

LOCKS

The majority of British Waterways London's locks are manual and require a windlass. However, Brentford Gauging Locks on the Grand Union Canal and all locks between Old Ford and Rammey Marsh (except Pickett's Lock) on the River Lee are mechanised and require a BW key.

Operating instructions are printed on the consoles and anti-vandalism devices have been fitted over some paddle gears. Your BW key will remove these so you can operate the lock and you should ensure the protective covers are replaced after use. Windlasses and BW keys can be purchased from the local waterway office or refer to the table of facilities on pages 17-19 for other suppliers.

Sharing Locks

Locks on the Grand Union Canal, Regent's Canal and River Lee Navigation should be shared wherever possible. Lock gates and paddles should always be closed after use to preserve water levels.

Do's and Don'ts

Do's

- Do share locks with other boats.
- Do check the cill markings when using a lock.
- Do report any defects or problems to British Waterways.
- Do report any anti-social behaviour/crime to the police and send us a visitor incident report.
- Do be considerate of other users and local residents.

Don'ts

- Don't drop lock paddles.
- Don't force lock gates open with your boat.
- Don't run your engine in gear whilst moored.
- Don't leave gates and paddles open after using a lock.

London region waterway dimensions

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On the River Stort Navigation, if your vessel is close to reaching the maximum headroom, please take extra care in conditions of heavy rain or flood since water levels may rise considerably in a very short period of time.



Brentford High Street Bridge on the Grand Union Mainline has limited headroom, which is significantly restricted during high water.

N.B Locks on the River Stort Navigation are narrower than on the River Lee, Regent's Canal or Grand Union Canal. Craft should not lock through side by side.

MAXIMUM CRAFT DIMENSIONS

Grand Union Canal	Length	Beam	Headroom
Brentford Basin to Berkhamsted (Lock 54)	21.95m (72')	4.27m (14')	2.49m (8'2")
Slough Arm	21.95m (72')	4.27m (14')	2.58 (8'5")
Paddington Branch	21.95m (72')	4.27m (14')	2.74m (9')
Regent's Canal	21.95m (72')	4.27m (14')	2.79m (9'2")
Hertford Union Canal	21.95 (72')	4.27m (14')	2.59m (8'6")
Limehouse Cut	26.82m (88')	5.79m (19')	2.35m (7'7")
River Lee Navigation			
River Thames to tail of Old Ford Locks	26.82m (88')	5.79m (19')	2.05m (6'9")
Tail of Old Ford Locks to Ponders End	26.82m (88')	5.79m (19')	2.05m (6'9")
Ponders End to Hertford	25.9m (85')	4.80m (5'9")	2.05m (6'9")
River Stort Navigation	25.9m (85')	3.96m (13')	2.05m (6'9")
London Docklands	178m (584')	24.4m (80')	Unlimited

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CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

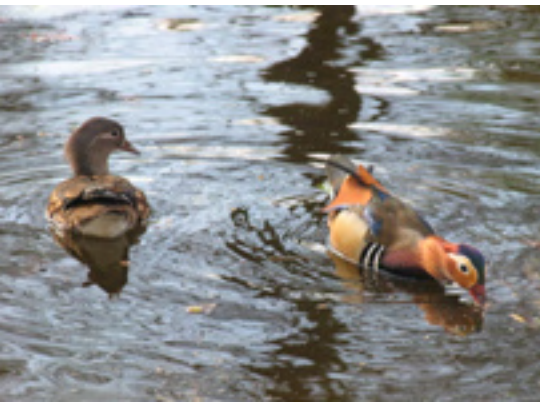
BW wants to conserve and enhance the environment of the waterways as an essential part of achieving its vision. It is the quality and sustainability of the waterway environment that will attract people to them and ensure they become increasingly valued as a national asset.

Some areas of canal may receive designations such as conservation area and SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). The Countryside and Rights of Way Act places a duty on British Waterways to further the nature conservation interest of SSSIs. You can help British Waterways fulfil this duty and contribute towards the protection, preservation and enhancement of habitats and species that live in harmony with the canals by following a few basic guidelines.

Next time you visit our waterways, watch out for wildlife. British Waterways ecologists are always interested to hear what you have spotted and any information will be used positively to encourage the diversity of wildlife on the canal system. One day maybe you won't have to look so hard for it!

Use the canal sensitively

Please slow down. Boat traffic has the potential to damage sensitive aquatic environments. Slower boats cause less disturbance in the natural environment, minimising wash and turbidity (cloudiness of water) which reduces the amount of light penetrating through the water and increases sediment deposition on leaves. Moor at suitable locations to preserve soft banks that host an intricate range of aquatic and water loving plant and animal species. Do not run your engine in gear as it erodes the soft bank.



Preventing pollution from sewage, wastewater, diesel and oil

By following a few simple guidelines you can help prevent pollution incidents. On-board toilets must have the facility to hold waste and must not be discharged overboard. Specialist pump-out facilities and chemical sewage disposal sites are available along the waterway and are listed on pages 17-19.

Unfortunately, wastewater from sinks and showers is generally not held onboard but discharged directly into the watercourse. Please use environmentally friendly detergents. Waste food, cooking oil and fat should be put in the bin not down the sink. Engine oil should be disposed of in official used-oil banks available at Little Venice, Limehouse and Docklands. Be aware of the accumulation of excess oil in the drip tray or bilge. This should be removed using oil absorbent materials, not pumped into the waterway. When refuelling your boat avoid overfilling the tank, keep a rag handy to mop up any spillage.

If you have a solid fuel heater please use smokeless fuel when possible. If a pollution incident occurs contact British Waterways and the Environment Agency immediately.

Disposing of rubbish and recycling

Refuse and recycling points are provided along the waterways, in marinas and at official moorings. Please refer to the table of facilities on pages 17-19 for refuse disposal points. Recycling points near to the canal are listed in the table opposite.

By taking all your waste with you, not overfilling small bins and even picking up other people's litter you are contributing towards the cleanliness of the environment. Rubbish is not only unsightly and may smell unpleasant, it can cause damage to boats, kill wildlife and attract unwanted animals such as rats.

RECYCLING

LOCATION	OPENING TIMES	NEAR TO
Reuse and Recycle Centre Rigby Lane, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 1ET	Daily	0.1km Stockley Bridge
Tesco Bulls Bridge Ind Estate, Hayes, UB2 5NB	Anytime	0.1km Tesco Visitor Moorings 0.1km Willow Wren Moorings 0.5km Bulls Bridge Moorings
Norwood Green Road Norwood Green, Southall, UB2 4LA	Anytime	0.9km Norwood Top Lock
Somerfields Car Park High Street, Brentford, TW8 0JG	Anytime	0.4km Brentford 0.2km Thames Lock 0.2km
Sainsbury's 2 Canal Way, Ladbroke Grove, W10 5AA	Anytime	Ladbroke Grove
BW recycling point Delamere Terrace, Westbourne Terrace Road, Little Venice, W2 6ND	Anytime	0km Little Venice
Recycling point Junction Oval Road and Gloucester Avenue, NW1 7AT	Anytime	0.1km Cumberland Basin 0.5km Camden Locks
Recycling point Eagle Wharf, opposite the lofts, N1 7ED	Anytime	0km Sturt's Lock
Recycling point Corner of Wennington Road and Grove Road, E3	Anytime	0.2km Old Ford Lock (Regent's)
Reuse & Recycling Centre Northumberland Wharf Yabsley Street, Isle of Dogs, E14 9RG	Daily	0.2km Docklands
BW recycling point Limehouse Basin off Narrow Street	Anytime	0km Limehouse Basin 0.8km Cannon Workshop
Tesco Bromley-by-Bow	Anytime	0.6km Bow Locks
Council recycling point Bream Close, N17	Anytime	0.2km Hale Wharf
Tottenham Reuse and Recycling Centre Park View Road, Tottenham, N17	Daily	0.2km Hale Wharf 0.8km Stonebridge Lock
Recycling Centre Brooker Road, Waltham Abbey EN9 1JU	Daily	0.6km Hazelmere Marina
Hoddesdon Waste Recycling Centre Pindar Road, Hoddesdon, EN11 0BZ	Daily	0.8km Feilde's Weir
Recycling Centre Temple Bank off River Way, Harlow CM20 2DY	Daily	0.5km Harlow Lock
Ware Household Waste Recycling West Mill Road, Ware, SG12 0EL	Daily	1km Ware Lock

This table gives a selection of recycling points along the London waterway network, most of which are operated by third parties.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES

British Waterways		
London (Paddington)	www.britishwaterways.co.uk/london www.waterscape.com	020 7985 7200
Brentford		020 7985 7780
Docklands		020 7517 5550
Locks		
Limehouse Lock		020 7308 9930
Thames Lock, Brentford		020 8568 2779
Bow Locks		020 7308 9930
West India Dock Lock, Docklands		020 7517 5550 020 7987 7260
Other British Waterways Numbers		
BW Head Office	www.britishwaterways.co.uk www.waterscape.com	01923 226 422
Customer Services		01923 201 120
Boat Safety Scheme	www.boatsafetyscheme.com	01923 201 278
Other useful numbers		
Environment Agency, General Number	www.environment-agency.gov.uk	08708 506 506
Port of London Authority	www.portoflondon.co.uk	01474 562 200
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	www.leevalleypark.org.uk	01992 717 711
RSPCA	www.rspca.org.uk	0300 1234 999
Inland Waterways Association	www.waterways.org.uk	01923 711 114
The Waterways Trust	www.thewaterwaystrust.co.uk	01452 318 220
Inland Waterways Advisory Council	www.iwac.org.uk	01452 318 220

For general boating information and boaters' guides to the whole BW network visit the boating pages on www.waterscape.com

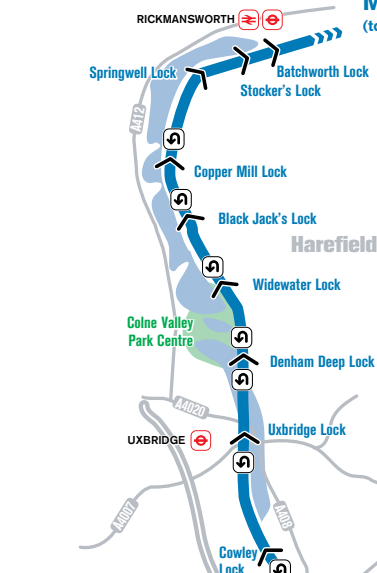
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
BW Emergency Helpline (Freephone Canals)	0800 47 999 47
Environment Agency Incident Hotline	0800 807 060
Environment Agency Floodline	0845 988 1188

GRAND UNION CANAL

Grand Union Canal Main Line

(to Birmingham and the North)

See facilities on p17

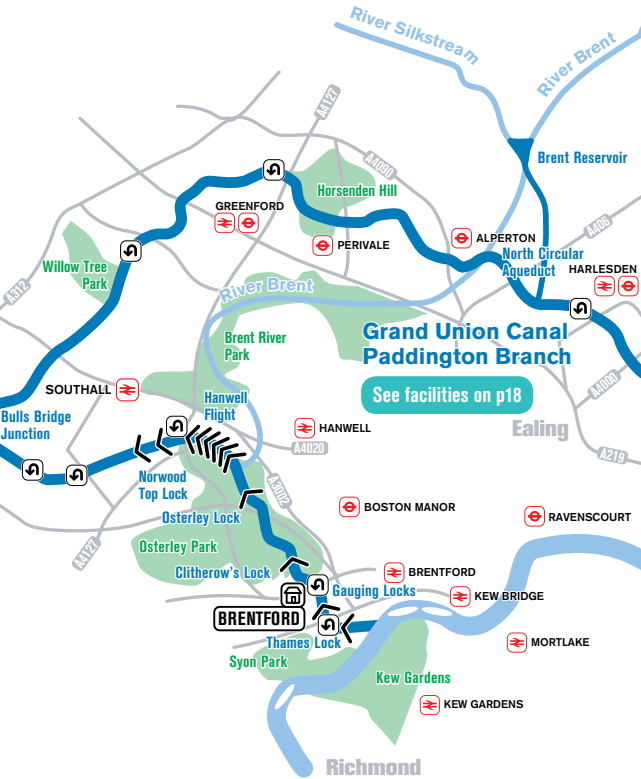


Grand Union Canal Slough Arm



Grand Union Canal Paddington Branch

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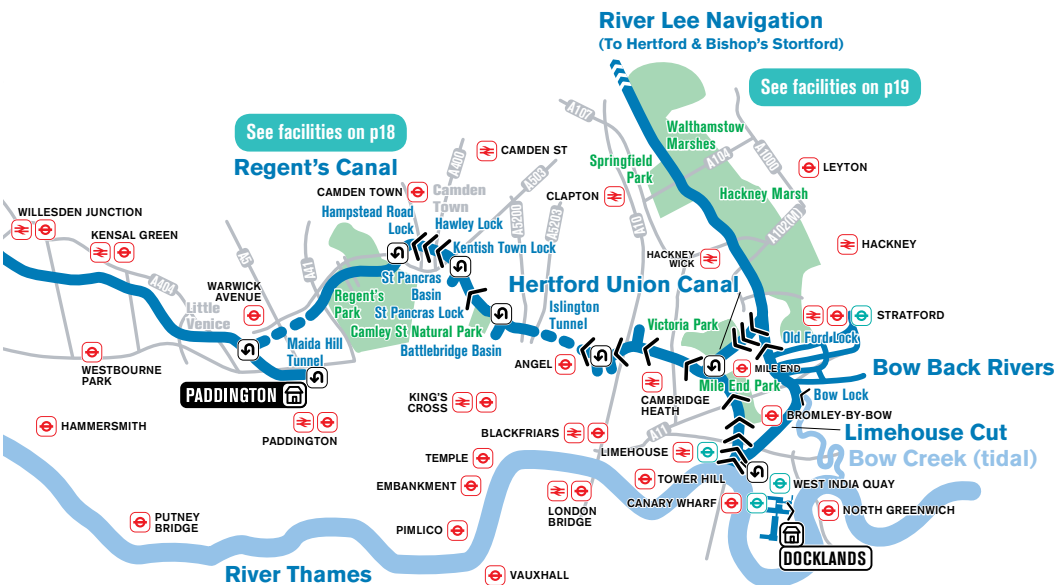


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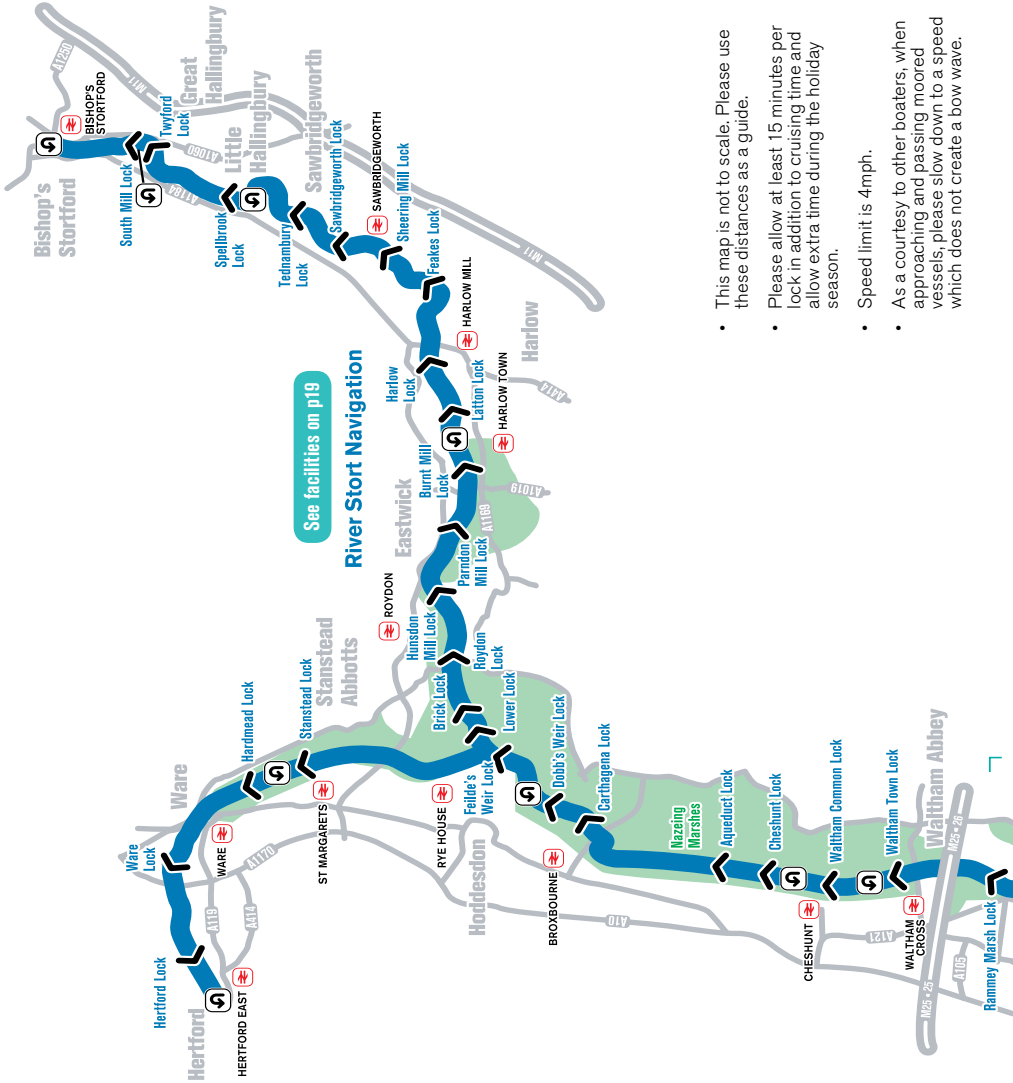
KEY

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	Canal continues
	Tunnel
	Other Waterways
	Lock and Lock Name
	Parkland
	Wetland
	Winding hole
	British Waterways Main Office
	British Waterways Local Office
	Motorway
	Main roads
	National Rail Station
	London Underground Station
	Docklands Light Railway Station

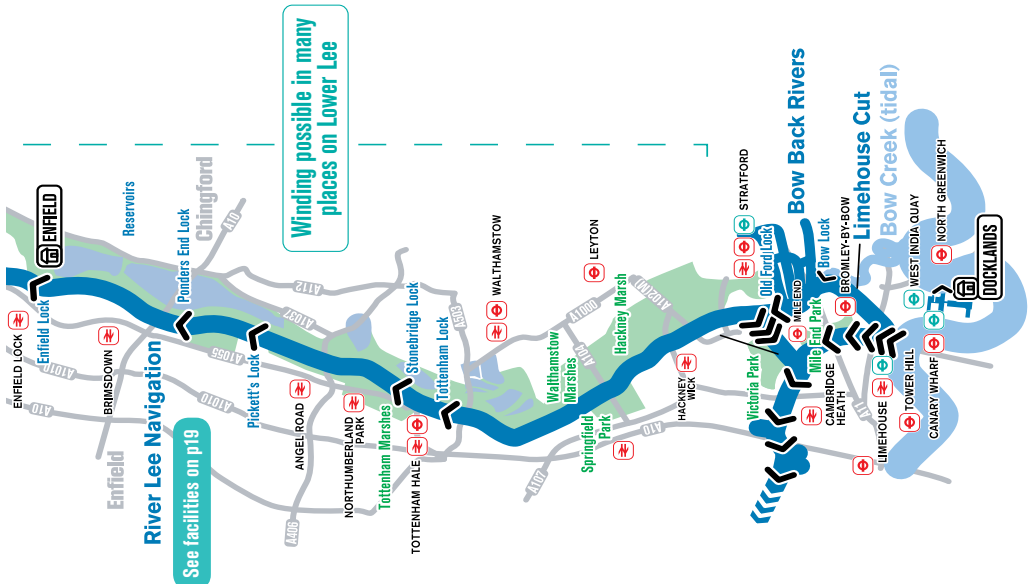
Mutton Brook



RIVERS LEE AND STORT



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	Miles	Locks
Grand Union Main Line		
Stockner's Lock to Cowley Lock	7.75	7
Cowley Lock to Bull's Bridge Junction	4.5	0
Bull's Bridge Junction to Brentford Gauging Locks	6	10
Grand Union Slough Arm	5	0
Grand Union Paddington Branch	14.25	0
Regent's Canal	8.5	12
River Lee Navigation		
Limehouse Basin to Enfield Lock	13	6
Enfield Lock to Hertford	14.75	12
River Stort Navigation		
Feildes Weir to Bishop's Stortford	13.75	15

This guide to boating in and around London gives you all the specific information you need to know about London's waterways, including useful facts, facilities, hints and tips and advice on cruising around the Capital.

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Waterscape.com is a comprehensive website which provides national waterway information across all navigation authorities. Log on for the latest news and information about cruising the network and discover the very best of the UK's waterside cities and countryside.

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