

River Trips

What & Where Where Who Why How

It is always more fun, and safer, paddling as a group no matter the size of the group







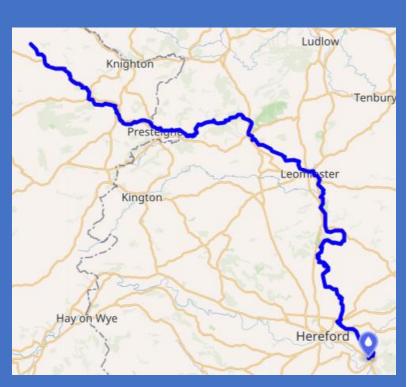
Key things to consider



- What & Where
 - River and section are you going to paddle
- When
 - Are you going to paddle
- Who
 - Are you paddling with
- Why
 - Are you paddling this particular section
- How
 - Are you getting there and sorting the logistics out



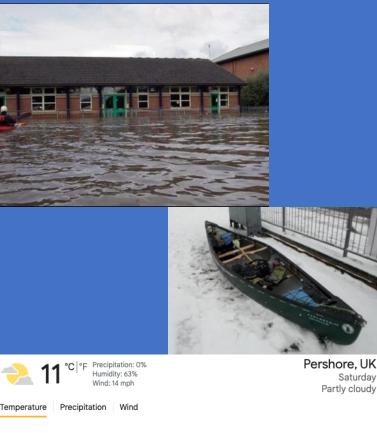
What & Where



- River and section
 - Access (get in and get out)
 - Are there any hazards, weir and rapids
- Where is it
- Wearing
 - Appropriate for the weather
- Gear and equipment to take
- If something goes wrong......



When





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- Are you going to paddle
 - Levels, recent weather (rain)
- Current weather
- Prevailing conditions

Who





• Are you paddling with

- Consider peoples abilities
- Paddle to the level of the weakest member
- Knows where you are going, when are you back?
- Has anyone done this section before, recently?
- Is organising the trip?
- Is the river leader?

• Rule – Less than 3 there should not be (hmm...)



Why





- Are you paddling this particular section
 - New section, different water levels, develop skills, coaching, relaxation, meet friends, beautiful scenery, challenging conditions, take friends, mental well being, local, favourite place, limited access, on holiday, etc..
- This can have a big influence of your paddling

How



• Are you getting there, sorting the logistics out

- Transport of boats and people
- Physically getting on the water
 - Pontoon or steep bank
- Distance from car to river at either end
- Are you communicating with each other
- Parking, is there any, cost



Logistics



- Assume Trip is on the Severn, Iron Bridge to Bridgnorth
- On this occasion, probably best to meet at the finish
- Depends on:
 - People, Vehicles, Canoe, Kayaks, Parking



What works for you, the group and your paddling



- A bit of planning and preparation goes a long way to make a successful and great trip
- Know something about where you are going, it makes it far more interesting
- Take the gear and equipment relevant for the trip
- Stay safe, do not take risks
- Whatever decision will not be suitable for everyone so just make a decision, you are the organiser!

Equipment



- Must Have
 - First Aid Kit, Throw Rope, Sling/Snake, Karabiner (x2)
 - Phone, Drink, Food



- Optional (But consider and subject to abilities and river)
 - Split paddle, Map, Compass, Exposure Bag, etc., etc., etc.,



River Grades

As the river gradings increase, so does the technical skill required... the higher the grade, the more skill and experience you will need as a paddler...



Grade I	Suitable for beginners
Grade II	Moderate conditions require some skill
Grade III	"White Water", requires intermediate to advanced skills
Grade IV	Challenging conditions, advanced skills required
Grade V	Very challenging, only to be attempted by experts
Grade VI	Extremely difficult, possible risk to life

https://gopaddling.info/river-gradings-simple-guide/

River Levels and releases



- <u>https://riverlevels.uk/levels</u>
- https://www.gaugemap.co.uk/
- <u>https://www.farsondigitalwatercams.com/</u>
- <u>https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/river-and-sea-levels</u>
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- <u>https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=scottis</u> <u>hwwguide@gmail.com&ctz=Europe/London</u>
- On mobile RiverApp, RainChasers

River Levels All of UK

River Levels





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Counties are ceremonial, or geographic, counties rather than administrative counties, as that tends to work better for a geography-based lookup. So unitary authorities will be found within their appropriate ceremonial county rather than having their own entry.

River Levels in England

- Bedfordshire (22 monitoring stations)
- Berkshire (73 monitoring stations)
- Bristol (22 monitoring stations)
- Buckinghamshire (50 monitoring stations)
- Cambridgeshire (72 monitoring stations)
- Cheshire (39 monitoring stations)

- Lincolnshire (223 monitoring stations)
- Merseyside (19 monitoring stations)
- Norfolk (80 monitoring stations)
- North Yorkshire (169 monitoring stations)
- Northamptonshire (71 monitoring stations)
 - Northumberland (59 monitoring stations)

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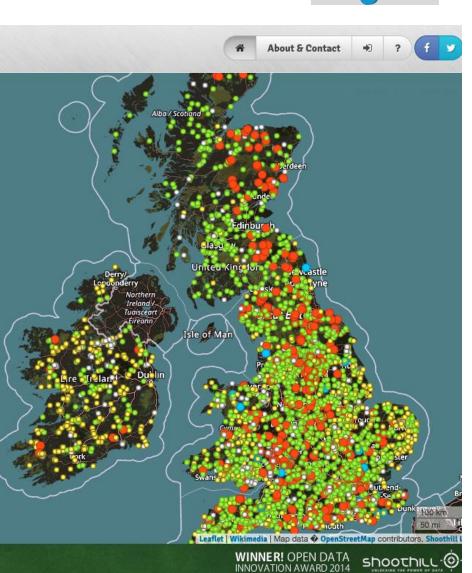
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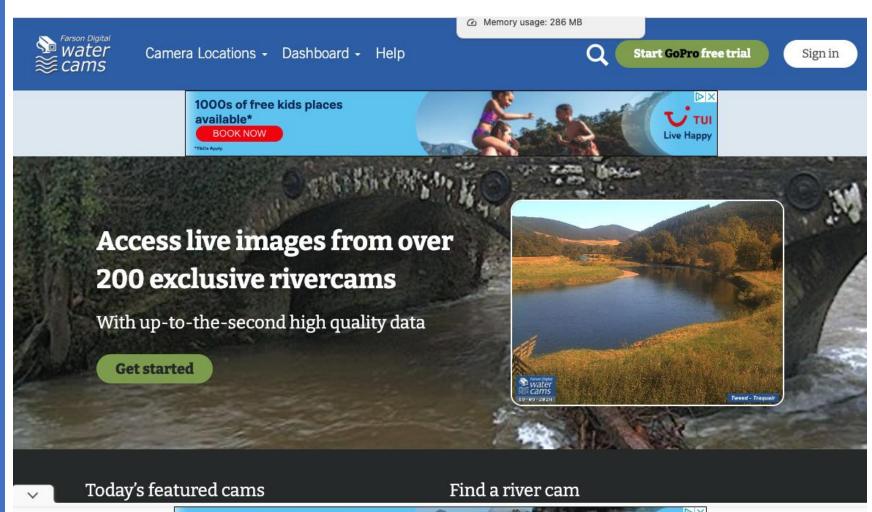
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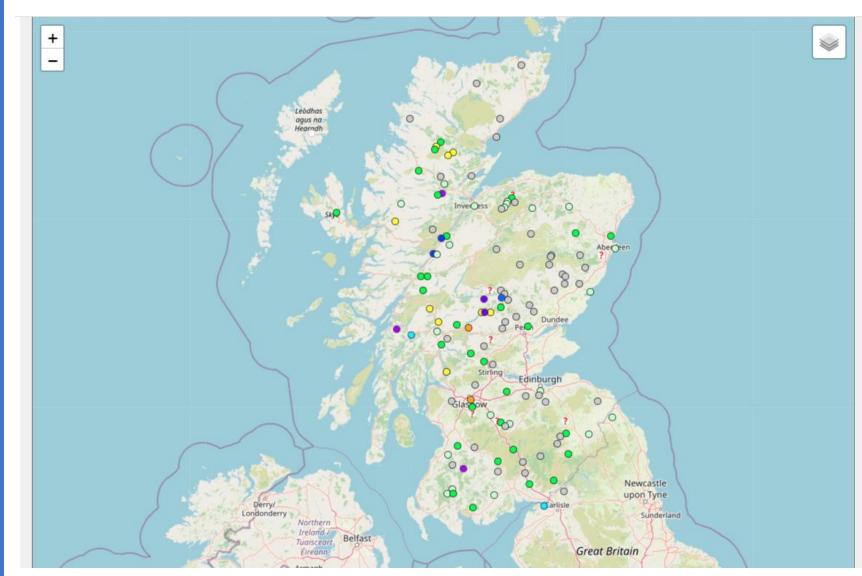
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Welcome

Rivermap visualizes the navigability of river sections on an interactive map to give canoeists the best possible and quick overview of the current situation. Individual sections are color-coded according to water level, and tips collected by paddlers provide valuable additional information. Filters and linked data allow for more detailed analysis of the current situation and future developments. All information is provided without guarantee.

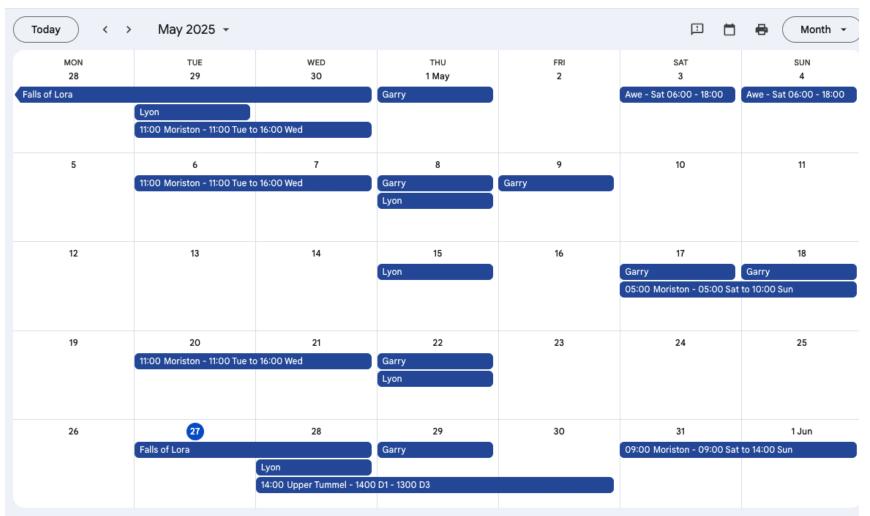
Characteristics

- · Non-binding indication of the navigability of over 1000 WW routes
- · carefully curated sections (multi-stage process, even with changes)
- Non-commercial and independent project since 2008
- Provision of partial data under open licenses
- Accessibility information for mobile devices
- River information as a current supplement to the river guide
- further information and links

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Scottish White Water Calendar





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River Guides



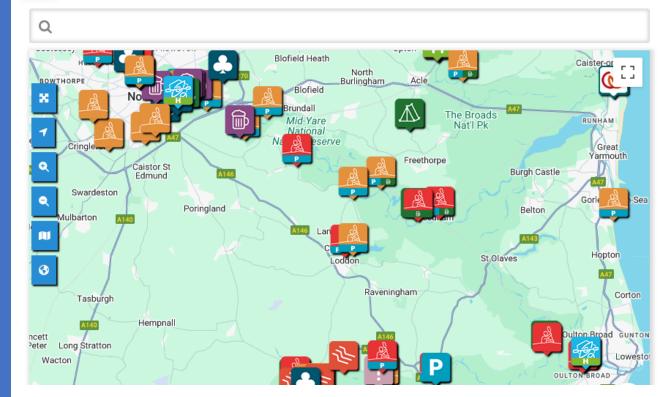
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- Wiki <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page</u>
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- Guidebooks, there are lots!!

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LATEST PADDLING BLOGS

Paddling the Llangollen Canal and Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

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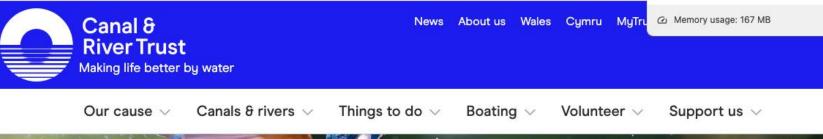


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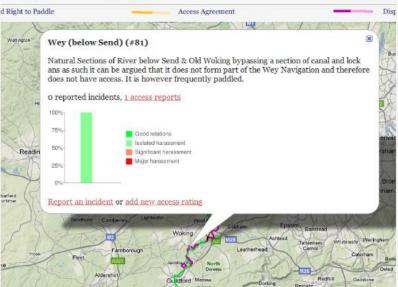
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The map has been compiled by volunteers to help answer the question "Where, in the UK, am I allowed to paddle?" Due to the lack of agreement regarding the law in England and Wales, that can be a difficult question to answer but we have done our best. If you think we have got it wrong or feel that further information is needed please let us know.

The map operates on several different levels. You will start with <u>a UK national map</u> showing rivers in three colours. Green means you have a generally accepted right to paddle (subject to any licencing requirements there may be), amber means the riparian owners have agreed to paddling in certain specific circumstances (often very limited) and purple means you have no generally accepted right to paddle. It does NOT mean you have no rights of access - merely that others dispute this right. The UK map is also available in <u>a version that excludes canals and drainage ditches</u>. Zooming in will provide a more detailed view (You may want to increase map resolution as you go)

If you click on the trace of a waterway an "infobox" will appear with a summary of access information and possibly links to other authoritative sources. You will also see an indication of any reported access incidents with a link to details and a summary of users assessments of the level of harassment generally experienced on this river. Click on the link for details of individual ratings and comments.

While we hope that the map will be of use to you as an indication of where you can paddle and what reaction you can expect from other river users we also hope that you will be able to contribute to the development of the map. If you know of or paddle a river that's not shown please add it. You can locate individual rivers / sections from a listing of all rivers in alphabetical order. This will lead to a detailed map of each river in the context of its local river system. The selected river will be indicated by an "info box" which includes links to an input form for an Access rating system. Please make your own assessment of the access situation for the waterways that you paddle and if you have experienced harassment from others in the peaceful pursuit of your pastime please report it using the "Incident Report"



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Etymology

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia For other rivers called Avon, see River Avon. The River Avon (/eiven/ AY-ven or /eivon/ AY-von) in central England flows generally southwestwards and is a major left-bank and easternmost tributary of the River Severn. It is also known as the Warwickshire Avon or Shakespeare's Avon, to distinguish it from several other rivers of the same name in the United Kingdom. Beginning in Northamptonshire, the river flows through or adjoining the counties of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, near the Cotswold Hills area. Notable towns it flows through include Rugby, Warwick, Stratfordupon-Avon, Evesham, Pershore and Tewkesbury, where it joins the Severn. It has traditionally been divided since 1719 into the Lower Avon, below Evesham, and the

Upper Avon, from Evesham to above Stratford-upon-Avon. Improvements to aid navigation began in 1635, and a series of locks and weirs made it possible to reach

Stratford, and to within 4 miles (6 km) of Warwick. The Upper Avon was tortuous and prone to flooding, and was abandoned as a means of navigation in 1877. The Lower Avon struggled on, and never really closed, although by

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- There are many others

Other



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Its not just about the paddling,

It is also about the journey.