

Welcome to Canal & River Trust - River Tees

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Canal & River Trust are the navigation authority on the River Tees from a point 200m downstream of the Tees Barrage to a point 3km upstream of Lower Worsall. Canal & River Trust are a charity responsible for 2,000 miles of waterways in England and Wales.

This welcome note provides basic information for skippers and other river users and is intended to help make the river and surrounding areas a safe and enjoyable place to visit. Following these notes will ensure all visitors have a safe and enjoyable visit.

River Tees Upstream Bylaws and Speed Limits & Wash

All vessels on the River Tees must be licensed with Canal & River Trust. Skippers can licence their vessel on-line on the Canal & River Trust website. Skippers of all craft navigating the River Tees upstream of the Tees Barrage are reminded to navigate their vessel with care and caution paying attention to any wash created. Vessels travelling within the speed limit can still create excessive wash, skippers should reduce vessel speed and wash when passing moored craft. This will prevent damage to other craft and reduce bank erosion.

The speed limit upstream of the barrage is 5mph over the bed of the river as described in the bye laws. See below for links to the river Tees Byelaws, written permission is required from the River Master for any club or vessel to exceed this limit.

Other River Users

The river is popular with a variety of users including but not limited to the following.

General River Users	Barrage Reach Area Users
Passenger vessels	Jet skiing (authorised clubs only)
Leisure vessels	Water Skiing (authorised clubs only)
Swimming – Although swimming is not prohibited the Trust does not recommend swimming in the river. Skippers should be alert to the possibility of swimmers in the river at all times and locations.	Rowing (authorised clubs only)
Unpowered Craft	Day hire boats
A variety of river events	Anglers

The barrage reach area extends from the barrage slipway to the Tees Water sports Centre. The reach area is used for authorised speed activities and is timetable controlled. Passage through the reach area is possible at all times. See map on other side for further details of the barrage reach area. Jet skiing and water skiing are not allowed at any other place on the river.

Public Landing Points & Slipways

There are a limited number of access points on the River Tees

Location	Description	Owner
Barrage slipway	Public access for boat launching and recovery. No mooring.	Canal & River Trust
Preston Park Landing Stage	Used by passenger vessels and day hire boats	Stockton Borough Council
Yarm Jetty	Used by passenger vessels and day hire boats	Environment Agency

River Flows

Following periods of heavy rainfall river flows increase to level that can be unsafe for navigation. In fast flows the barrage slipway is closed and Canal & River Trust advise against navigation.

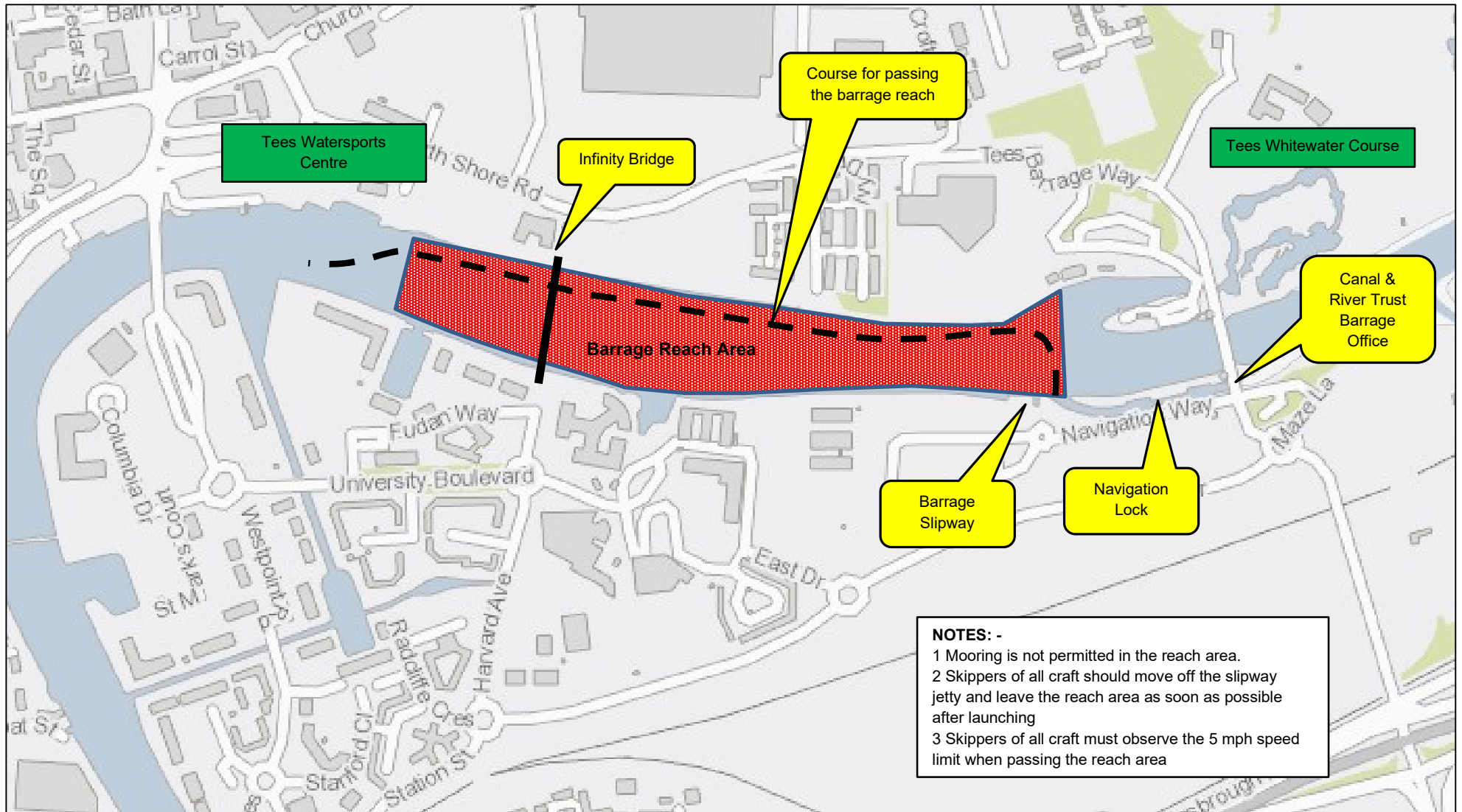
River Access

For information on river access please visit the following

Detail	Link	Detail
Canal & River Trust River Tees web page	https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-regions/north-east-waterways/planning-a-safe-passage-on-river-tees-and-river-ouse	Information specific to the River Tees
Canal & River Trust web site	https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/	General information about Canal & River Trust
River Tees byelaws	https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/search?q=byelaws	Rules and regulations surrounding navigation
Canal & River Trust Boaters Handbook	https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/media/original/141.pdf?v=9e77f9	Essential guide on navigational safety
Stockton Borough Council web site Preston Park	https://www.stockton.gov.uk/arts-culture-and-leisure/parks-and-countryside/preston-park-museum-and-grounds/	Preston Park Information including river trips

Contact Details

Contact	Telephone no.	VHF
For general river enquiries - Tees Barrage Office	01642 633273	Ch. 37
Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority VTS Services	01642 277205	Ch. 14
Emergency involving risk to life or medical emergency	999	n/a



Note:- The barrage reach area is used for authorised speed based activities. Passage through the reach area is possible at all times. Any vessel passing the reach area during activity time should pass on the north side of the river observing the port to port passing convention.