



Canal & River Trust Statement on Swimming

Canal & River Trust waterways are governed by various bye laws, not all Canal & River Trust byelaws preclude swimming. It is important to note that at this time Canal & River Trust North East do not make any provision or provide any facilities for swimming on its waters. Canal & River Trust do not for example provide any of the following...

- Water quality sampling.
- Monitoring blue/green algae.
- Facilities for swimmer access or egress to the water.
- Set aside areas specifically for swimming.
- Signage or any other means of warning to other river and canal users of the possibility of swimmers.
- Provide any risk assessments or safety management for open water swimming.

For these reasons **Canal & River Trust North East do not recommend unauthorised swimming on its waters. Any person swimming on Canal & River Trust controlled waters without Canal & River Trust consent do so at their own risk**

Canal & River Trust do from time to time consent to swimming when controlled through organised events managed in line with the Canal & River Trust event application process. Any person wanting further information on events management on Canal & River Trust property should visit <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/events/planning-an-event>

Canal & River Trust North East are prepared to meet with any open water swimming group or society to discuss swimming and the possibility of developing swimming segregation areas, or similar, on its waters where byelaws permit. Any person wanting to explore the possibility of segregated or controlled swimming areas should contact their local waterway office <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us/contacting-your-local-office>