



Boaters' Guide to London's Waterways

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Welcome

Welcome to the Boaters' Guide to London's Waterways.

This lists the facilities provided by British Waterways on the capital's network of canals, together with the rivers Lee and Stort. Maps are provided to help you locate each facility.

This guide is the first in a new series which will eventually cover all the nation's waterways. It is produced live from Waterscape.com's database of waterway information, ensuring that the information within is always up-to-date.

In time, you will be able to customise your guide to include the waterways, boating facilities, and attractions you are most interested in. We would be pleased to receive your comments, either on the information itself or on the way it is presented. You can write to us at feedback@waterscape.com.

This first edition does not include information on facilities provided by private operators. You can find more information on these at www.waterscape.com.

The River Thames

The tidal River Thames through London is administered by the Port of London Authority (www.portoflondon.co.uk; 020 7743 7900), and is covered by their free Pleasure Users' Guide.

London's canals meet the tidal rivers at three sets of locks: Limehouse, Brentford and Bow. These locks are manned and are open only when tides permit. At some times, you will need to book 24 hours in advance. Timetables are listed in a leaflet available from British Waterways (020 7985 7200) or from www.waterscape.com.

Upstream of Teddington, the non-tidal River Thames is run by the Environment Agency (www.visitthames.co.uk; 0845 601 5336).

Where to moor

Dedicated free moorings for visiting boats are marked on the maps. The time limit may vary from 4 hours at very busy locations, to a maximum of 14 days in any one calendar year, after which daily rates will be charged.

When mooring, please ensure that your ropes do not cross the towpath. Please also ensure that your mooring pins are visible - if possible, tie a brightly coloured object such as a carrier bag to the top of each pin to warn other towpath users.

You may moor on other stretches of the towpath (excluding official moorings and other designated sections) for up to 14 days in any one calendar year, provided you are not causing an obstruction. The off side (the bank opposite the towpath) is generally private land and is not available for mooring.

You should only moor at locks and facilities while you are using them. Once finished, you must move on and leave the area free for the next boater.

Most urban areas are safe for mooring, but you should always lock your boat and remove any unfixed items from the roof. If you do not feel comfortable mooring in a particular place, move on to a well-lit area. Other boaters are always happy to help with local knowledge.

Stoppages and restrictions

From time to time, waterways may be closed for essential maintenance work. You can find the latest information, and download information on opening times, from www.waterscape.com/boating.

If you have a WAP-enabled mobile phone, you can get stoppage information on the move at www.waterscape.com/mobile.

Essential equipment

Most waterways covered in this guide have manual locks, for which you will require a standard windlass. To operate locks on the River Lee and gain access to most facilities, you will require a BW key. You can purchase this online at www.waterscape.com or call 01923 201120.

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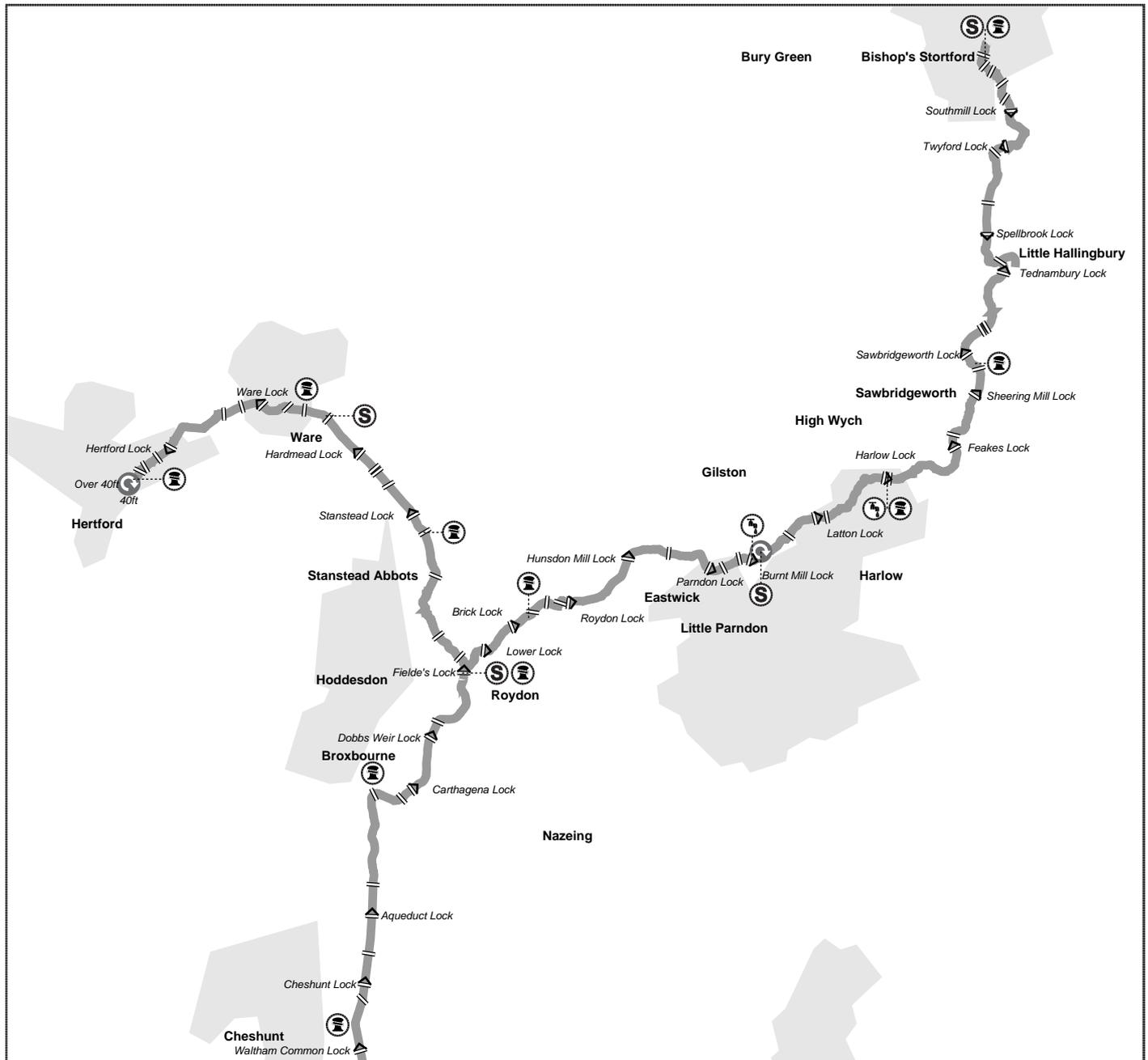
All the waterways featured in this guide are administered by British Waterways London, 1 Sheldon Square, Paddington Central, London W2 6TT.

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River Lee, River Stort



River Lee information

Lock 14, Ponders End Lock-Lock 1, Hertford Lock: Maximum craft dimensions: length 85ft (25.9m), beam 15ft 9in (4.8m), headroom 6ft 8in (2.0m)

River Stort information

As with all river navigations, the Stort can be greatly affected by heavy rain or flood conditions. If your vessel is close to reaching the maximum headroom, please take extra care at these times since water levels may rise considerably in a short time.

Maximum craft dimensions: length 85ft (25.9m), beam 12ft 9in (3.9m), headroom 6ft 9in (2.0m)

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

Locks and bridges

Lock 4, Stanstead Lock: The swing-bridge across the lock must be swung open before using the lock. This lock has gate paddles - do not open them fully to begin with.

Lock 6, Burnt Mill Lock: Beware of canoes and water activity below Burnt Mill Lock.

Services and facilities

Tumbling Bay, Ware: Water, Elsan disposal. Additional facilities: Rail links, bus links, rubbish disposal, electricity, pub

Bishop's Stortford: Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, shower. Additional facilities: Rubbish disposal, payphone, groceries, pub, train link

Moorhen Marina, Harlow: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower. Additional facilities: Boat trips, car parking, wheelchair access, rail links, bus links, rubbish disposal,

electricity, payphone, restaurant, pub, play area, laundrette

Feilde's Weir, Hoddesdon: Water, Elsan disposal. Additional facilities: rubbish disposal

Visitor moorings

Ware: Maximum 14d.

Stanstead Abbots: Maximum 48h.

Hertford Town: Maximum 14d.

Harlow Mill: Maximum 48h.

Sawbridgeworth: Maximum 14d.

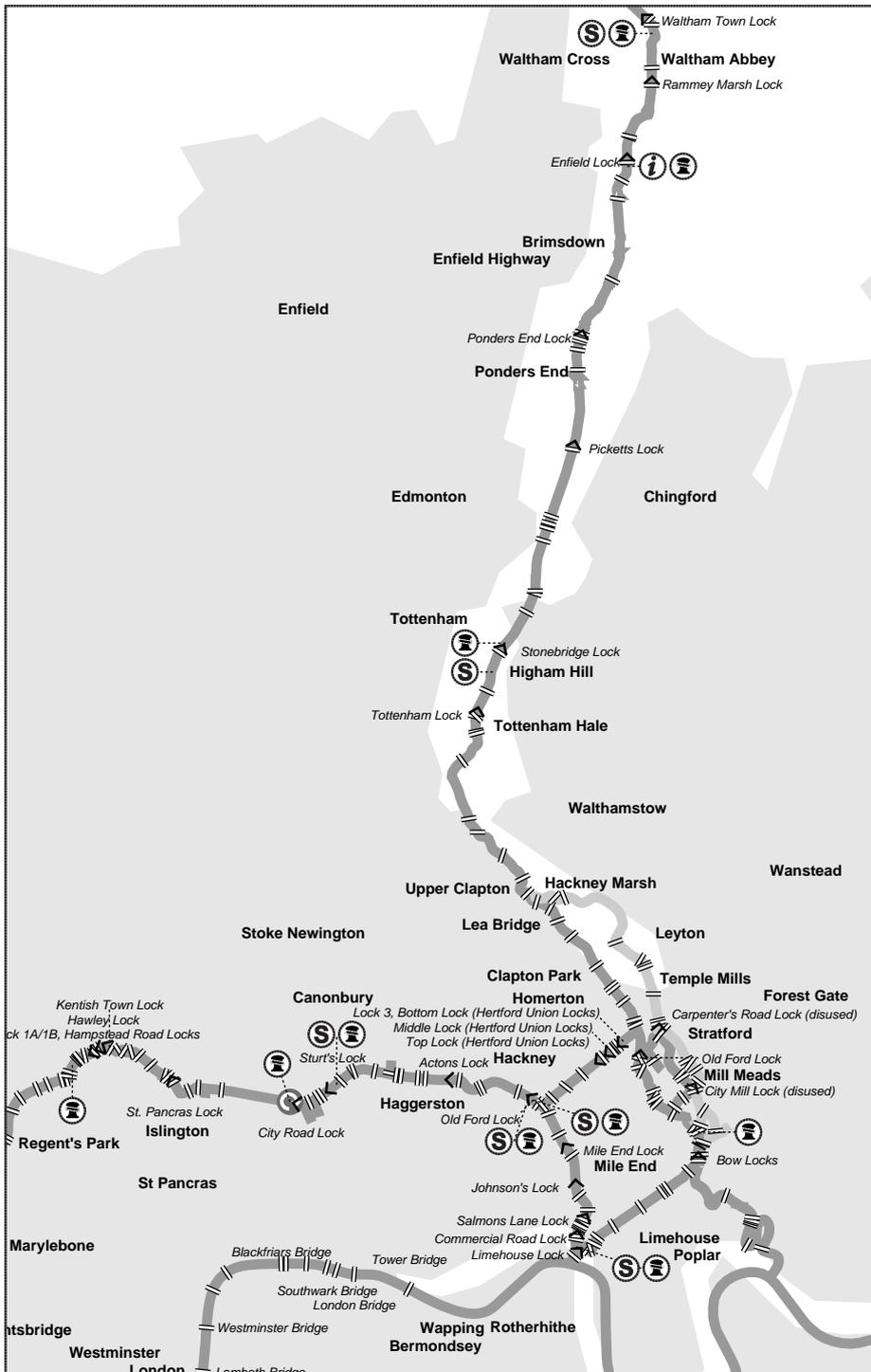
Roydon: Maximum 14d.

Bishop's Stortford: Maximum 14d.

Cheshunt: Maximum 14d.

Broxbourne: Maximum 14d.

Feilde's Weir: Maximum 14d.



Locks and bridges

Lock 1, Limehouse Lock: Limited availability at this tidal lock. 24h pre booking required, see BW tidal lock timetable for information.

Lock 12, Commercial Road Lock: BW key required.

Lock 1A/1B, Hampstead Road Locks: BW key required.

Lock 20, Bow Locks: Limited availability at this tidal lock. 24h pre booking required, see BW tidal lock timetable for information.

Lock 19, Old Ford Lock: BW key required.

Lock 17, Tottenham Lock: BW key required.

Lock 16, Stonebridge Lock: BW key required.

Lock 15, Picketts Lock: BW key required.

Lock 14, Ponders End Lock: BW key required.

Lock 13, Enfield Lock: BW key required.

Lock 12, Ramney Marsh Lock: BW key required.

Ⓢ Services and facilities

Victoria Park Visitor Moorings: Water, Elsan disposal, toilet. BW key required. Wheelchair access. Additional facilities: rubbish disposal, restaurants, pubs,

Old Ford Locks: Water, Elsan disposal. Additional facilities: Rubbish disposal, pay phone, groceries, pub

Limehouse Basin: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, shower. BW key required. Additional facilities: rubbish disposal, pubs

Sturts Lock, Hoxton: Elsan disposal. Additional facilities: pubs, restaurants, public telephone

Hazlemere Marina, Waltham Abbey: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet. Additional facilities: Car parking, wheelchair access, bus links, electricity, gas, rubbish disposal, payphone, slipway, post office, pub, restaurant, groceries

Stonebridge Lock: Water, Elsan disposal, toilet. Additional facilities: Car parking, wheelchair access, rail links, bus links, electricity, rubbish disposal, payphone,

ⓘ Retailers and information

British Waterways London, Enfield Lock: Sells keys, sells cards, sells licences, info available. Enfield Lock, South Ordnance Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN3 6LG. Tel: 01992 788226.

Ⓜ Visitor moorings

Islington: Maximum 14d. 020 7985 7200: rubbish disposal, Wheelchair access, pubs, restaurants, public telephone, tube.

Old Ford Locks: Maximum 14d.

Three Mills: Maximum 24h.

Enfield Lock: Maximum 48h.

River Lee information

Entrance to Limehouse Basin from River Thames-Lock 19, Old Ford Lock: Maximum craft dimensions: length 88ft (26.8m), beam 19ft (5.8m), headroom 6ft 8in (2.0m)

City Mill Lock (disused)-Carpenter's Road Lock (disused): The Bow Backs are classified as Remainder Waterways (low priority waterways maintained for safety only). Some sections are navigable with great care, but boaters should be aware of low headroom on semi-tidal waters. City Mills and Carpenter's Road locks are unnavigable. Contact St Pancras Cruising Club for cruising notes (£5.00) which cover the Bow Back Rivers and all tidal Thames transits.

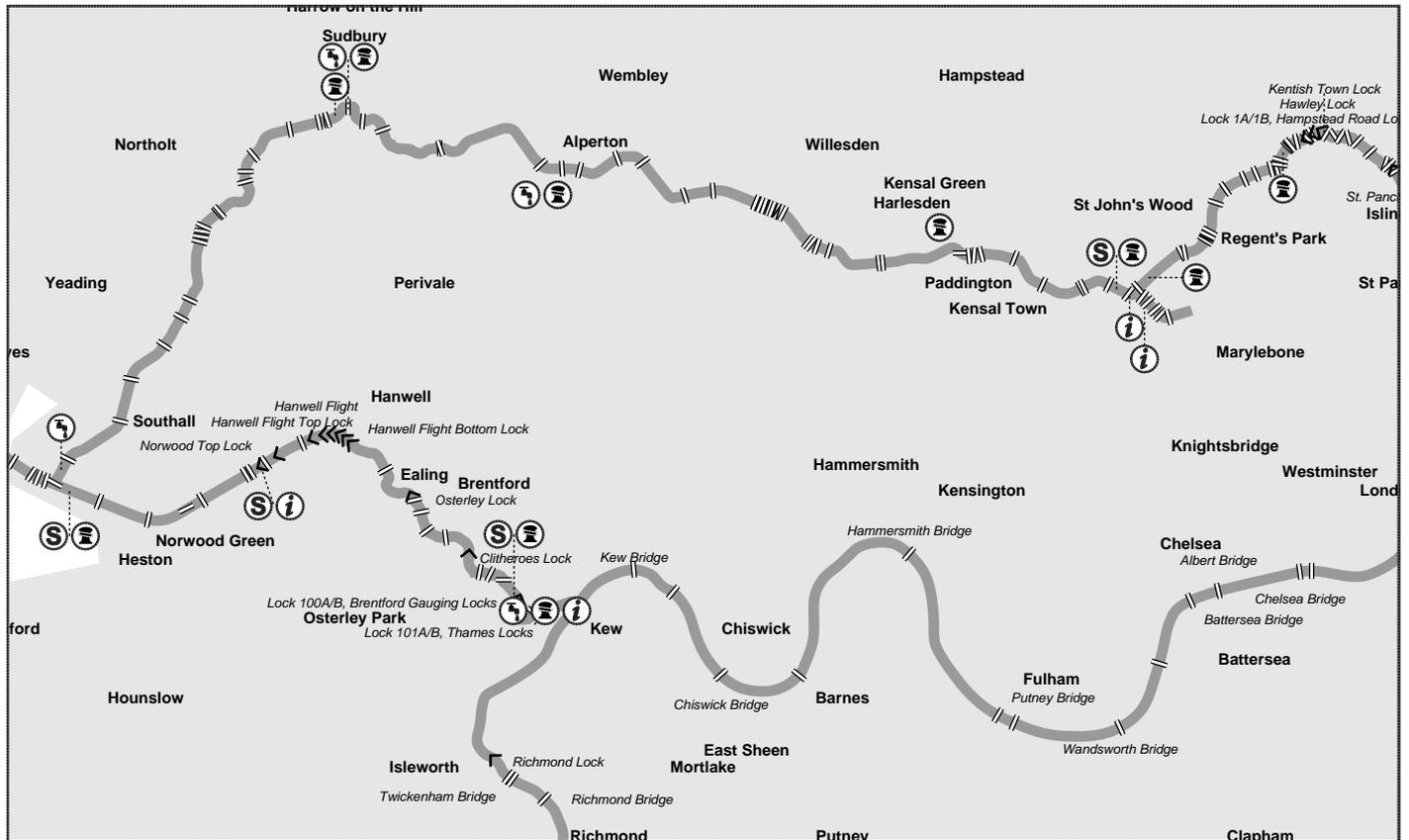
Lock 19, Old Ford Lock-Lock 14, Ponders End Lock: Maximum craft dimensions: length 88ft (26.8m), beam 18ft (5.5m), headroom 6ft

8in (2.0m)

Lock 19, Old Ford Lock-Lock 12, Ramney Marsh Lock: All locks between Old Ford and Ramney Marsh (except Picketts Lock) 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. Both windlasses and BW keys can be purchased from the local waterway office or from www.waterscape.com.

Lock 14, Ponders End Lock-Lock 1, Hertford Lock: Maximum craft dimensions: length 85ft (25.9m), beam 15ft 9in (4.8m), headroom 6ft 8in (2.0m)

Grand Union Canal, Regent's Canal



Grand Union Canal information

Maximum craft dimensions: length 72ft (21.9m), beam 14ft (4.2m), headroom 8ft 2in (2.5m)

Lock 100A/B, Brentford Gauging Locks-Lock 101A/B, Thames Locks: This section is semi-tidal. Please remember to allow for changes of water level, especially when mooring.

Regent's Canal information

Maximum craft dimensions: length 72ft (21.9m), beam 14ft (4.2m), headroom 9ft 2in (2.8m)

Locks and bridges

Lock 90, Norwood Top Lock: BW key required.

Lock 91, Hanwell Flight Top Lock: BW key required. Passage only permitted during daylight hours

Lock 92, Hanwell Flight: BW key required. Passage only permitted during daylight hours

Lock 93, Hanwell Flight: BW key required. Passage only permitted during daylight hours

Lock 94, Hanwell Flight: BW key required. Passage only permitted during daylight hours

Lock 95, Hanwell Flight: BW key required. Passage only permitted during daylight hours

Lock 96, Hanwell Flight: BW key required. Passage only permitted during daylight hours

Lock 97, Hanwell Flight Bottom Lock: BW key required. Passage only permitted during daylight hours

Bridge 209, High Street A315: This section is semi-tidal: consequently, there is low headroom

underneath the bridge at High Water. It may be impassable at high spring tides.

Lock 100A/B, Brentford Gauging Locks: BW key required. Access to tidal locks restricted. Please see BW tidal lock timetable for details

Bridge 17A, Footbridge: The footbridge south of Western Avenue Bridge has restricted headroom

Lock 1A/1B, Hampstead Road Locks: BW key required.

📍 Services and facilities

Brentford: Water, Elsan disposal. Additional facilities: Payphone, Groceries, pub

Norwood Top Lock: Water, pump-out, toilet. Additional facilities: Car parking, Bus, rubbish disposal, diesel, petrol, supermarket, cashpoint restaurant, play area, CCTV

Willow Wren Wharf, Bulls Bridge, Hayes: Water, pump-out, toilet. Additional facilities: Rubbish disposal, bus, diesel, petrol, slip way, DIY, boat sales, cashpoint, supermarket, restaurant, pub, play area,

Little Venice: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower. BW key required. Additional facilities: diesel, rubbish disposal, payphone, groceries, pub, restaurant, tube link, train link

📍 Retailers and information

British Waterways London, Thames Lock, Brentford: Sells licences.

Waterside Cafe, Pool of Little Venice: Sells cards, info available. Tel: 020 7266 1066.

British Waterways London, Paddington Office: Sells keys, sells cards, sells licences, info available. 1 Sheldon Square, London W2

6TT. Tel: 020 7985 7200. Postal and telephone enquiries only.

British Waterways London, Norwood Top Lock: Sells keys, sells cards, sells licences, info available. Norwood Top Lock, Poplar Avenue, Norwood, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4PN. Tel: 020 8571 8900.

📍 Visitor moorings

Kensal Green: Maximum 14d.

Little Venice: Maximum 14d.

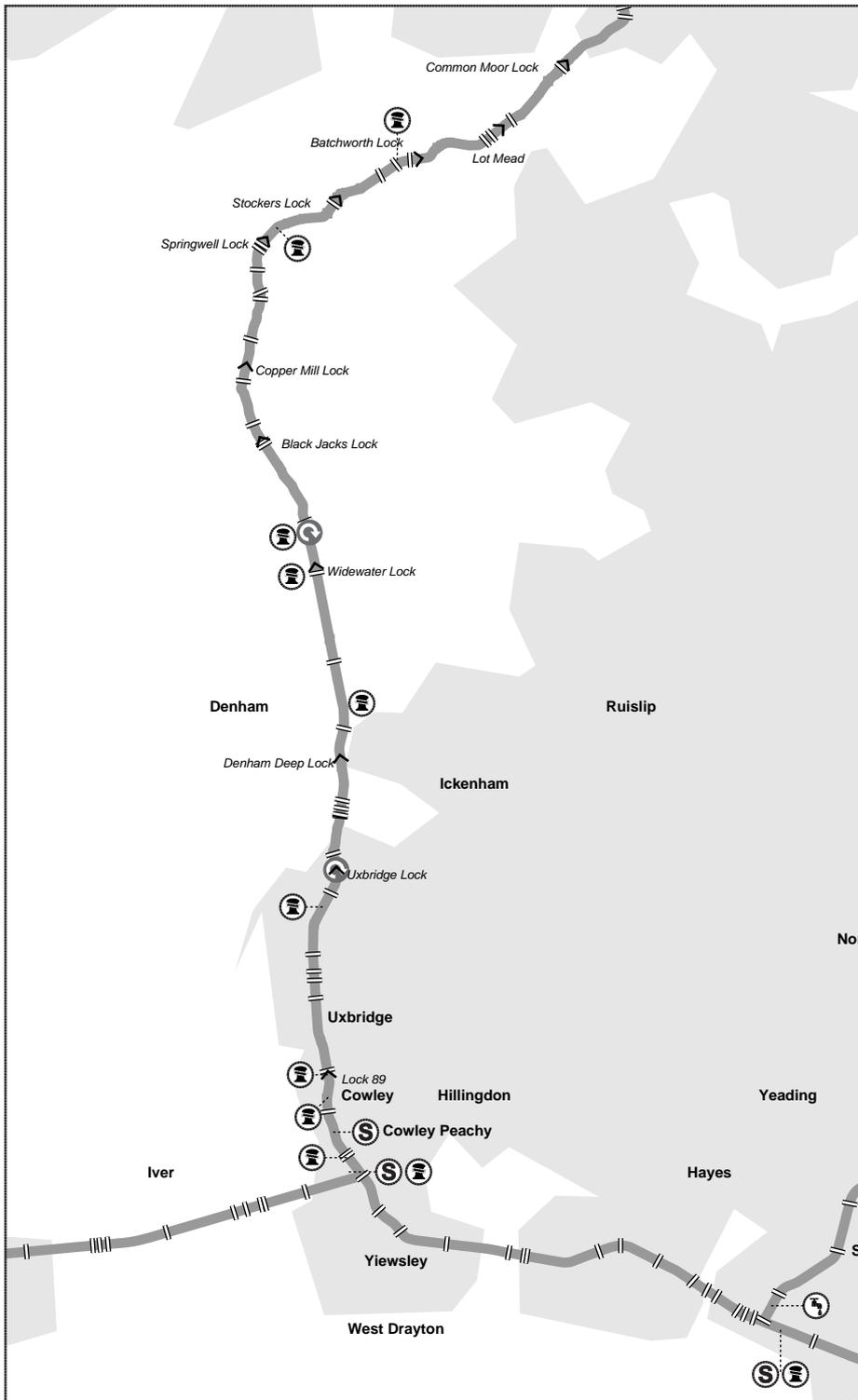
Alperton: Maximum 24h / 14d.

Greenford: Maximum 14d.

Bulls Bridge, Hayes: Maximum 24h.

Brentford: Maximum 14d.

Thames Lock: Maximum 24h.



Wheelchair access

Widewater: Maximum 14d.

Browns Meadow, Uxbridge: Maximum 14d.

Denham: Maximum 14d.

Grand Union Canal information

Lock 87, Denham Deep Lock-Bridge 192, Colham Bridge (A408): Freight movement in this area.

Locks and bridges

Lock 84, Copper Mill Lock: Strong current across the canal in this area.

Ⓢ Services and facilities

Packet Boat Marina - Residential: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower. Additional facilities: Boat trips, car parking, wheelchair access, bus service, rubbish disposal, electricity, diesel, gas, wet dock, pub, leisure attraction, laundrette, CCTV

Benbow Way, Cowley: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower. Additional facilities: Car parking, Bus, rubbish disposal, diesel, petrol, dry dock, supermarket, restaurant, pub, play area, leisure attraction, Laundrette, CCTV

Willow Wren Wharf, Bulls Bridge, Hayes: Water, pump-out, toilet. Additional facilities: Rubbish disposal, bus, diesel, petrol, slip way, DIY, boat sales, cashpoint, supermarket, restaurant, pub, play area,

Ⓜ Visitor moorings

Bulls Bridge, Hayes: Maximum 24h.

Batchworth: Maximum 14d.

Cowley South (towpath side): Maximum 14d.

Springwell, Maple Cross: Maximum 14d.