Stratford Town Mooring	•	•				
Stratford Marina	•			•		•
Stratford Old Bathing Place	•	•	•			

OVERNIGHT MOORINGS

Usually marked by blue posts, 24 hours maximum

(FS = Flood Safe. **HAVON** = Flood Safe, Full Sanitary Station Facilities, Shops, Emergency Service Access)

Avon Lock (**Charged**) (FS)

Twynning Fleet (FS)

Eckington Wharf (FS)

Birlingham Quay

Comberton Quay (FS)

Defford Road Wharf (FS)

Pershore New Bridge (FS)

Angel Hotel Pershore (FS)

Pershore Town Moorings (**HAVON**)

Wyre Lock Island (FS)

Fladbury Lock (FS)

Craycombe Turn (FS)

Chadbury Lock Island (FS)

Evesham ANT Mooring (FS)

Evesham Town Moorings

Evesham Lock (**Charged**) (**HAVON**)

Offenham Lock (FS)

Harvington Lock (FS)

Bidford Town Mooring (FS)

Barton Lock (FS)

Bidford Grange Lock (FS)

Welford Lock (FS)

Luddington Lock (FS)

Weir Brake Lock (FS)

Stratford upon Avon (**Charged**)

**Welcome
Information**



AVON NAVIGATION TRUST

Welcome to the Avon Navigation Trust

The River is run by the Avon Navigation Trust which is an independent charitable navigation authority. Please purchase and display a current licence (CRT, EA or other licences are not valid). This is a brief guide explaining the arrangements for your safety whilst visiting or navigating the river. We hope you enjoy your visit and are assured that Avon Navigation Trust is committed to maintaining and improving the Navigation for your enjoyment and safety.

NAVIGATION SAFETY INFORMATION

- Weirs are dangerous and you should keep clear of them at all times.
- Some weirs on the Avon are protected by booms; any gaps are for authorised access only and not normal navigation. It is dangerous to navigate between the boom and weir crest.
- **WARNING:** Weir Brake, Luddington, Bidford Grange, Barton, Harvington and Fladbury weirs are unprotected; take care and follow directed signage.
- When locking down, keep boat forward of the cill marker.
- On leaving the lock, close all paddles and leave both exit gates open.
- Keep to the speed limit: 4mph upstream and 6mph downstream. Slow down past moored boats. A breaking wash at any time indicates excessive speed and can cause damage or injury.
- Keep to the right of the channel.
- Fore and aft lines must be used when locking up or down. Centre lines are not acceptable.
- Lock mooring stages are for waiting for the lock only.
- Children must be supervised at all times when assisting on lock sites.
- No running on lock sides.
- Bow fenders are mandatory and adequate fenders must be available for immediate use to protect other vessels, lock gates, walls or other structures.
- Please open both gates when leaving a lock even if your boat is narrow beam, this reduces wear on gates.
- **Navigation Concern / Incident Telephone number: 0300 999 2010**

ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN TIMES OF FLOOD

- Follow the advice given on the automatic flood warning signs.
- Levels can change significantly overnight so ensure there is sufficient slack in mooring ropes to compensate.
- Check river level monitoring gauges before proceeding.
- Look for the nearest safe mooring as soon as the level enters the ORANGE on signs.
- Extended mooring posts have been provided at all popular mooring sites—these moorings are indicated with 'FS' (Flood Safe) on the mooring list overleaf.

RIVER AVON WATCH

ANT has set up a series of live webcams and Environment Agency web gauges. These can be viewed on our website www.avonnavigationtrust.org and on screens at Stratford Waterways Information Centre, Tewkesbury Lock and ANT Head Office.

Water within RED level	DANGER! Stop and moor boat
Water within AMBER level	Increased current Proceed with Caution
Water within GREEN level	Normal Navigation Level

Further safety advice is available from:

Head Office Tel: 01386 552517

Stratford Waterways Information Centre
(Open April — end of October) Tel: 07584 086321

Avon Lock, Tewkesbury Tel: 01684 292129

ANT Concern / Incident 24/7 Tel: 0300 999 2010

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 999

Advice also available from volunteers and staff members, who you will find working at various locations on the Navigation

NAVIGATION NOTES

TEWKESBURY, ECKINGTON, PERSHORE, BIDFORD, BINTON AND STRATFORD BRIDGES

Great care should be taken when navigating these bridges. Please ensure that there is adequate head room before you navigate and that the river is in green or amber, **not** red.

Narrow boats **must not** go through these bridges breasted up and must single up.

HAMPTON FERRY, EVESHAM

Please take special care when approaching the historic Hampton Ferry. This is rope-operated and three blasts on the horn is the accepted signal to the ferryman to lower the rope.

NARROW BOATS

MIND YOUR TILLER. Some locks require tight manoeuvres when negotiating locks (e.g. Nafford and Pershore). Take care not to catch your tiller in lock gates or on lock sides.

MOORINGS

At busy times it may be necessary for boats to make the best use of the moorings available. Please treat other river users with courtesy and, where necessary, moor close up to the next boat or even breast up alongside. This is particularly important if rising river levels require boats to stop and moor. Mooring in lock landing stages and in lock approach channels is permitted only when locking and at no other time.

River Guide

You are strongly advised to purchase a copy of our guidebook **before** navigating the river. This is available from Avon Lock, Stratford Waterways Information Centre and our Head Office.

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