

SUMMER OPERATING HOURS

Lock keepers are employed on a variety of duties. If no one is present you can contact the lock keeper on either their mobile or the **Canal & River Trust** Northwich Office or alternatively sound your horn as they may be away from the lock station.

Lock operating times are **Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm** from the **Start of Season** to end of **September (9.00am to 4.30pm October)**.

Craft must arrive at a lockside 30 minutes before closing time to ensure passage. Lunch break for lock keepers is normally from **12.30 to 1.00pm**. Please check signage on arrival or call **0303 040 4040** for details.

During the winter months please contact the **Northwich Office**.

SUMMER OPEN WEEKENDS

From the Start of Season to the end of October; **Vale Royal, Hunts, Saltersford** and **Dutton Locks** are available for passage every **Saturday, Sunday** and **Bank Holidays** from **9.30am to 6.00pm (9.30am to 5.30pm in October)**

During the open weekend season, Marsh Lock is available for passage once in any weekend period subject to prior notice being given to the waterway before 4.30pm on the Thursday. This passage is based on a first come first served basis and will normally mean the lock is available for a 4-hour period.

MARSH LOCK

Marsh Lock, for passage onto the Manchester Ship Canal, must be booked 48hrs ahead and is available Monday – Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm.

Please phone **0303 040 4040** for details. (All relevant paperwork for passage on the Manchester Ship Canal must be in place prior to booking)

WINTER OPERATING HOURS

The four main locks **Vale Royal, Hunts, Saltersford** and **Dutton** are **not** manned on a daily basis during the winter months but are available for passage by prior arrangements **ONLY** from **November to March, Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm**. Please phone **0303 040 4040** for details.

LICENCE FEES

Every Boat on the waterway whether powered or unpowered must have a valid **Canal & River Trust Licence**. Licenses are available online via the Canal & River Trust website or via the boater's self-help pod in the Northwich Office (as well as from our Northwich Office & Anderton Boat Lift)



Welcome to the WEAVER NAVIGATION

The River Weaver Navigation is twenty miles of interesting waterway passing through attractive countryside, close to the towns of Winsford and Frodsham and right through Northwich Town centre. The Weaver is a very gentle river under normal conditions. Lock keepers will always advise if the river is closed to navigation due to very high levels of rain fall, but this is exceptional. It has impressive and historic structures such as the Anderton Boat Lift, linking the river with the Trent & Mersey Canal, Town Bridge the first electrically powered swing bridge in the United Kingdom, and three viaducts carrying main railway lines. With all this, the colour of the boats and the riverside wildlife along with the tranquillity of the towpath, the Weaver Navigation provides a wonderful experience for all visitors.



The Lock Keepers on the Weaver Navigation are contactable via:

VHF Channel 74

Vale Royal Locks	07748 936966	Saltersford Locks	07748 936965
Hunts Locks	07748 936964	Dutton Locks	07748 936968

Other useful numbers

Anderton Boat Lift	01606 786777	Canal & River Trust	0303 040 4040
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Weaver Navigation

MOORINGS

Moorings are not quite as plentiful as on the canal system; never the less, there are plenty of places to tie up. Some preferred moorings are:

- **Rock Savage, Runcorn**
- **Sutton Weaver, Frodsham** near Runcorn Rowing Club or at Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge.
- **Devil's Garden** midway between Frodsham Cut and Dutton Locks. (3rd party ownership by kind permission of land owner, please respect this)
- **Dutton Lock, Northwich.**
- **Acton Bridge Northwich** several good public houses within walking distance
- **Barnton Cut, Northwich**
- **Anderton Boat Lift, Northwich**
- **Northwich Town** below and above Town Bridge.
- **Upstream of Vale Royal Locks, Northwich**
- **Red Lion Pub jetty, Winsford**
- **Winsford Flash**, very shallow and beyond the jurisdiction of Canal & River Trust.

TURNING AROUND

There are plenty of places to turn around on the Weaver Navigation, so winding holes are not marked on the guidebooks, but skippers of 70ft craft travelling upstream need to turn at the marked winding hole, just before the Red Lion Inn at Winsford.

BASIC EQUIPMENT

Equipment you'll need on the Weaver Navigation

- 2 x 30ft / 9.14m ropes are necessary for safe lock passage.
- Canal & River Trust service station key.
- Communication is essential either via VHF radio or mobile phone.
- We advise children and non-swimmers to wear properly fastened life jackets at all times.
- Never go on a river or commercial waterway without a sufficiently heavy anchor attached and ready for immediate use. A strong anchor chain or rope (or combination) should be attached. The length of the anchor and chain should be at least five times as long as the deepest part of the river (approx. 50ft long). Make sure the cable is secured firmly to a strong anchorage point. If the engine fails, you will need to anchor your boat to prevent it from possibly being swept away.



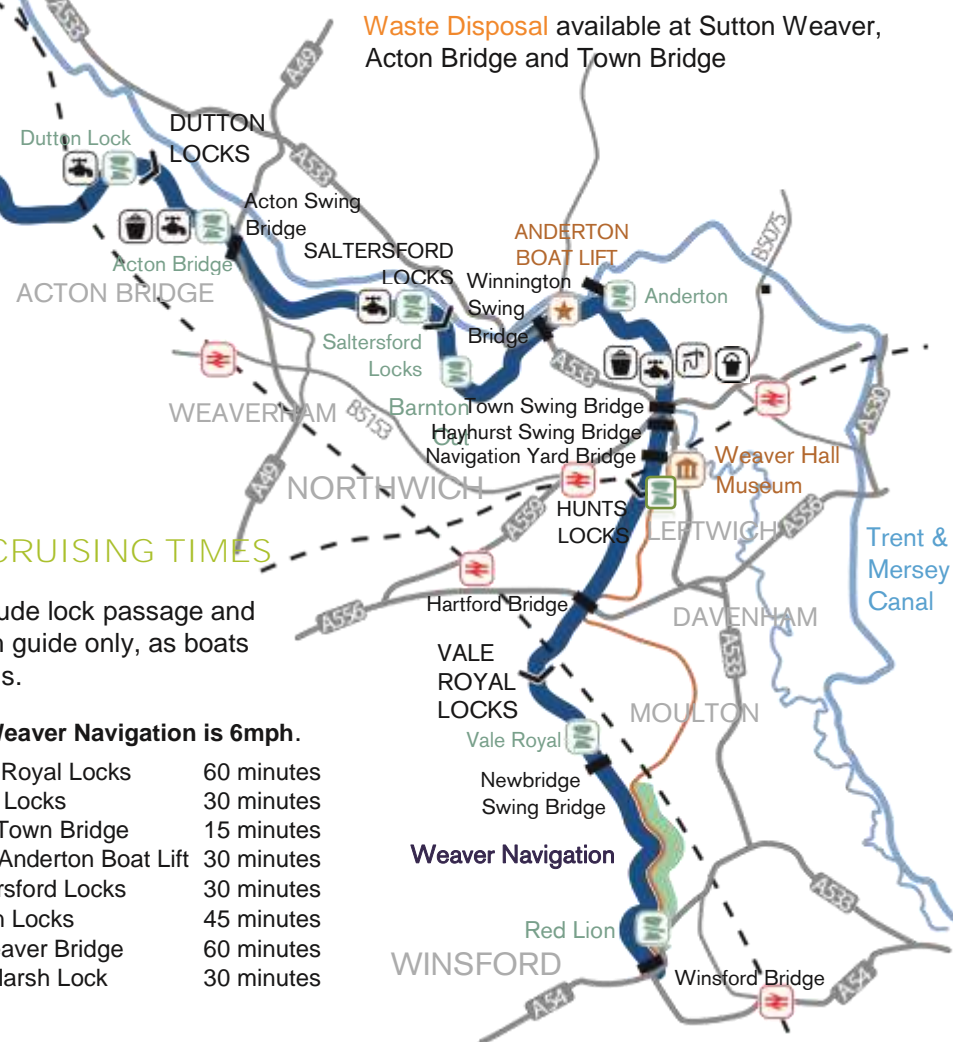
BOATER'S FACILITIES

There is a **service station** at Northwich town Bridge. Canal & River Trust service station keys can be purchased at the Northwich office or Anderton Boat Lift. Service cards (25 units) are also available.

Water points are located at: Town Bridge, Northwich, Salterford Locks, Acton Bridge, Dutton Lock and Sutton Swing Bridge.

Pumpouts – pumpouts and an Elsan disposal facilities are available at Town Bridge service station. Others close by are located at Anderton service station or Black Prince on the Trent & Mersey.

Waste Disposal available at Sutton Weaver, Acton Bridge and Town Bridge



APPROXIMATE CRUISING TIMES

These times do not include lock passage and are intended as a rough guide only, as boats travel at different speeds.

The speed limit on the Weaver Navigation is 6mph.

Winsford Red Lion – Vale Royal Locks	60 minutes
Vale Royal Locks – Hunts Locks	30 minutes
Hunts Locks – Northwich Town Bridge	15 minutes
Northwich Town Bridge – Anderton Boat Lift	30 minutes
Anderton Boat Lift – Salterford Locks	30 minutes
Salterford Locks – Dutton Locks	45 minutes
Dutton Locks – Sutton Weaver Bridge	60 minutes
Sutton Weaver Bridge – Marsh Lock	30 minutes