

**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'.

## SERVICES

Location	Water point	Refuse Bins	Tip out facility	Pump out facility	Diesel Fuel	Calor Gas
Avon Lock, Tewkesbury*	•	•				
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	•			•		•
Shakespeare Marina	•	•	•	•	•	•

\*= Season only

### VISITOR MOORINGS: Usually marked by blue posts, 48 hours maximum

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.

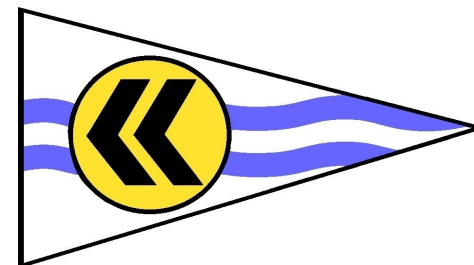
**FS** = Flood Safe. **HAVON** = Flood Safe, Shops, Emergency Service Access. Full Sanitary Station Facilities in season only.

Avon Lock (**Charged**) (**FS**)  
 Twynning Fleet (**FS**)  
 Strensham Lock (**HAVON**)  
 Eckington Wharf (**FS**)  
 Birlingham Quay  
 Comberton Quay (**FS**)  
 Defford Road Wharf (**FS**)  
 Pershore New Bridge (**FS**)  
 Angel Hotel Pershore (**FS**)

Pershore Lock Island (**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  
 Valley Moorings Evesham Country Park (**FS**)

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 Trinity Lock  
 Stratford upon Avon (**Charged**)

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## Visitor Licences Welcome Information 2025

*'Your Friendly Local  
Waterway'*

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## 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, Marlcliff, Harvington, Offenham 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**  
**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 999**

### AVON LOCK Tewkesbury

**Boating Season** Sat 15th March - Sun 2nd Nov 2025

**Winter** Mon 3rd Nov 2025- Fri 13th March 2026

The lock is closed during the winter. During this period the lock is unmanned. Bookings for an out of season locking can be requested by calling 0300 111 2010 48 hours prior to passage or via the website

**Avon Lock opening hours in season:** 8:00 to 18:00 closed 13:00 to 14:00

**Out of Hours :** Extensions need to be booked 24 hours before required passage by calling 0300 111 2010

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9.30am to 4pm Visitors by appointment only.

### RIVER AVON WELCOME CENTRE - Tewkesbury

See website for latest information for opening days and times.

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

### 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](http://www.avonnavigationtrust.org) and on screens at the River Avon Welcome Centre & Avon Lock Tewkesbury

**We recommend signing up for email Navigation Alerts on our website [www.avonnavigationtrust.org/notices](http://www.avonnavigationtrust.org/notices)**  
**Sign up for free text alerts by sending a text to 78900 with the word AVON**

### 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 headroom before you navigate and that the river is in green **not** amber or 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 ferry operator 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.

### Navigation & Visitor Guide

You are strongly advised to purchase a copy of our Navigation & Visitor guidebook **before** navigating the river.

Short Term Licences for Private, Hire, Time Share Ownership & CRT Continuous Cruising Craft. Butty barges must have a powered craft linked and licenced under the same owner. Please see separate leaflet for Paddle Craft	Powered	Unpowered
	<b>24 Hour Overnight</b> (Stratford and Tewkesbury including Severn Levels)	£ 7.00
<b>24 Hour Excursion (Return to point of start)</b>	£13.00	£ 7.00
<b>48 Hour Excursion (Return to point of start)</b>	£26.00	£13.00
<b>7 Day Through or Maintenance passage</b>	£64.00	£21.00
<b>14 Day Through</b>	£80.00	£37.00
<b>30 Day Through</b>	£118.00	£64.00

**Licences cannot be transferred to any other craft, captain or crew. Hire craft licences expire at the end of the hire period.**

A licence Information leaflet for Private Boaters detailing annual licences is available on our website or by post. Commercial licence information is available from the ANT office.