

ANGLING

NAVIGATING PAST PEOPLE FISHING

There is often confusion about the way to approach when boating past anglers, which sometimes leads boaters to disturb waters unnecessarily. Please slow down when approaching anglers and pass keeping as close to the middle of the channel as possible. Do not move to the banks.



FISHING ON THE KENNET & AVON CANAL

Many boaters like nothing more than to moor up at the end of the day and relax by doing a spot of fishing by their boat. And the last couple of hours before darkness can of course be the best fishing times of the day although early morning fishing can also be productive.

Fishing is only permitted on the towpath side of the canal.

The canal has a good stock of Skimmers, Bream, Tench, Roach, Rudd, Perch, Gudgeon, Pike and a few Carp. A wide range of baits work well on this canal with the best baits for general fishing during summer being maggots, caster, worm and sweetcorn. Ground bait, loose feeding and hemp also work well, and bread punch can be very productive in winter. The canal holds a good stock of Pike and produces many specimen fish; best methods are pole or waggler fishing with light tackle, dead baits and lures. Some clubs and associations restrict the period when fishing for Pike is permitted; for example, the Devizes AA observes a Pike 'season' running from 1 October to 31 March in each year.

TICKETS & LICENSES TO FISH

Fishing is permitted throughout the year from the towpath on the Kennet & Avon canal. There are 13 angling clubs who have sole fishing rights to these waters. They operate along varying lengths of canal and river, with many welcoming day ticket fishing.

Tickets are available from Foxhangers Canal Holidays reception for Devizes Angling Association who control approximately 15 miles of prime angling on the Kennet and Avon canal (from Ladies Bridge, Wilcot near Pewsey, westwards through Woodborough, Honeystreet, Stanton St Bernard, All Cannings, Horton, Devizes, Seend and ending at Semington road bridge near Melksham), see their website www.devizesaa.org.uk for more details on club rules.

There is also the requirement of a rod licence. Anyone aged 12 or older needs to be in possession of an Environment Agency rod licence before starting to fish. Single day, 8-day and an annual version are available. Possessing a valid rod licence legalises the use of a fishing rod, it does not give the owner the right to actually fish.

The third, and final consideration before deciding to fish is to consider whether fishing is actually allowed at the particular location. Where fishing is not permitted from the bank it is also not permitted from a boat either. Most fishing rods and poles are made of carbon fibre, a good electrical conductor. Overhead power lines represent a serious threat to life and limb - always look up before starting to fish and if in any doubt don't fish. As a guideline, no fishing should take place within 30 metres of electrical power lines.

ANGLING ASSOCTIONS ON THE KENNET & AVON CANAL

West to East

Bathampton AA

Avoncliff Aquaduct to Confluence with River Avon in Bath
Contact: Dave Burnham 07720 882368 daveburnham@hotmail.com

Airsprung Angling Club

Hilperton Road Bridge 166 to Avoncliff Aquaduct
Contact: Bill Turner 01225 766219 billy561@blueyonder.co.uk

Avon Angling Club

Semington Bridge 161 - Hilperton Road Bridge 166
Contact: R Edwards 01225 705036 avonacmelksham@gmail.com or r.p.edwards@virginmedia.com

Devizes AA

Ladies Bridge 120 to Semington Bridge 161
Contact: Terry Fell terry.w.fell@talktalk.net OR info@devizesaa.org.uk
See website www.devizesaa.org.uk to buy day tickets online

Pewsey & District AA

Milkhouse Water Bridge 112 to Ladies Bridge 120
Contact: Gary Williams 07596 894191 gwill72242@aol.com
Day passes can be obtained from the honesty box located at Pewsey Wharf

Marlborough & District AA

Milkhouse Water Bridge 112 to Froxfield Bridge 90
Contact: Neil Pegrum neil.pegrum@fsmail.net
See website www.marlboroughangling.co.uk/tickets to buy day tickets online

Hungerford Canal AA

Cobblers Lock to Wire Lock
Contact: Dave Keen 01672 540177 hungerfordfishing@gmail.com

Civil Service AS

Kintbury Station to Vicarage Footbridge 77
Contact: Jeff Fisher 07881 506119

Newbury AA

Bulls Lock to Ham Lock
Contact: 01635 33362 David Marshall david.marshall.naa@hotmail.co.uk

Abbey Cross AS

Hampstead Weir Foot Bridge 67 to Hampstead Lock

Reed Thatcham AA

Greenham Lock to Whitehouse Bridge 53 and Widemead Lock to Colthrop Lock
Plus Woolhampton Lock to Oxlease Swing Bridge 33
Contact: Jeff Fisher 01635 867242 or 07881 506119 RTAA@hotmail.co.uk

Reading & District AA

Oxlease Swing Bridge 33 to the Thames
Contact: Alan Hughes 01189 867430 alan@rdaa.co.uk

River Avon

Keynsham AA

Hanham Lock to Swineford Lock
Contact: P Seymour 07973 736519 keynshamangling@gmail.com

Amalgamated Fisheries

Bath to Swineford Lock
Contact: Patrica Leonard 0117 960 3378 patrica.lenard@homecall.co.uk

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