Cruising Guide to
The River Thames and Connecting Waterways
2013-2014
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Welcome to the 2013/14 Cruising Guide to the River Thames and its connecting waterways!

Now in its third edition, the Cruising Guide has once again been jointly produced with the Environment Agency. We are also very pleased that it has the support of the Port of London Authority.

The Guide provides all the relevant information anyone would need whilst boating on The River Thames and its connecting waterways.

BMF Thames Valley is a Regional Association of the British Marine Federation, the national trade association for the leisure boating industry. BMF Thames Valley represents around 200 businesses that all share a passion for our inland waterways.

The 2013/14 Cruising Guide will once again provide all the useful information that has been in previous editions.

We have also included the following additional information:

- Lock service on the River Thames
- Emergency Rendezvous Points (RVPs) For the River Thames between Teddington and Lechlade

I hope you use this guide throughout your time on the water and encourage you to make the most of the services on offer from BMF Thames Valley members.

Here’s to an excellent season of boating!

Russell Chase, Chairman

The maps on the following pages show the locations of all BMF Thames Valley waterside members on the River Thames, and the services and facilities that are available to boaters. Please refer to the flap inside the back cover of this booklet for a full key.

For more information, please visit www.britishmarine.co.uk/thamesvalley
The River Thames - Who manages the river

Non-tidal River Thames

The Environment Agency manages the non-tidal section of the River Thames and its principal aims are to protect and improve the environment, and to promote sustainable development of the waterway.

Tidal River Thames

The Port of London Authority (PLA) manages the tidal section of the River Thames, keeping leisure and commercial users safe, and protecting and enhancing the environment and promoting the use of the river for travel and trade.

Lock service

As a minimum, we will aim to provide the service levels described below according to the season and the priority assigned to each lock.

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<td>Full service</td>
<td>Standard service</td>
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<td>High priority locks</td>
<td>Eynsham, Kings, Osney, Sandford, Abingdon, Culham, Caversham, Sonning, Hurley, Temple, Marlow, Boulters, Bray, Boveney, Romney, Bell Weir, Shepperton to Teddington inclusive</td>
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<td>Medium priority locks</td>
<td>Godstow, Iffley, Clifton to Mapledurham inclusive, Shiplake, Marsh, Hambleden, Cookham, Old Windsor, Penton Hook and Chertsey</td>
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<td>Low priority locks</td>
<td>St John's to Pinkhill inclusive and Blakes</td>
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Expect Self Service: No guaranteed assisted passage.

Service Levels

Lock keepers' hours of duty - please see www.environment-agency.gov.uk/thameslocks

Full Service: Continuous assisted passage offered throughout published duty hours, subject to blue self-service signs being displayed for no more than a total of 30 minutes in the day. All staff meal breaks will be covered.

Standard Service: Assisted passage offered for published duty hours with staff breaks and weir work periods not always covered. If the lock keeper has not placed their expected time of return in the lock office window, expect self service.

The Tidal Thames

Tidal Thames is the UK’s second biggest port and busiest inland waterway, and attracts millions of tourists every year.

Tidal Thames has a very limited number of recreational moorings and you are advised to plan your passage well in advance. To support and enable recreational users club, called the Tidal Thames Navigators Club. By being a club member you will receive free copies of the PLA’s Recreational User Guide and the annual Port Handbook and Tidal Information booklet. This club focuses on supporting and informing the recreational user and allowing the PLA to direct specific, relevant information to you as and when it is available. To join the club, please visit the PLA’s recreational users website at www.boatingonthethames.co.uk For available moorings visit: www.whichmarina.co.uk or for general port information, see www.pla.co.uk www.boatingonthethames.co.uk
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**Who manages the River Thames?**

The Environment Agency manages the non-tidal River Thames from Cricklade in the Cotswolds to Teddington on the outskirts of London, including the 44 locks. There is much to explore as the River Thames runs through three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and some of England’s most picturesque towns. To find out more about our service to customers on the non-tidal River Thames, read our customer charter [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/thamescustomercharter](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/thamescustomercharter).

If you are visiting the River Thames from another waterway for a short period, you are eligible for a short period registration. You can buy one in advance by post or from a number of River Thames locks during published hours of duty. Visit [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/boatregthames](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/boatregthames) for more information.

Hire boat customers should discuss registration with their hire company in advance.

**How do I stay safe on the water?**

The Environment Agency wants you to enjoy your time on the river; this information will help you to stay safe while using the river.

- **We recommend life jackets or buoyancy aids should always be worn, especially by children and non-swimmers. If you’re on a hire boat your boatyard will provide them.**
- **Wear suitable footwear (no flip-flops or high heels) with non-slip soles.**
- **Children should always be supervised. Know where they are at all times and don’t let them sit in positions where a turn, change of speed or wash from another boat could toss them into the water.**
- **Always use grab rails when moving around the boat, and never run or jump.**
- **Be careful when passing through low bridges and ensure everyone on board is in a safe position. Some hire boats will not pass under Folly Bridge or Osney Bridge, Oxford – please check with your boatyard.**
- **Ensure your boat systems (engine, fuel, gas and electrical) are properly maintained and serviced according to manufacturer recommendations.**
- **Take care when refuelling, especially with petrol (petrol vapour is heavier than air and does not readily disperse if there is a spillage or a leak). Before refuelling, switch off your engine and extinguish all cigarettes and naked flames. Ensure all cooking, heating and lighting appliances are turned off. To ensure the fuel system is not overfilling, monitor the fuel level carefully. Any portable fuel tank connected to an outboard motor must be removed from the boat for filling. Mop up any spillage and ventilate the boat before starting the engine or using naked flames.**
- **Never go afloat or leave a safe mooring without checking the local conditions.**

Extra safety information for hire boaters.

- Your boatyard should supply a skipper’s handbook on board your boat, please read it carefully to ensure a safe and trouble-free holiday.
Non-tidal River Thames

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/boating

How do I know what the river conditions are?
Any river activity poses a greater risk when there are strong currents, higher river levels or cold weather conditions. Flows can increase even during the summer months – never assume sunny weather means the conditions are not hazardous.

Warning boards may be displayed at locks to inform river users of the conditions. Read the following explanation of what these mean for you. Do not take risks and never underestimate the power of the river.

CAUTION

When these red boards are displayed on lock gates, they advise users of all boats not to navigate because the strong flows make it difficult and dangerous.

Those in hire boats arriving at a lock where these boards are displayed should stop immediately and contact their hire boat operator to ask their instructions.

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When these yellow boards are displayed on lock gates, they advise users of all unpowered boats not to navigate and users of powered boats to find a safe mooring. This is because river flows are likely to strengthen and red boards could be displayed very soon and without warning.

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You can keep up to date with river conditions and strong stream warnings in the following ways:
- Call the Environment Agency Floodline on 0845 988 1188 to hear recorded information and advice (select option 1 and when prompted dial 011131).
- Visit the Environment Agency website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/riverthamesconditions
- Talk to one of the Environment Agency’s lock staff who will be able to give advice on local conditions and moorings.

How do I deal with changing river conditions?
If you find yourself in conditions where the Environment Agency advises you to stop navigating, read this section carefully. Remember, not all conditions will be serious enough to require all the measures suggested below.

- Please take the advice to stop. Even the most experienced boater can be caught out so think about those who could be put in danger if they have to help you.
- Moor your boat in a safe place, preferably in a marina or at a recognised mooring. Limited space may be available at some locks. Moor against high banks if you can.
- Ensure your mooring lines are fastened to secure fixings such as bollards, rings or even trees. Put out extra lines for additional security and allow enough slack for a further rise in river levels. Do not rely on your own mooring pins/stakes as they might not hold.
- If possible, put extra fendering (e.g. scaffold poles or strong timber posts) between your boat and the bank side to prevent it drifting onto the river bank and becoming caught up when levels drop.

- Make sure you have a safe exit ashore from your boat. If not, you should consider returning home or finding alternative accommodation until conditions improve.
- If you are running low on essential supplies or have other safety concerns and are not able to vacate your boat safely, you should treat this as an emergency and dial 999 to ask for evacuation.
- For hire boaters, if you are advised to stop, you MUST call your boatyard and follow their instructions.

What are the rules of navigation for all boats?
Obey the rules of navigation and byelaws, available online at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/boatingbyelaws

- Stay within the main river channel and follow all directional arrows. If you navigate away from the marked channel (e.g. up backwaters or weir streams) you risk running aground and damaging the boat.
- Steer on the right where it is safe and practical. Remember even when you have right of way it’s your responsibility to avoid collision.
- Avoid turning your boat near bridges, bends and locks. Do not turn across the bows of oncoming boats; wait until it is safe.
- Near bridges or sharp bends, boats going upstream must give way to boats coming downstream.

- Always take care when overtaking and keep clear of other boats.
- Keep a sharp look out at all times for any hazards, taking action when necessary. If in doubt, slow down or STOP.
- Respect warning signs. It is dangerous and illegal to interfere with weir gates and sluices. In an emergency call 999.
- Obey River Thames short stay mooring requirements, you can download a helpful fact sheet for more information www.environment-agency.gov.uk/thamesmoorings
- Hire boats should not navigate between the hours of sunset and sunrise without permission from the hire boat operator and only if fitted with the correct navigation lights.

What is the speed limit?
The maximum speed for powered boats upstream of Teddington is 8 kilometres per hour (approx. 5 mph or a fast walking pace) over the bed of the river. Unlike a car, a boat will not ‘stop in seconds’ so needs a longer stopping time.

- Accidents occur more frequently at high speed, particularly from wash. Keep a check on your wash; it is often sensible to stop briefly to allow it to settle to an acceptable level.
- Wash will increase when travelling in convoy, even at a slow speed. Do not travel in a convoy if the wash created is too great.
- Do not let time rule your journey. It is an offence to navigate without care and caution, or in a manner likely to endanger the safety of others, the banks of the river or moored boats.

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In an emergency

If you are in any doubt about what to do, slow down or STOP. If you run aground or find yourself in conditions where the river flows are too strong, stop following the advice to stop. You can then call 999 or your local Environment Agency Floodline. The agency staff will be able to give advice on what to do next.

Environment Agency advises you to stop

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THINK AHEAD AND SLOW DOWN TO AVOID ACCIDENTS

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR LIFE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR BOAT.
The Environment Agency is not an emergency service and we are not able to carry out search and rescue or provide supplies to stranded boats.
What equipment do I need to have onboard?
We recommend you carry the following equipment aboard your boat, stream conditions can change while you are afloat so it is important you and your boat are prepared by following these guidelines:

- Fire extinguishers must be carried. The number and size needed depends on the size of the boat, for details see www.boatsafetyscheme.org
- A horn or whistle must be fitted to all motor boats.
- An anchor is your lifeline – carry at least one, preferably two. You may need to use them if your engine or steering gear fails. Your anchor should always be accessible. When anchoring with chain cable, use at least three times the depth of water. If using synthetic warp, use about five times the depth.
- Carry a first aid kit, have some basic first aid knowledge and learn how to cope in an emergency.
- Bilge pumps or balers for emptying water from your boat should be carried.
- You should have at least two mooring lines (front and back). The minimum length should be 7 metres. Keep extra ropes on board for more secure mooring.
- Carry a life jacket or buoyancy aid for every person on board.
- Keep supplies of long-life provisions and plenty of drinking water on board.
- Keep your fuel tanks topped up.
- Empty your toilet holding tanks regularly. It may also be useful to keep a portable chemical toilet on board.
- Keep a fully charged mobile telephone on board if possible.

Are there lock keepers to help me?
Yes there are trained, helpful and friendly staff on duty at locks to maintain the lock site and help boaters. When they are not available to help, blue ‘self service’ signs are displayed.

How do I stay safe at locks?
- In narrow lock cuts, please remember some boats draw up to 1.2 metres (4 feet) or more and might not be able to manoeuvre quickly.
- When waiting for a lock, form an orderly queue at the lay-by moorings as near to the lock as possible. Queue jumping is bad manners – it arouses ill feeling and can cause confusion and delays entering the lock.
- Once the lock is full, any remaining boats should move forward along the lay-by to ensure those waiting in the channel (perhaps in difficult conditions) can moor at the back of the queue.
- Obey the lock keeper’s instructions. For both safety and efficiency reasons they may not necessarily instruct boats to enter the lock in strict order of arrival.
- Always bring your boat to a complete standstill using reverse gear – not the ropes.
- Never jump from the boat onto the lock side – this is the most likely cause of an accident and the easiest to avoid.
- Please don’t throw your lines directly at lock staff, pass them.
- Stop your engine once the boat is moored in the lock. Turn off radios and other music or noise.
- Use both bow and stern lines (not just a central line), pass them around the bollards and keep hold of them. When water is rising or falling in the lock, adjust your lines to keep them fairly taut. Make sure your boat does not become caught up as the lock is emptying.
- Coil lines ready for use and do not let them trail in the water, as they may get wrapped around your propeller. Tangled lines also cause problems, especially if needed in a hurry.
- Never wrap a rope round any part of your body and keep hands and fingers away from bollards or cleats.
- Do not fend off with hands, feet or boat hooks.
- Do not open fuel tanks or strike matches.
- Do not moor upstream of the vertical white line on the lock wall or your boat may be damaged.
- Be aware of bollards, steps and other tripping hazards.
- Do not run on the lock side or allow others to run.
- Keep children under close supervision.
- Take your time and pay attention while going through the lock.
- Please keep dogs on your boat, or on a lead whilst passing through the lock.

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Lock keepers’ hours of duty are displayed at locks and on the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/thameslocks
- When the locks are unattended, you may work them yourself, at your own risk. Many locks have power making them easier to operate; the operating instructions are displayed at the lock.

If you are operating the lock yourself, follow these guidelines:
- Read and understand the operating instructions before you start.
- Stay close to the sluice controls whilst the sluices are in operation.
- Lock gates must always be properly closed before slowly opening the sluices to fill or empty the lock. After use, leave the lock empty and the gates shut, as in many cases there is a public right of way over the gates.
- In an emergency you should close all sluices before dealing with the situation.
- Emergency contact details are displayed at each lock.

What are the maximum dimensions for boats?
This table shows the maximum recommended boat dimensions, in metres (m), for sections of the River Thames. Boating customers also need to be aware of bridge heights and lock dimension information, for details visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/rivethames

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Where can I moor?
If you keep, or mainly use your boat on the River Thames you should have a base mooring. There is a good choice of public short stay moorings for boaters to use while cruising the river. Unless signs state otherwise you are only allowed to moor for a maximum period of 24 hours and may have to pay a charge at some sites.

- Always respect private rights and, when in doubt, obtain permission from the owner of the bank before mooring up.
- Place mooring stakes well back from the bank edge and make sure they do not cause a hazard to passers-by.
- Gaps between boats are wasteful so please share rings or posts where possible.
- Moor alongside other boats where possible to maximise mooring space.
- You may land on or embark from the towpath, but there is no right to moor up to private towpath property without the landowners’ consent.

When stopping overnight or leaving your boat for any considerable time, do not moor in shallow water or with a tight rope or chain as water levels may fluctuate by as much as 1 metre in a few hours. If the level drops and your boat is beached or moored in shallow water, it may be damaged. If the level rises, and mooring ropes or chains are tight, your boat may take on water, be pulled under or break free.

For more information on the availability of long or short stay moorings, visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/thamesmoorings

Will there be any obstructions on my journey?
Marking obstructions
The diagram below shows the system of marking for shoals and other obstructions on the River Thames.

The four shapes of top marks used – can, triangle, sphere and two spheres – are shown, together with directions for passing them safely when going upstream. When going downstream the reverse applies.

- Wrecks or other obstructions in midstream are marked by an isolated danger buoy, which may be passed on any side. Where they must be passed on a particular side the appropriate can or triangle top marks will be used.
- In all cases boats should pass well clear of a marking buoy.
- A large RED disk usually means the navigation arch of a bridge is closed.

Note: The Environment Agency is not responsible for marking obstructions that lie outside the navigation channel. You must proceed with particular caution when approaching any bank or if you leave the main navigation channel.

Overhead cables
In open stretches below Oxford, cables are usually 12 metres (40 feet) above summer water level – allow 4 metres (13 feet). If in doubt lower your masts or aerials. Take particular care in locks, lock cuts, back waters and reaches above Oxford, where cables may be much lower.

For more information about river works and any lock closures, call our Floodline on 0845 988 1188 (select option 1 and when prompted dial 011132).

Marking obstructions

For more detailed information about boating on the River Thames visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/boating
Bridge Heights - Non-tidal River Thames

The information on bridge heights on the non-tidal Thames has been supplied by the Environment Agency. For information on Tidal Thames Bridge heights, please contact Port of London Authority www.pla.co.uk

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<td>Bloomsers Hole Footbridge</td>
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St John’s Lock - Shifford Lock

Lechlade

This small market town is the furthest navigable upstream point of the Thames. Set in an Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty at the southern edge of the Cotswolds, Lechlade gets its name from the River Leach, which joins the Thames nearby.

www.lechladeonthames.co.uk

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Lock Name | Distance to next lock downstream | Time to lock downstream at 8kph/5mph*
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St John’s Lock | 1.85km | 1.15mi | 15 mins
Buscot Lock | 5.37km | 3.34mi | 41 mins
Grafton Lock | 2.98km | 1.85mi | 23 mins
Radcot Lock | 4.23km | 2.63mi | 32 mins
Rushey Lock | 6.92km | 4.30mi | 52 mins
Shifford Lock | 7.63km | 4.74mi | 58 mins

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For the purposes of clarity, only the main bridges are shown on the following map pages.
Eynsham
As the river slowly winds its way along the base of the Wytham Hills, it passes Eynsham. The village was once an important crossing on the Thames and its origins date back to Saxon times. Today, it retains much of its medieval heritage and is home to Eynsham Hall, a Grade II listed Manor house. It also marks the start of the Oxford Canal.

Newbridge
Newbridge is a popular berth for refreshments, with a pub on either bank and strong historical connections. Built over 600 years ago by monks, the bridge is claimed by some to be the oldest bridge over the Thames. During the English Civil War, the Battle of Newbridge was fought on the banks of the river - the roundheads attempted to cross the river and surround Oxford.
**Abingdon-on-Thames**

Abingdon-on-Thames is one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in England. The traditions of the past are very much alive in Abingdon, with its Annual Michaelmas Fair, Runaway Fair and its custom of Bun Throwing from the roof of the 17th Century County Hall to celebrate important events.

[www.visitabingdon.co.uk](http://www.visitabingdon.co.uk)

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**Dorchester-on-Thames**

This historic village sits at the junction of the rivers Thame and Thames - it is an ideal starting point for exploring the beautiful surrounding countryside. If you are looking for something different to do, nearby Day’s Lock hosts the World pooh sticks championships every spring.

[www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk](http://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk)

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**Wallingford**

Wallingford is an attractive town that dates back to Caesar’s time, but more recently it was home to the world-famous crime writer, Agatha Christie, who took inspiration for stories such as Miss Marple. It is also the location for the TV series Midsomer Murders.

[www.wallingford.co.uk](http://www.wallingford.co.uk)

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Sandford | 7.38km 4.58mi | 56 mins
Abingdon | 4.15km 2.58mi | 32 mins
Culham | 4.52km 2.81mi | 34 mins
Clifton | 4.80km 2.98mi | 36 mins
Day’s | 6.37km 3.96mi | 48 mins
Benson | 10.46km 6.50mi | 79 mins

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Goring
This pretty town sits between the Chilterns and the Berkshire Downs within a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is also the site of the ancient tradition of the Swan Uppers. In July, rowing skiffs manned by the Vintners’ and Dyers’ City of London livery companies arrive – the Swan Uppers have been charged for hundreds of years with counting the swans between Sunbury and Abingdon.
www.goring-on-thames.co.uk

Mapledurham
Mapledurham is one of the most picturesque spots on the Thames with views of Mapledurham House and the last working mill, which still produces stone-ground flour.
www.mapledurham.co.uk/index.php

Reading
Reading is now one of the largest towns in the UK with an energetic atmosphere to match – it hosts one of the biggest and longest running music festivals in the UK, The Reading Festival.
www.livingreading.co.uk/visit.html

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Sonning Lock - Boulter’s Lock

This charming market town is clustered around the river - it’s graceful suspension bridge, the flowing weir, the spire of the church and the famous Complete Angler Hotel make this the perfect place to enjoy everything the river has to offer.

www.marlowtown.co.uk

Henley-on-Thames

Henley nestles in a beautiful Chiltern valley surrounded by green fields and wooded hills with wonderful views of the Thames Valley. As well as hosting its annual Royal Regatta, Henley also attracts some of the world’s top entertainers to music festivals including the Henley Festival of Music & Arts and the Rewind Festival.

www.henley-on-thames.org

Marlow

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www.marlowtown.co.uk

Cookham & Cliveden

As the river snakes past Cookham, the beechwoods rise steeply and you will see the Cliveden Estate. A country retreat on a grand scale, it was once the glittering hub of society; visited by virtually every British Monarch since George I.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden

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Sonning | 4.68km 2.91mi | 36 mins
Shiplake | 4.80km 2.99mi | 36 mins
Marsh | 5.59km 3.48mi | 35 mins
Hambleden | 5.89km 3.66mi | 45 mins
Hurley | 1.03km 0.64mi | 8 mins
Temple | 3.13km 1.95mi | 24 mins
Marlow | 6.44km 4.00mi | 49 mins
Cookham | 3.35km 2.08mi | 26 mins
Boulter’s | 3.43km 2.13mi | 26 mins

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**Dorney Lake**

Dorney Lake is a modern world class rowing and canoeing centre near Windsor. It was the venue for the rowing and kayak events during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and will continue to host world class events as well opening its 450-acre parkland for public access.

www.dorneylake.co.uk

**Boulter’s Lock - Old Windsor Lock**

Located on the banks of the Thames, Maidenhead is an ancient town with a history going back to early Saxon times, and this bustling town is now a centre of rowing excellence.

www.maidenhead.net

**Windsor**

Cruising past the racecourse and Eton’s meadows, the royal town of Windsor comes into view. Everything in Windsor revolves around the castle, a royal residence for over 900 years, and the changing of the guard is a highlight. This popular historic town’s other attractions include the Theatre Royal, Windsor Great Park, The Savill Garden, Ascot Racecourse, Royal Windsor Racecourse and excellent shopping, bars and restaurants.

www.windsor.gov.uk

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Runnymede
This historic water-meadow alongside the Thames makes a great place to moor up and enjoy a stroll or reflect on world history. It was here in 1215 that the Magna Carta was sealed - this charter laid down the foundations of much of our current common and constitutional law as well as Parliament. The meadows are also overlooked by the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial and the Kennedy Memorial, an acre of England given to the American people.  
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/runnymede

Chertsey
Chertsey is one of the oldest towns in England, founded around the abbey in 666AD. Nowadays this picturesque village, with its antique shops and restaurants, hosts an annual country fair dating back to 1883 and is home to Thorpe Park, the UK’s leading theme park.  

Staines-on-Thames
As you approach Staines Bridge you may glimpse the London Stone from which Staines is said to derive its name on the banks. This was originally placed here in 1285 and marks the former western limited jurisdiction of the City of London over the River Thames. There are public moorings at the landing stage near the Town Hall and the Memorial Gardens.  
http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/article/2447/Towns-and-villages

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Sunbury-on-Thames
The ancient Bronze Age riverside settlement now forms an attractive leafy suburb of London. Sunbury is the home of the London Irish Rugby Club and just to the east lies Kempton Park Racecourse, which stages both National Hunt and Flat racing.
www.touruk.co.uk/surrey/Sunbury-on-Thames.htm

Kingston-upon-Thames
Kingston-upon-Thames was once the coronation place of Saxon Kings (902-978) and marked the beginning of Jerome K Jerome’s Three Men in a Boat. Today, this busy market town has developed into a major shopping and entertainment hub although it retains much of its original charm.
www.kingston.gov.uk/leisure/tourism

Lock Name  Distance to next lock downstream  Time to lock downstream at 8kph/5mph*
Shepperton  4.75km  2.95mi  36 mins
Sunbury  4.79km  2.98mi  36 mins
Molesey  7.74km  4.81mi  59 mins
Teddington  0.39km  0.24mi  3 mins

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Hampton Court
Hampton Court is the site of one of only two surviving palaces owned by Henry VIII. Today, the palace is a major UK tourist attraction and the site of the annual Hampton Court Palace Festival and Hampton Court Flower Show.
www.hrp.org.uk/HamptonCourtPalace

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Although they oversee the running of Britain’s second biggest port and busiest inland waterway in the UK, they also take pride in a river that’s a centre of excellence for rowing; a home to around 70 leisure craft; facilities and marinas; an iconic destination for visiting boats; and host to at least 80 sporting events every year.

The PLA believe in a Thames that is accessible for all responsible river users, and they work closely with commercial, recreational, community and amenity groups to make this happen. The river is a precious asset and the PLA want you to enjoy it to the full - and safely.

In order to support the safe use of the river, the PLA make a great deal of information available to the recreational users; including guides, charts, navigational advice, tidal information, videos as well as details of our local rules and regulations. In addition to the main PLA website [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk), they also maintain a dedicated website for recreational users at [www.boatingonthethames.co.uk](http://www.boatingonthethames.co.uk).

They also encourage recreational users to join the Tidal Thames Navigators’ Club, which provides recreational users with a number of benefits, including free copies of the PLA’s Recreational User Guide and the annual Port Handbook and Tidal Information booklet. This club focuses on supporting and informing the recreational user and allowing the PLA to direct specific, relevant information as and when it is available. The Tidal Thames Navigators’ Club is free to join via the website [www.boatingonthethames.co.uk](http://www.boatingonthethames.co.uk)

The PLA would also encourage you to sign up to receive Notices to Mariners directly via email, which will keep you up to date regarding river works, events and other developments that may affect or impact upon your use of the River, and about which you should be aware to enable you to plan your passage on the tidal Thames.

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**Tidal Thames Cruising Times between Bridges**

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For information on Tidal Thames Bridge heights, please contact The Port of London Authority: [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk)
Teddington Lock - Vauxhall Bridge

Teddington Lock
Teddington Lock is the first and largest lock on the Thames, and marks the point that the Thames becomes non-tidal and tidal. Hire boats should not proceed beyond this point without the permission of the hire company. www.visitrichmond.co.uk

Richmond
Richmond is one of London’s most attractive boroughs, and has been a favourite retreat of royalty, the rich and the famous for hundreds of years. With beautiful royal parks, historic houses such as Kew Gardens and Syon House, theatres, museums and galleries rich with exhibits and a town centre bursting with shops and restaurants, Richmond rivals anywhere in London.

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*Time to Bridge Downstream - Journey times are calculated based upon a downstream speed of 8km/5mph. Journey times may vary and will be higher for upstream journeys.

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Westminster
Historically a part of Middlesex, Westminster has been the seat of the government of England for almost a thousand years. This area contains a large concentration of London’s historic and prestigious landmarks and visitor attractions, including the Palace of Westminster, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral.
www.visitlondon.com

Canary Wharf
This area once formed part of the busiest port in the world. Today, Canary Wharf is one of the UK’s main financial centres - visitors can explore the old docks and numerous shops and restaurants whilst absorbing the atmosphere and marvelling London’s tallest buildings.
www.canarywharf.com/visitus

Greenwich & National Maritime Museum
Discover 500 years of Britain’s encounters with the world at sea. The National Maritime Museum (NMM), forms part of the maritime Greenwich world heritage site that also incorporates the royal Observatory and the 17th-century Queen’s House.
www.rmg.co.uk
Connecting Waterways

Oxford Canal
The picturesque Oxford Canal meanders slowly from Oxford to Coventry through 77 miles of breathtaking scenery, much of which has barely changed in centuries.

It was briefly the principal waterway from London to the Midlands, but was superseded by the more direct Grand Union Canal. Consequently, the Oxford Canal has escaped large-scale development and few towns have sprung up on its banks.

The southern section is particularly charming and remains largely unaltered.

http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/canals-and-rivers/oxford-canal

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Kennet & Avon Canal
The Kennet & Avon Canal weaves through spectacular scenery between the Thames and the Bristol Avon, as natural rolling landscapes of the Cotswolds give way to the World Heritage Site of Bath.

The route of the Kennet & Avon takes it through some of the nation’s best loved landscapes, passing Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and habitats that are rich in flora and fauna. Today the canal is home to a wide range of leisure activities. From cycling and walking to wildlife watching, boat trips, museums and tearooms, there is much to explore.

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River Wey
In 1653, a century before the canal age really took off, enterprising land owner Sir Richard Weston opened the River Wey for navigation, linking Guildford with the Thames and London, by straightening out the windy bits of the river.

The Wey is now used for pleasure boating, from holiday boats to rowing skiffs and trip boats, and passes through twenty miles of Surrey’s finest countryside from Godalming to the Thames at Weybridge. Never far from civilisation but thoroughly rural in character, the Wey meanders through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and gives you picturesque locks, water meadows, woods and wildlife.

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The trunk route of Britain’s canal network, the picturesque Grand Union links London through the Chilterns with Birmingham via the longest single canal in Britain. As the main line from London to the Midlands, the Grand Union Canal was once one of the busiest in the country. Today, its charm lies in its diversity: from the centre of London through the Chiltern Hills, rural Northamptonshire and Warwickshire, and into the suburbs of Birmingham.

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River Thames rendezvous points (RVPs)

To find out about access points for the emergency services on the River Thames visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/recreation/131763.aspx

Thames MotorBoaters Association River Etiquette For Boaters

**DO**

✓ DO help to make the river an enjoyable and pleasant place to be.
✓ DO move up as far as possible in locks and waiting areas.
✓ DO be prepared to let other boats moor alongside you in busy locations whenever possible and do so as a matter of course if travelling in company.
✓ DO be courteous to other river users and to lock staff - treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.
✓ DO slow down when passing moored craft.
✓ DO leave lock gates and sluices set as per pedestal instructions after using locks on self-service.

**DON’T**

✗ DON’T exceed the speed limit or create excessive wash – “LOOK BEHIND YOU”.
✗ DON’T leave large spaces at mooring sites. Be prepared to move to make better use of space when other boats arrive or leave.
✗ DON’T create a nuisance with loud music or other noise such as prolonged running of engines or generators.

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