

Droitwich Canals - Guidance for Cyclists

Bridge Length - Heading South from Junction with Worcester/Birmingham Canal (Hanbury to Hawford)	Approx. Length (metres)	Condition Grade
Droitwich Junction Canal. Bridge 1 to Bridge 2	600	B
Bridge 2 to Bridge 4 (Immediately before M5 Tunnel)	600	B
M5 Tunnel	400	
Lock 7 – Bridge 8	450	A
Bridge 8 (in to Vines Park) to Barge Lock / Bridge 20	100	A
Barge Lock / Bridge 20 to south exit of Vines Park	600	A
Bridge 16 to Bridge 13	250	A
Bridge 13 to Bridge 12 (first 250m approx.)	250	A
Bridge 13 to Bridge 12 (last 150m approx.)	150	B
Bridge 12 to Bridge 7 (Salwarpe)	2200	B
Bridge 7 to Bridge 6 (Ladywood)	1000	C
Bridge 6 to Bridge 5 (Porter's Mill)	1000	B
Bridge 5 to Bridge 4 (Mildenham)	1200	B
Bridge 4 to Bridge 2 (A449 above)	1200	C
Bridge 2 to Bridge 1 (Hawford)	300	B
Bridge 1 to Lock 1 at River Severn	200	C

Condition Grades

A
<p>Sealed surface (e.g. tarmac), consistently even <i>Suitable for road bikes and novices</i></p> <p>Occasional ponding only after heavy rainfall</p>

B
<p>Unsealed surface (e.g. crushed stone)</p> <p>Occasional uneven surface and irregularities</p> <p>Unsuitable for road bikes - 'off-road' bikes only</p> <p>Novices should take extra care</p> <p>Occasional ponding after light rainfall</p> <p>Muddy in places</p>

C
<p>Unsealed surface (e.g. grass)</p> <p>Consistently uneven with frequent surface irregularities</p> <p>Unsuitable for road bikes and novices</p> <p>Off-road bikes only</p> <p>Experienced cyclists should take extra care</p> <p>Frequent ponding after light rainfall</p> <p>Very muddy in places</p>

Notes

helmets should always be worn
bell or horn should be used on
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give way to pedestrians
proceed at 'dead slow' pace
some bridges have very low
hedge cutting takes place and
contact the office for up to date

Note: this guidance is based on a condition survey undertaken in April 2017

The prevailing towpath conditions can change rapidly during times of heavy rainfall

Guidance Approved by Waterway Manager Nick Worthington

Comments

At Bridge 2 towpath crosses to other side of canal

Towpath crosses canal at Bridge 4 - follow path on to public road, under M5 bridge, across local road, after 100 metres re-join towpath by Lock 7.

CARE! Low Headroom at Bridge 8

Cross swing bridge at barge lock - Junction Canal now becomes Barge Canal. National Cycle Route 46 exits and enters partway through Park & at south exit. At south exit cross local road, rejoin towpath below Bridge 16

Part of National Cycle Route 46

Below lock 5 towpath joins local road - part of National Cycle Route 46 - for approx 200 metres to Bridge 5

*When approaching structures & blind bends
when approaching pedestrians & anglers*

*When passing by other cyclists
low headroom - dismounting is advisable
usually so beware of hedge cuttings
check towpath information*

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