

RIVER WEY NAVIGATIONS INFORMATION FOR BOAT USERS



THE NATIONAL TRUST WELCOMES YOU TO THE
RIVER WEY AND GODALMING NAVIGATIONS
running through the heart of Surrey

OVER 350 YEARS OF HISTORY

Today, the leisurely pace of the Navigations contrasts with the speed of the railways and motorways that link London and Guildford. Much has changed since 1653 when the Wey Navigation was the new, easy route to London.

The Wey Navigation was built 100 years before the Canal Age. It runs 15½ miles from Guildford to the Thames at Weybridge. The Godalming Navigation, opened in 1764, extended the navigable waterway a further 4 miles to Godalming.

The Wey Navigations form a green corridor running through the Surrey countryside. The unique landscape of the Navigations contains a rich variety of wildlife habitats in a relatively small area.

The Navigations provide an excellent way to discover Surrey's towns, villages and countryside. The changing scenery means that there is always plenty to see along the Wey, and the historic locks and their pretty cottages add to the waterway's special character.

We hope that you will enjoy your visit and ask you to read this booklet for your safety and information.

K USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

- Navigations Office (office hours) 01483 561389
- Navigations Office fax 01483 531667
- Thames Lock 01932 843106
- River Thames Information Service 0845 9881188
(24hr answerphone)
- Basingstoke Canal Authority 01252 370073
- Surrey Police 101
- Navigations Office email: riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk
- National Trust website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk

The staff listed below are available for you to contact if you have any enquiries about aspects of the National Trust's work on the Navigations. If you encounter any problems along the waterway, please let us know by contacting Thames Lock on **01932 843106**

mobile numbers

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**Navigations Office open hours: Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm,
Friday 9am to 4pm.**

**When the Navigations Office is closed, emergency calls should be made
to Thames Lock.**

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SAFETY NEAR WATER

Lock Use

Help us preserve our heritage by using our locks as indicated below:

- Open **both** gates on entry or exit.
- Enter locks slowly and with care.
- Stop your boat using the engine when possible, rather than by jumping off and wrapping a rope around a bollard.
- **Always rope craft fore and aft** when in a lock. When going upstream in a lock, it is best practice to use the yellow pin at the furthest end of the lock to rope up to. This will stop the vessel being pulled forward by force of water.
- Switch off boat engine.
- Keep children clear of lock paddles.
- Ensure you are well balanced. Push handle well onto spindle when raising or lowering sluices. It is easier to start with the windlass handle at its lowest point, and pull it up towards you. **Never let go of the windlass while you are winding, or leave it attached to the winding gear.**
- Let water in slowly at first, watching all other craft in the chamber to ensure they are coping with the change in the levels and turbulence created. Be ready to close down quickly in case of an emergency. If you are the only boat in the lock, open the sluice on the same side as your boat first.
- Ensure that **all** sluices are closed before leaving lock.
- Leave gates open as you leave the lock.

Lock gates on the Wey are made of the same materials today as they were when the traffic on the waterway was horse-drawn, wooden barges. They are made of oak timber and are lighter and more easily damaged than those on many waterways. The sluices on the gates are large and can create strong turbulence and it is important to rope up in locks and to open the sluices gradually.

SAFE BOATING

- Keep well away from weirs and regulating gates.
- Craft with minimal clearance should take extra care at low bridges where visibility and manoeuvrability are reduced, approach slowly and with caution.
- Watch your wash.
- Do not navigate between sunset and sunrise.
- Do not navigate when the river is in flood.
- Don't drink and drive.

THE RIVER IN FLOOD

After rainfall, rises in river levels can occur rapidly and flow rates increase. During this time navigation can be restricted and locks closed. In the interests of safety, boaters are required to tie up until the danger has passed. Flood conditions are indicated by display of RED flood boards or flags at locks and other prominent locations.

SOUND SIGNALS

If using your horn, please ensure that the correct sound signals are given:

- Prolonged blast (10 seconds) means ATTENTION, to be used when a boat is about to get underway or is approaching a blind bend or bridge.
- 1 short blast indicates altering course to starboard (right).
- 2 short blasts indicate altering course to port (left)
- 3 short blasts indicate craft has engaged reverse gear
- 4 short blasts signals inability to manoeuvre
- 4 short blasts a gap then 1 short blast signals turning round to starboard (right)
- 4 short blasts a gap then 2 short blasts signals turning round to port (left)
- 5 or more short blasts can be used to alert another boat to what they are doing.

SPEED LIMIT

Speeding is dangerous. Accidents occur more frequently when speeding, particularly from the wash created. Boats need a longer stopping time than a car; they will not stop in seconds.

The National Trust's regulations for the River Wey Navigations set the speed limit at 8 kilometres per hour, which is equivalent to a ***steady walking pace***.

Use the water conditions to determine your speed and always stay within the speed limit. The only exception to this is if you need to maintain steering control to manoeuvre out of a dangerous situation.

Avoid causing danger and damage. Please ...

- **Slow down if your wash is breaking against the banks like waves on a beach.**
- **When passing moored boats slow your engine to the minimum safe speed.**
- **When passing small craft, anglers or people in the water please keep your wash to a minimum.**

Keep children well supervised

Children should be accompanied at all times.

Keep dogs under control

Dogs should be under control at all times and on leads when in lock areas or at Dapdune Wharf.

Cyclists give way to walkers

The towpath is not a cycle track, in places it is very narrow and the sight-lines are short. Always dismount when passing locks and weirs.

Stay out of the water

If a person falls in the water don't put yourself in danger by going in after them:

- Crouch or lie down and reach out with a stick or piece of clothing to pull them in, or
- Throw a rope or something inflatable to help them keep afloat until help arrives.
- If you must go in, test the water's depth first and hold onto someone on the bank.

Waterborne diseases

Weill's disease is a dangerous bacterial infection carried in rats' urine which can be found in open water. It is very rare, but you should be aware of it. The initial symptoms of the disease are like flu, but it can be fatal. *E. Coli* is also found in river water due to sewage outfalls. Because of this, when working with water, ensure that hands are washed thoroughly before eating.

The National Trust as Navigation Authority

The National Trust has owned and managed the Wey Navigation since 1964 and the Godalming Navigation since 1968. The income from licences helps to cover the cost of maintaining the Navigations.

The National Trust manages the Wey Navigations according to three guiding principles:

- To comply with the Acts of Parliament of 1670 and 1760 which established the responsibilities of the Commissioners for the Wey and Godalming Navigations, in particular to maintain the waterway in a navigable condition.
- In accordance with the general principles of the National Trust, to preserve the Wey and Godalming Navigations for the benefit of the nation, including the preservation of their natural aspect, features, animals and plant life, buildings and structures of architectural or historic interest, and the promotion of access.
- To enable quiet and varied enjoyment of the waterway by the public.

A statement of policies for management of the Wey and Godalming Navigations was put together following a detailed consultation of users, neighbours, statutory authorities and representative bodies. Copies are available from the Navigations Office.

Looking after the Waterway

Keeping the Navigations open for boats is a year round, round-the-clock job for the Trust's maintenance staff and lengths-men.

Dredging

Like all waterways, the Wey Navigations are prone to silting, especially on bends and where river and navigation canals join. Dredging has always been an important maintenance job on the Navigations.

Dredging used to be done by hand but now the National Trust uses its own floating excavator. Most dredging is done in the early spring to clear silt brought down river by the winter floods.

Bank and towpath repairs

The National Trust has a continuous programme of bank and towpath repairs. Flooding and the wash from fast moving craft damages the banks and can destroy important wildlife areas. Aquatic plants growing at the edge of the channel help to protect the banks from damage and provide a habitat for wildlife. Boaters can help to minimise damage to the banks by watching their wash – the less wash there is breaking, the less damage there will be to river and canal banks.

Repairing locks

The National Trust has a rolling programme of lock restoration and refurbishment. Traditional materials and techniques are used, where possible, including hand-made bricks, lime mortar and oak gates. To repair a lock chamber, the lock area is dammed off and completely pumped out.

NAVIGATION LICENCES

All craft on the River Wey and Godalming Navigations require a licence from the National Trust. If you find that you require more time on the Navigations than your licence allows then please contact the Navigations Office or Thames Lock before your current licence expires. Owners who fail to pay licence fees are subject to debt recovery through the courts. In addition, boat owners who make no attempt to register or to satisfy the Boat Safety Scheme and insurance requirements are not allowed on the waterway. No inflatables with engines are allowed on the waterway.

VISITOR LICENCE NATIONAL TRUST MEMBER DISCOUNT

National Trust members receive a 10% discount when purchasing a visitor licence for the Wey Navigations. Trust membership also allows free entry to all National Trust properties. There are more than ten National Trust properties that you can visit in Surrey alone. These include the regency villa of Polesden Lacey, the enchanting landscaped garden at Claremont, and the impressive arboretum at Winkworth. Clandon Park and Hatchlands Park are within easy reach of Dapdune Wharf in Guildford. Details of National Trust properties in Surrey and the south-east and joining details are available from Thames Lock and Dapdune Wharf.

BOAT DIMENSIONS (at normal water levels)

RIVER WEY NAVIGATION (Thames to Guildford)			
Length	Beam	Draught	Headroom
21.8m (71' 6")	4.2m (14')	90cm (3')	2.15m (7')
GODALMING NAVIGATION (Guildford to Godalming)			
Length	Beam	Draught	Headroom
21.8m (71' 6")	4.2m (13'10")	75cm (2'6")	1.85m (6') at Broadford Bridge

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCK HANDLES (Windlasses)

Specifically for use on the Navigations, these can be loaned or purchased from Thames Lock, Stoke Lock, Guildford Boat House, Farncombe Boat House and the Navigations Office, or purchased only at Pyrford Basin.

Slipways

STOKE LOCK (Tel: 01483 504939) and PYRFORD MARINA (Tel: 01932 340739) by arrangement. A charge is made at both slipways for slipping, car and trailer parking. There is a free slipway on the River Thames at Thames Street, Weybridge (not National Trust).

DAPDUNE WHARF

The award-winning visitor centre at Dapdune Wharf offers a series of interactive exhibits and displays which allow you to discover the fascinating story of Surrey's oldest waterway. Visitors can see where the huge Wey barges were built and climb aboard Reliance, one of the last surviving barges. There is a family trail for visitors with children, and a programme of special events. There are picnic areas and a small shop selling sandwiches, souvenirs, postcards and refreshments.

- Opening hours: April – October, Thurs to Mon, 11am-5pm. National Trust members free, admission fees for others.
- Mooring is available at the Wharf (maximum 24 hours), admission charges must be paid on open days, otherwise free, but please advise the Wharf Manager.
- Water available by arrangement with Wharf Manager.
- Wharf Manager tel: 07900 137780 (office hours).
- www.nationaltrust.org.uk

MAPS and GUIDE BOOKS

The National Trust has a map of the Navigations and a book of circular walks from the river. These are available for sale at Thames and Stoke Locks, Dapdune Wharf, Pyrford Marina, Guildford Boat House, Farncombe Boat House and Guildford Tourist Information Centre.

FISHING

Fishing on the Navigations is let to and organised by local clubs that can issue day tickets. Anglers require a licence even when fishing from their own boat. An Environment Agency rod licence is required for adults aged 17 years upwards and a junior licence for those aged 12 to 16 years. An adult accompanying either a child or junior will require a full licence. Fishing is only permitted in daylight hours during the fishing season, 16 June to 14 March. It is not permitted at any other time. Day tickets can be obtained from the local angling clubs and some local shops.

Location	Club	Contact
Thames Lock to Walsham Gates & Papercourt to New Inn at Send	Thames Valley Angling Association	Jeff Woodhouse 01494 523988
Coxes Mill Pond	Byfleet Angling Association	Mr Mike Wirdnam 0208 644 5511
Triggs Lock to Guildford Town Bridge	Guildford Angling Society	Mr Alan Tanner 01483 575801
Guildford Rowing Club to Godalming Wharf	Godalming Angling Society	Mr Malcolm Richardson 01483 422791

LOCKS ON THE RIVER WEY & GODALMING NAVIGATIONS

Locks on the River Wey will pass boats up to 71' 6" long by 14' 0" wide and on the Godalming Navigation, 71'6" long by 13'10" wide. For depths see Navigation Notes on pages 15-26.

LOCK	DISTANCE FROM THAMES (MILES)	EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER
RIVER WEY NAVIGATION		
Thames (ATTENDED)	0.1	01932 843106
Weybridge (Town)	0.8	01932 843106
Coxes	1.5	
New Haw	2.3	
Pyrford	4.9	01932 843106
Walsham Gates*	5.9	01932 843106
Newark	6.6	
Papercourt	7.3	
Worsfold Gates*	8.9	
Triggs	9.7	01932 843106
Bowers	11.9	
Stoke	13.0	
GODALMING NAVIGATION		
Millmead	15.4	01932 843106
St Catherine's	16.5	
Unstead	17.8	01932 843106
Catteshall	19.0	
*Walsham and Worsfold Gates are operated in times of flood only		
Godalming Wharf is the upper limit of navigation		

MOORINGS

- There is ample free overnight mooring on the Navigations. In general you can moor anywhere suitable along the 20 miles of towpath, but you should be aware that the historic 'dish' shaped profile in artificial sections of the waterway can mean depth is restricted at bank edges. The banks opposite the towpath are usually private.
- There is a secure mooring at Dapdune Wharf for boats wishing to stop in Guildford, please advise the Wharf Manager on arrival. Maximum stay 24 hours.
- Do not moor in the lock waiting areas.
- Please avoid mooring on bends or directly next to bridges.
- Craft should not be left unattended overnight or for longer periods on the towpath.
- When mooring on river sections try to moor facing into the stream, you will find that you have much better control of the boat and will avoid catching rubbish on your rudder or prop.
- The water level on river sections of the Navigations can rise and fall, so make allowances for this when tying up.
- Please keep your mooring ropes clear of the towpath.

TURNING POINTS

The best locations for full-length boats to turn are indicated in the Navigation Notes. Smaller boats may find many other suitable places.

SHOPS AND PUBS ON OR NEAR THE WEY NAVIGATIONS

LOCATION	SHOPS	PUBS
Thames Lock	Weybridge town centre ten minutes walk from lock. Shops, museum, library.	Old Crown (short walk) 01932 842844 The Minnow (short walk) 01932 831672 Other pubs and restaurants in town centre.
Town Lock	Short walk to Weybridge town centre.	Several pubs and restaurants in town centre.
Addlestone reach		Pelican 01932 843032
New Haw Lock	Small newsagents and general store by roundabout next to lock.	White Hart Inn 01932 842927
Parvis Bridge	Ten minute walk into Byfleet town centre. TLC offers chandlery, gifts and souvenirs.	Pubs and restaurants in Byfleet town centre.
Pyrford Lock	Pyrford Marina sells small chandlery items.	Anchor 01932 342507
Walsham Gates	20 minute walk to the pretty village of Ripley, small supermarket and other stores.	There are a number of pubs in Ripley village.
Newark Lock		Seven Stars (short walk) 01483 225128
Highbridge, Send	Short walk to Send village shops.	
Cartbridge, Send		New Inn 01483 762736
Triggs Lock		The Olive Tree (short walk upstream, over Warehams footbridge) 01483 729999
Bowers Lock	Large Sainsbury's, including petrol station 10 mins south	

LOCATION	SHOPS	PUBS
Woodbridge, Guildford		The Rowbarge 01483 573358
Guildford Town reach	Large shopping centre. Tourist Information Centre, Museum etc. Leaflet guide available from Thames Lock and Dapdune Wharf. Petrol stations in Woodbridge Road.	The White House 01483 302006 The Britannia 01483 572160 The Boatman 01483 568024 Many other pubs, restaurants and take-aways in the town centre.
Broadford Bridge	Village shops 10 minute walk along the footpath opposite the Parrot Inn.	Parrot Inn (short walk over bridge) 01483 561400
St Catherine's Lock		Sea Horse (10 minutes walk along footpath to Shalford) 01483 514351
Trowers Bridge		Manor Inn (01483 427134)
Farncombe Boat House	Tea room at boat house (closed Mon & Tues except in August). Short walk down Catteshall Road into village which has a few stores and garage.	The Leathern Bottle (short walk into village) 01483 425642
Godalming Wharf	Sainsbury's (including petrol station) and Homebase next to Wharf, other superstores and shops in town centre.	Several pubs, restaurants and take-aways in town centre.

BOAT SERVICES & FACILITIES

Location	Water	Refuse	Elsan	Pump Out	Fuel	Power
Molesey Lock (not NT)	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sunbury Lock (not NT)		✓	✓			
Shepperton Lock (not NT)		✓	✓			
Chertsey Lock (not NT)	✓					
Thames Lock	✓					
New Haw Lock			✓			
Pyrford Marina	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anchor pub		✓				
Pyrford Lock	✓		✓			
Cartbridge Wharf	✓					
Stoke Lock	✓					
Guildford Waterside Centre	✓					
Dapdune Wharf BWB key provides access to ELSAN	✓	✓	✓			✓
Guildford Boat House (by arrangement 01483 504494)	✓			✓		✓
Farncombe Boat House (by arrangement 01483 421306)	✓			✓	✓	✓
Godalming Wharf BWB key provides access to ELSAN	✓	✓	✓			✓

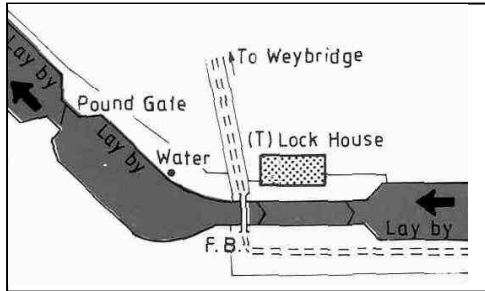
NAVIGATION NOTES

THE RIVER WEY NAVIGATION

- The entrance to the Wey Navigation is up the narrow, signposted central channel downstream of Shepperton Lock.

THAMES LOCK

- Fall 2.6m (8' 6")
- Thames lock is the only lock on the Wey Navigations that is manned. Please speak to the Lock Keeper on arrival.
- Craft travelling onto or off the Thames will pass through the pound, below the lock. The pound is used when the water level is low or for craft with a draught deeper than 0.54m (1' 9").
- There is a water point in the pound.
- Licences, lock handles and information are available from Thames Lock.
- There is a small display about the Navigations in the stable by the lock.



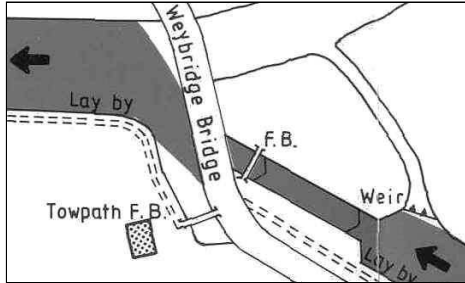
ENTERING THAMES LOCK

- Moor up and consult lock keeper. Do not enter lock until authorised by lock keeper.
- If you wish to use the lock on Christmas Day, or after 1830 hours any day during daylight hours, please write to the Navigations Office giving at least one week's notice. A fee of £10.00 will be charged for this special service.
- Please note that the lock actually closes at the times stated below. Craft must therefore be at Thames Lock at least 15 minutes before the closing time to ensure passage through the lock that day. Please allow ample time as there may be craft in front of you.

Thames Lock Opening Hours	
Daily excluding 25 and 26 December.	0900 – 1300 and 1400 - 1830* or sunset (whichever is the earlier)
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	1000 – 1100 and 1500 - 1600
Post Code	KT13 8LG

WEYBRIDGE TOWN LOCK

- Fall 1.7m (5' 6")
- There is a sharp bend below the lock. The navigation channel is signed. It is the most westerly bridge hole (furthest right) when coming upstream. The lock is immediately above the bridge. When approaching the lock from the downstream side it is difficult to see the position of the gates and whether a craft is coming out of the lock. Craft are advised to tie up in the lock waiting area on the towpath below the lock and go on foot to check the situation before taking the boat through.



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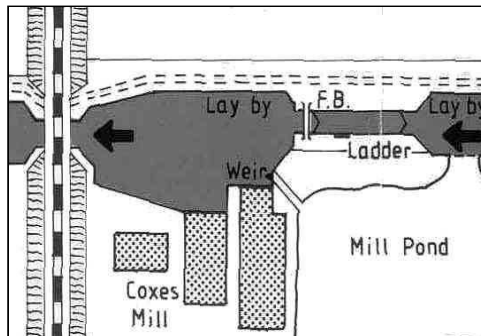
- (↻) Turning point below the lock.
- Postcode KT15 2UE

RAILWAY BRIDGE

- Keep to the channel on the towpath side.

COXES LOCK

- Fall 2.6m (8' 6")
- This is the deepest unmanned lock on the Navigations.
- Beware of strong currents below the lock.
- (↻) Turning point

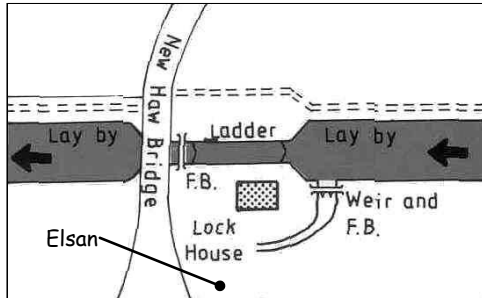


below the lock.

- Postcode KT15 2JY

NEW HAW LOCK

- Fall 2.1m (6' 8")
- The lower gates are opened using the ropes, due to their closeness to the bridge.
- There is a chemical toilet (elsan) disposal point to the right of the lock cottage, over the small footbridge.
- Postcode: KT15 3JH



WOODHAM BRIDGE

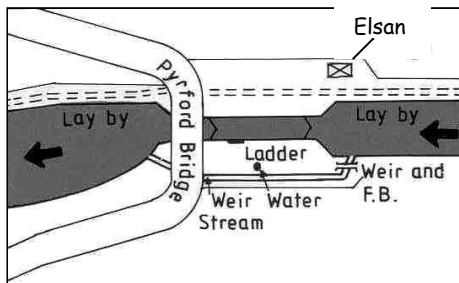
- The Basingstoke Canal leaves the Wey Navigation just below the bridge. A licence is required by all craft wishing to travel along the Basingstoke Canal. This can be obtained from the Basingstoke Canal Authority at Mychett. Tel: 01252 370073
- (↻) Turning point at the junction.

PARVIS BRIDGE


- Below Parvis Bridge is Byfleet Boat House. Rowing boats can be hired from Byfleet Boat Club during the summer season.
- Above Parvis Bridge is Parvis Wharf where TLC offers chandlery, calor gas, boat fitting and refitting.

PYRFORD LOCK


- Fall 1.5m (5' 3")
- There is rubbish disposal just below the Anchor pub car park and chemical toilet (elsan) disposal and a water point beside the lock.

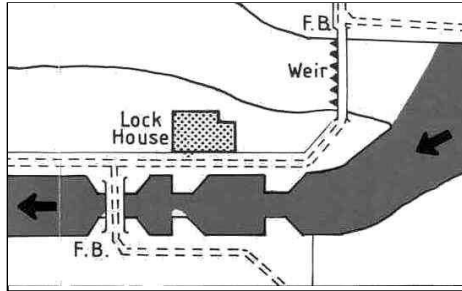


To use the water point, please moor on the staging and not in the lock.

- The entrance to the boat yard at Pyrford Marina is just below the lock on the non-towpath side. Pyrford Marina provides fuel, water, toilet disposal, pump-out, power and has private moorings. Tel: 01932 340739.
-  Turning point at entrance to Pyrford Marina.
- Postcode GU23 6QW

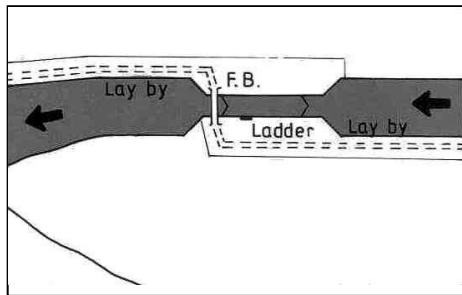
WALSHAM GATES

- The flood gates are only closed when the river is in high flood and navigation is suspended.
- Keep well clear of Walsham weir, above the lock.
-  There are several turning points between Walsham and Newark locks
- Postcode GU22 8XE



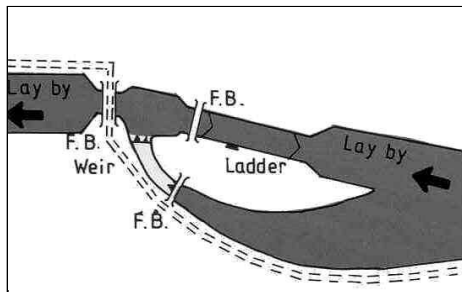
NEWARK LOCK

- Fall 1.7m (5' 3")
- The towpath changes sides at the lock.
- Postcode GU23 6DP



PAPERCOURT LOCK

- Fall 2.5m (8' 0")
- The towpath changes sides at the lock.
- The moorings at High Bridge are the closest to the shops at Send.



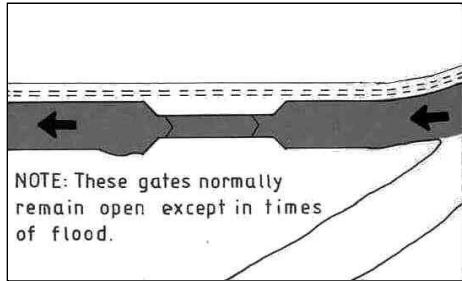
- Beware of cross current below the lock, between the bridges.
- ↻ Turning points above and below the lock.
- Postcode GU23 7ES

CARTBRIDGE

- The towpath changes sides at the bridge.

WORSFOLD GATES

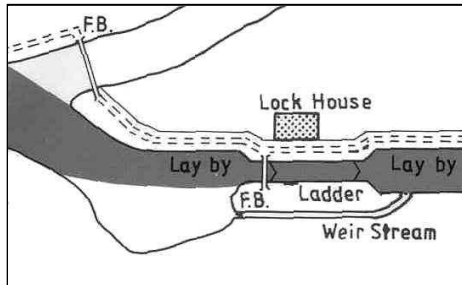
- Worsfold Gates are normally left open, except in times of flood.
- When travelling downstream, take the right channel above the lock for the navigation.



- ↻ Turning point ½ mile above Worsfold Gates.
- Postcode GU23 7EN

TRIGGS LOCK


- Fall 2m (6' 6")
- Postcode GU4 7QQ




SEND CHURCH BRIDGE

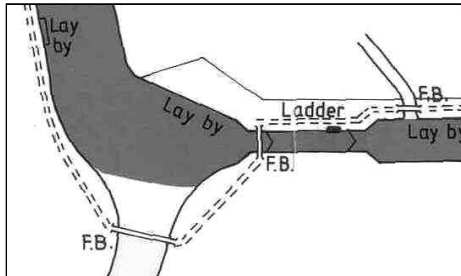
- The towpath changes sides at the bridge.

BROADOAK BRIDGE


- Pass under the bridge through the span on the towpath side.
- There are two sharp bends, one immediately below Broad Oak Bridge and one about 100m below, where the navigation meets the driveway. Craft should steer well clear of the weir just below the bridge, but beware of silting on the inside of this bend.
-  Turning point above bridge at the river/canal confluence.
- Postcode GU4 7QN

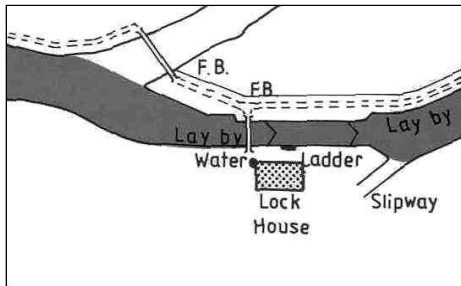
BOWERS LOCK

- Fall 2.2m (7' 0")
- When travelling upstream, take the right channel, which then makes a 90° turn to the left into the lock, before the footbridge over the river channel.
- When leaving the lock to head downstream, be ready to make a sharp right turn immediately.
- The navigation channel makes a right-angle bend above Bowers Lock at Old Bucks weir, where the river channel leaves the navigation.
-  Turning point below the lock.
- Postcode GU4 7ND




STOKE LOCK

- Fall 2.1m (6' 9")
- There is a water point at the lock layby below the lock.
- There is a slipway above the lock, use by advance booking only, a small fee is payable. Contact the Stoke Lengthsman or Navigations Office.
-  Turning point below the lock.
- Postcode GU1 1QE




STOKE ROAD BRIDGE

- Craft coming downstream should keep left past the Rowbarge pub to enter the Navigation channel.
- The towpath crosses the road at Stoke Bridge.
-  Turning point above bridge at junction with canal and river. Beware of strong stream in river channel.
- Postcode GU1 1AQ

WOODBIDGE

- The towpath changes sides at Woodbridge and walkers must cross two lanes of dual-carriageway.

DAPDUNE WHARF

- The National Trust offices for the Wey and Godalming Navigations are at Dapdune Wharf. Boat licences, lock handles and information can be obtained from here during normal office hours.
- The Dapdune Wharf visitor centre is open from April to October, 11am-5pm, Thursdays to Mondays. During open times a small trip boat is run from the Wharf upstream, it turns just below Millmead Lock.
- Water point, elsan and rubbish disposal available from Dapdune Wharf.
- Mooring is available at the Wharf but please advise the Wharf Warden on arrival, either in the Ticket Hut or the office.
-  Turning point at the Wharf.
- Postcode GU1 4RR

WALNUT FOOTBRIDGE

- There are 24 hour visitor moorings between Walnut and Onslow Bridges. It is not advisable to leave boats unattended in the town centre. More secure overnight moorings are at Dapdune Wharf and in the meadows above Millmead Lock.

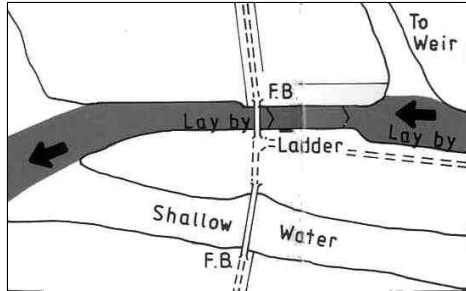
TOWN WHARF

- Town Wharf is owned by Guildford Borough Council. If mooring here, beware of the submerged obstruction. We would not advise that craft are left unattended in the town centre.

THE GODALMING NAVIGATION

MILLMEAD LOCK

- Fall 2.0m (6' 3")
- When approaching Millmead Lock from downstream take the **left** channel after the White House pub but do not enter the mill pool as it is very shallow.



- ↻ Turning points above and below the lock.
- Postcode GU1 3UX

GUILDFORD BOAT HOUSE


- Guildford Boat House offers pump-outs, gas, water, boat and engine repairs but try to steer clear of Fridays and Saturdays when their hire fleet is being serviced. Tel: 01483 504494
- From Easter to September Guildford Boat House operates a trip boat which travels upstream. The boats turn either just below St Catherine's Lock or at Stonebridge Wharf.

QUARRY STREET FOOTBRIDGE


- The sharp bend beneath the bridge needs to be taken with great care, whether going up or downstream – note the towrope rollers on the point to help the horse-drawn barges to get round.
- Just above the bridge is Guildford Rowing Club. This is a private club. Please be aware that rowers are likely to be training in the section of river between Millmead and St Catherine's locks.

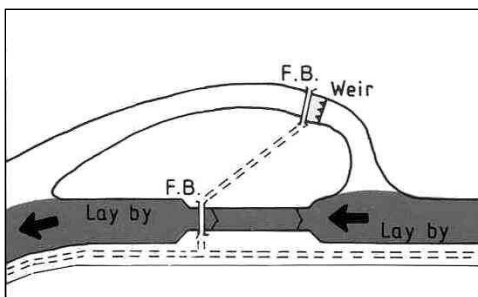
- The weir above the bridge, which discharges under the towpath, can have a strong pull, so it is best to keep clear.
- There is good mooring on either side of the waterway above the bridge and weir.
- The annual **Guildford Festival Boat Gathering** takes place here over the first weekend in July.

FERRY LANE BRIDGE

- There is a horseshoe bend above the bridge which needs careful navigation – note the roller.
-  Turning point above the bridge.

ST CATHERINE'S LOCK

- Fall 0.9m (2' 9")
- Keep well clear of the Riff Raff weir above St Catherine's Lock
-  Turning point below the lock.
- Postcode GU3 1LQ



RAILWAY BRIDGE

- Below the bridge, reinforcing frames restrict the width of the navigable channel. Keep to the towpath side of these.

BROADFORD BRIDGE

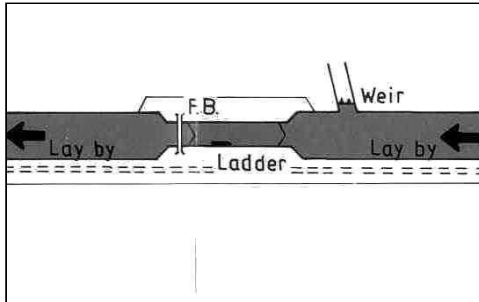
- Broadford Bridge is the lowest on the Navigation and should be navigated cautiously. In normal conditions the clearance is only 6ft 4in, but this reduces in times of high water and some craft may be unable to pass.
- At the upstream end of Stonebridge Wharf is "The Guns Mouth". This is where the Bramley Stream and the **Wey and Arun Canal** join the Navigation. It is not suitable for navigation. The Wey and Arun Canal is currently under restoration by the Wey and Arun Canal Trust. They have

restored several sections, including a 1½ mile stretch near Loxwood in Sussex, from where they run a trip boat.

- (↻) Turning point at Guns Mouth.

UNSTEAD LOCK

- Fall 2.0m (6' 6")
- Immediately above the lock is a small weir in the east bank. Craft can get drawn towards it.



- (↻) Turning points above and below the lock cuts where the lock cut separates from the river.
- Postcode GU3 1NA

UNSTEAD ROAD BRIDGE

- The towpath crosses the road here.


TROWERS BRIDGE

- Navigation is through the central square arch.

THE HORSE DRAWN BOAT

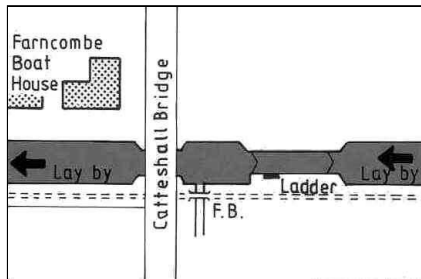
- From Easter to September, a horse drawn boat operates between Godalming Wharf and Unstead Bridge. Be prepared to encounter it in this area coming downstream on the towpath side of the navigation. Contrary to the normal rule of the river, boaters going upstream should pass this barge on the off-side (away from the towpath) to avoid getting entangled in the towline.
- When mooring on the towpath in this area, please avoid mooring on bends and leave your roof clear – including TV aerials.
- Please avoid mooring above the weirs in Unstead Meadow as the horsedrawn boat turns here.


FARNCOMBE BOAT HOUSE

- When approaching Farncombe Boat House from downstream take the **right** channel after the bend.
- Farncombe Boat House offers pump-outs, gas, diesel, water, boat and engine repairs but try to steer clear of Fridays when their hire fleet is being serviced. Tel: 01483 421306
-  Turning point below Farncombe Boat House moorings and above the lock, where the lock cut separates from the river.

CATTESHALL LOCK


- Fall 1.7m (5' 6")



-  Turning point above Catteshall Lock, where the lock cut and river divide. The backwater draws strongly after rain so it is unwise to get into a situation where you may have to reverse out of the weir stream. Keeping the stern near the towpath side of the river will allow the current to swing the bow when turning. This can be a difficult place to turn.

- Postcode GU7 1NH

GODALMING WHARF

- The Navigation ends about 50 metres (164') short of Godalming Town Bridge.
- There is a sanitary station with water point at the wharf just downstream of the bend.
-  The last turning point on the Navigation is at the bend by the sanitation station just before the wharf. This can be a difficult place to turn, particularly after rain.



ALL MOVING VESSELS MAKE A WASH.
THE AMOUNT OF WASH WILL DEPEND
ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS:

- Speed
- Width and depth of channel
- Shape of your boat
- Wind conditions
- Your wash will increase when travelling in convoy

Excessive wash can ...

- **Endanger People**
People in the water could lose their footing, accidents could be caused in the galleys of moored boats, or small craft could be swamped.
- **Damage the banks & harm wildlife**
The undercurrents created by wash cause erosion, which can lead to the loss of bank-side vegetation and to bank collapse. As well as damaging vegetation, the wash can affect the habitats of aquatic mammals, birds and fish, causing much disturbance.
- **Damage moored vessels**
The slightest wash can pull moored vessels away from their moorings causing the loosening of ropes and damage to the side of the vessel and bank.
- **Interfere with angling**
Anglers need to be given time to move their rods out of the way of passing boats.

Don't let time rule your journey. Boating on the River Wey Navigations is about relaxation. Showing general courtesy towards other river users allows everyone to have an enjoyable experience.

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