



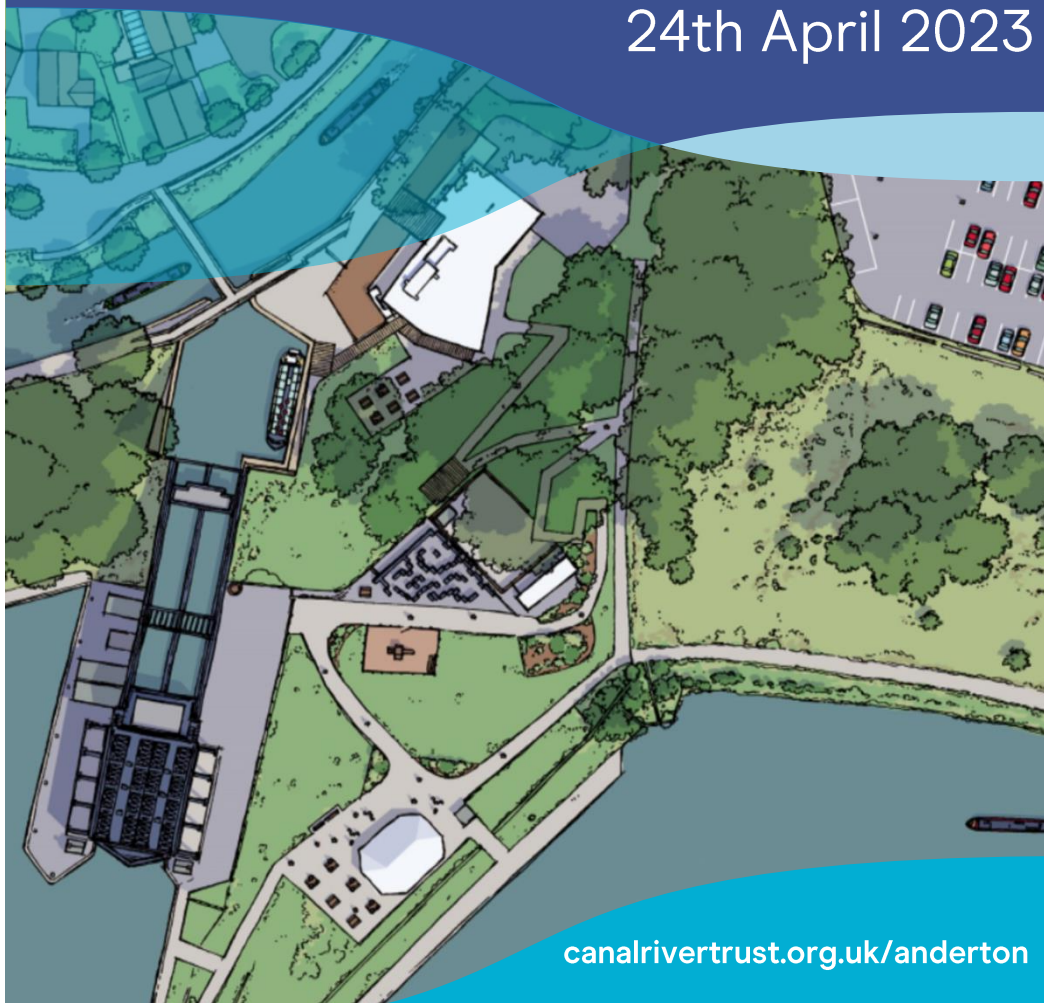
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# Anderton Boat Lift

Cheshire

## Boaters Information

24th April 2023



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## Lift Passage Schedule – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 onwards

Our Summer Operating Hours at the Anderton Boat Lift will commence on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 and run to, and inclusive of, Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Trent & Mersey Canal to Weaver Navigation (Downwards Passage)	Weaver Navigation to Trent & Mersey Canal (Upwards Passage)
<b>10:00*</b>	<b>09:15*</b>
<b>10:45</b>	<b>10:00*</b>
<b>12:15</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>12:15</b>
<b>15:00</b>	<b>12:45</b>
<b>15:45</b>	<b>14:15</b>
<b>16:30</b>	<b>15:45</b>

Please note, passage times marked with \* are unavailable on Thursdays due to maintenance. On the first Thursday of each month the Lift will not be in operation due to testing of the caisson hydraulics, this will affect the following dates during the summer season, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September & 5<sup>th</sup> October.

1 x wide beam is the equivalent to 2 x narrowboats.

All passages must be booked via the online booking system either via your [online account](#) or by calling the Northwest Customer Support Team on 03030 404040



# Weaver Navigation Locks

## Opening times 2023

### Vale Royal, Hunts, Saltersford and Dutton Locks

April							May							June						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

July							August							September						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	
31																				

October						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- 08:00 - 17:00 Last Entry at 16:30
- 08:00 - 18:00 Last Entry at 17:30
- 08:00 - 16:00 Passages MUST be booked 48 hours in advance

Lock keepers will be onsite to operate the 4 locks as per below. No booking is required.

Before travel, please check the Water Level and Strong Stream Warning page on our website.



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## Useful contacts



### Canal & River Trust

0303 040 4040

### Northwest Customer Support

0333 444 0683

### Emergency Hotline

0800 47 999 47

### Lock Keepers

Vale Royal Lock 0774 893 6966

Hunts Lock 0774 893 6964

Saltersford Lock 0774 893 6965

Dutton Lock 0774 893 6968

### Pollution Incident

Environment Agency 0800 807060

Please report any pollution, illegal dumping or fish in distress.

### National Rail Enquiries

0845 748495

### Local Council

Cheshire West and Chester

0300 123 8 123

### Hospitals

Northwich Victoria Infirmary

01606 564000

Halton General Hospital

01928 714567

Leighton Hospital

01270 255141

### Vets

Northwich

01606 40332

Frodsham

01928 717581

### Taxi Services

Northwich

01606 77777

Winsford

01606 594101

Frodsham

01928 735353

# Weaver Navigation

## MOORINGS

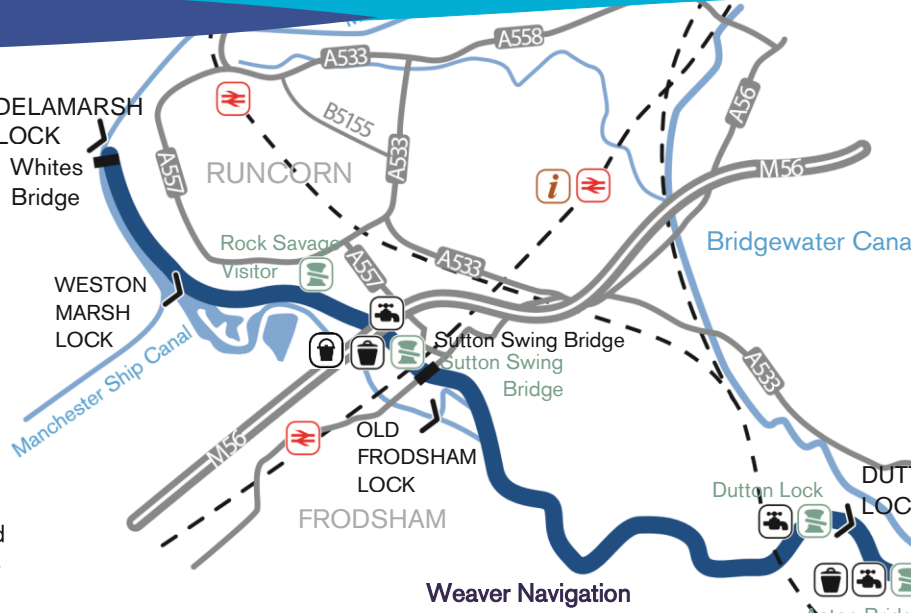
Moorings are not quite as plentiful as on the canal system; nevertheless, there are plenty of places to tie up. Some preferred moorings are:

- [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. (3<sup>rd</sup> party ownership by kind permission of landowner, 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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 Lift	30 minutes
Anderton Boat Lift – Saltersford Locks	30 minutes
Saltersford Locks – Dutton Locks	45 minutes
Dutton Locks – Sutton Weaver Bridge	60 minutes
Sutton Weaver Bridge – Marsh Lock	30 minutes

## BOATER'S FACILITIES

There is a [service station](#) at Northwich Town Bridge.

[Water points](#) are located at: Town Bridge, Northwich, Saltersford 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

[Waste Disposal](#) available at Sutton Weaver, Acton Bridge and Town Bridge





## Terms & Conditions

Please read these conditions carefully as they are part of your agreement with us

### 1. Definition

In these conditions:

"We", "Us", and "Our" refer to Canal & River Trust, including Our employees and agents to whom these conditions apply.

"You" means the person or persons named in the booking confirmation.

"Boat" means the boat or vessel booked by You for a passage through the Lift.

"Passengers" means the persons (not exceeding 12, including You) who are to be transferred through the Lift at the same time as the passage of the Boat.

"Passage Date" means the date booked for travel through the Lift.

"Lift" means the Anderton Boat Lift on the Weaver Navigation.

"Lift Passage" includes passage (in either direction) between the Weaver Navigation and the Trent & Mersey canal.

### 2. Passage Agreement

This booking is an agreement for passage through the Lift on the date and at the time specified.

By making the booking with Us, You accept that these conditions apply both to You and to any other Passengers on whose behalf the booking is made and you confirm that You have the necessary authority of such persons to give that acceptance on their behalf.

### 3. Prices and Payment

There is a standard set of charges for Passage through the Lift. This charge includes Passage through the Lift for up to 12 passengers per booking (including You), but not exceeding the number of berths on any vessel. Pre-booking of Passage is not compulsory although Passage cannot be guaranteed on a particular day for boats that have not booked in advance. Bookings are subject to there being sufficient space on a particular planned Passage.

Craft that have booked a Passage must arrive on the holding moorings 30 minutes before their allocated time of Passage. The last Passage through the Lift will be 30 minutes before the advertised closing time. Boat Clubs wishing to bring groups of boats through the Lift are advised to make their booking at least two weeks in advance. Pre-booking is the only way that We can accommodate the need of any group bookings.

Payment is accepted by credit or debit card only. A booking is only confirmed and binding when We have received your payment. A telephone booking is not binding on Us unless you authorised payment by credit or the card issuer confirms debit card at the same time as such payment.

All prices are inclusive of VAT. Boats will not be taken through the Lift until payment has been received in full.

### 4. Safety and other Passage requirements

We reserve the right to refuse passage to any Boat not complying with the restrictions and safety requirements set out in (a) These conditions, (b) The Booking Confirmation or (c) Notified to you in advance of the Passage. We reserve the right to suspend use of the Lift for safety reasons or in line with a scheduled stoppage for repair or refurbishment at any time. We reserve the right to refuse Passage to any Boat that is without a confirmed booking or that is considered unsuitable for Lift Passage.

You agree to allow Us to inspect the Boat (both internally and externally) prior to Passage. If an inspection is refused, the Boat will be deemed unsuitable for Passage.

Passage may not be suitable for young children, but children of all ages are accepted provided that they are closely supervised at all times by a responsible adult. All pets/animals must be securely held within the cabin of the Boat at all times during the Passage. Equipment or material carried on any deck of a Boat must be properly secured or removed prior to entering the Lift. You must arrive on the holding moorings 30 minutes before allocated time of Passage to ensure all preliminary checks and preparations can be made. If you arrive late, the Boat will not be allowed Passage at the booked time but We will arrange Passage for You on the next space available. This may be on another day. We shall not be obliged to arrange an additional Passage for You in these circumstances. If the alternative Passage is not acceptable to you, no refund of the Passage charge shall be made.

### 4. Safety and other Passage requirements continued

You must follow Our instructions for the preparation of the Boat for Passage. It is Your responsibility to ensure that Your Boat has a current Canal & River Trust licence.

The skipper of any Boat entering the Lift must declare the number of Passengers on the Boat to the Gate Keeper.

All Passengers must respect the health, safety and comfort of users of the Lift and of Our staff and must comply with Our safety instructions and any reasonable request made by Us during the Passage. No smoking, other use of a naked flame or consumption of alcohol is permitted during the Lift Passage. All craft engines must be turned off once the vessel has been safely secured in the caisson.

### 5. Cancellation and charges

If you wish to change a booking, you must contact the customer service team immediately by telephone or make the amendment through your online booking portal to ensure that there is available Passage on the new date requested.

Bookings may not be changed less than two days before the Passage date.

If you wish to cancel the booking you must contact the customer service team immediately by telephone or make the amendment through your online booking portal. Our acknowledgement of your cancellation in writing shall be confirmation that the booking is cancelled. For cancellations more than 7 days before the Passage date, the Passage charge will be refunded less an administration fee of £5.00. All £5.00 booking/administration charges are non-refundable irrespective of notice given.

For cancellations within 7 days but more than 2 days before the Passage date, one half of the Passage charge shall be refunded, less an administration charge of £5.00. Cancellations within 2 days of the Passage date will not be subject to a refund.

If any charges for an earlier Passage or a cancelled Passage are outstanding, We may refuse any further Passage until these are paid.

### 6. Cancellation by Us

We reserve the right to cancel or delay a booked Passage at any time on grounds of compliance with the safe operation of the Lift. In the event of such delays or cancellations, We will notify You as soon as possible and offer an alternative Passage. Where such Passage is not acceptable to You, a refund of the Passage charge shall be made.

Please note that where Passage is cancelled on grounds that the Boat is, in Our opinion, unsuitable for Passage, no refund will be made.

### 7. Complaints

We shall inspect the Boat before Passage to ensure it is suitable. At the same time, We may take a record of the condition of the exterior of the Boat. You must make a proper check of the condition of the Boat and its contents on arrival at the Lift exit and bring any alleged damage to Our attention at that time so that We may inspect that alleged damage before the Boat leaves the Lift. You must provide reasonable assistance and facilities to Us to enable Us to make that inspection and to record any alleged damage.

### 8. Limitation of liability

We shall not be liable for any damage to the boat or its contents reasonable capable of discovery by a proper check at the Lift exit and not notified to Our staff at that time before departure of the Boat.

We shall not be liable for any scratches to paintwork or damage to fixings along/below the gunwale line of the Boat.

We shall not be liable for any damage to the contents of the Boat (including, but not limited to, all crockery and glassware) where such contents were not properly secured and protected for Lift Passage. We shall not be liable for any losses or costs incurred as a result of any delay or cancellation by Us of Lift Passage apart from providing a refund in the particular circumstances set out in paragraph 6 above. In any event, We shall not be liable under this agreement for any loss or damage caused by Us in circumstances where (i) There is no breach of a legal duty of care owed to You, or any other Passenger, by Us, (ii) Such loss or damage is not a reasonably foreseeable consequence of such a breach, or (iii) Any increase in loss or damage results from breach by You, or any other Passenger, of any term of this agreement.

### 9. Waiver

Any waiver by Us of any breach of these conditions by You or any other Passenger shall not be a waiver of any continuing breach or any other breach of these conditions.