



# Booking a passage on the Bridgewater Canal Boaters' Instructions

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## 1. Definitions:

**Leisure boat:** means a boat that has a valid leisure/private licence or has a business licence other than self-drive holiday hire boats, skippered hotel boats and skippered passenger boats operated by charity & community groups

**Business boat:** means only boats with a valid business licence operating as self-drive holiday hire boats, skippered hotel boats and skippered passenger boats operated by charity & community groups only

**The Trust / Trust's:** The Canal & River Trust

**Outbound:** The outward passage from either the Trust's waters to the Bridgewater Canal or from the Bridgewater Canal to the Trust's waters

**Return:** The return passage from either the Trust's waters to the Bridgewater Canal or from the Bridgewater Canal to the Trust's waters

## 2. Waterways affected

The Bridgewater Canal <http://www.bridgewatercanal.co.uk/location/>

The Trust's navigable waterways <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/canal-and-river-network>

### 3. Booking Instructions (for boats based on the Bridgewater Canal wishing to access the Trust's waterways)

#### Business Boats

Business Boats must pre-book any access through the Trust's Booking System\* or by telephone.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/boating/planning-your-boat-trip>

#### Leisure Boats

Leisure Boats must pre-book any access through the Trust's Booking System\* or by telephone

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/boating/planning-your-boat-trip>

*"Outbound"* passage is limited to a maximum of 7 continuous days free of charge

*"Return"* passage of up to a maximum of 3 continuous days is permitted free of charge

*The "Outbound" and "Return" passage must be made within a continuous 28 day period*

The 28 day period commences on the first day of the "outbound" seven continuous days

Once the *"Outbound"* and *"Return"* passage has been completed there must be no return to the Trust Waterway within the 28 day period (without a Canal & River Trust licence)

*"Return"* passage must also be booked either at the time of the Outbound booking or prior to the *"Return"* booking (if booking your *"Return"* journey later, log into your Canal & River Trust account, select your existing *"Outbound"* booking and then tick the 'three extra days' box on the date of your *"Return"* journey).

When making an online booking only the start date of the *"Outbound"* and the *"Return"* passage need to be selected (you do not need to select the end date of the *"Outbound"* or *"Return"* passage)

Any additional time on the Trust Waterway (over and above the 7 days plus 3 days) may be gained by purchase of a short-term licence from the Trust

## 4. Booking Instructions (*for boats based on the Trust's Waterways wishing to access the Bridgewater Canal*)

### Business Boats

Business Boats must pre-book any access through the Trust's Booking System\* or by telephone.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/boating/planning-your-boat-trip>

### Leisure Boats

Leisure Boats must pre-book any access through the Trust's Booking System or by telephone

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/boating/planning-your-boat-trip>

"Outbound" passage is limited to a maximum of 7 continuous days free of charge

"Return" passage of up to a maximum of 3 continuous days is permitted free of charge

The "Outbound" and "Return" passage must be made within a continuous 28 day period

The 28 day period commences on the first day of the "outbound" seven continuous days

Once the "Outbound" and "Return" passage has been completed there must be no return to the Bridgewater Canal within the 28 day period (without a Bridgewater Canal Licence)

"Return" passage must also be booked either at the time of the Outbound booking or prior to the "Return" booking. (if booking your "Return" journey later, log into your Canal & River Trust account, select your existing "Outbound" booking and then tick the 'three extra days' box on the date of your "Return" journey).

When making an online booking only the start date of the "Outbound" and the "Return" passage need to be selected (you do not need to select the end date of the "Outbound" or "Return" passage)

Any additional time on the Bridgewater Canal (over and above the 7 days plus 3 days) may be gained by purchase of a short-term licence from the Bridgewater Canal Company

<http://www.bridgewatercanal.co.uk/boating/>

\*For boaters who do not already have a Canal & River Trust online customer account which is required to access the Trust's Booking System to make your own booking online you can set one up easily online at [www.licensing.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.licensing.canalrivertrust.org.uk) or call the Canal & River Trust on 0303 040 4040