



Boaters' Guides - beta version

Welcome

Welcome to the beta version of Waterscape.com's Boaters' Guides.

These new guides list facilities across the waterway network. This first release of the guides covers the facilities provided by British Waterways on its navigations in England and Wales.

The guides are completely computer-generated. All the information is held in a central database. Whenever you download a guide from Waterscape.com, it will take the very latest information and compile a 'fresh' PDF for you.

The same information is used in the maps on Waterscape.com itself, to ensure consistency. It will be regularly updated by local staff whenever details change.

We would like to hear your comments and corrections on the information contained within. Please send your feedback to boatersguide@britishwaterways.co.uk.

About the maps









The maps are automatically generated by computer. The only human involvement is to set the bounds of each map.

We are continuing to teach the computer how best to draw the maps, and will be making further improvements in the months ahead. If you would like to comment on the maps or any other aspect of the presentation, please contact feedback@waterscape.com.

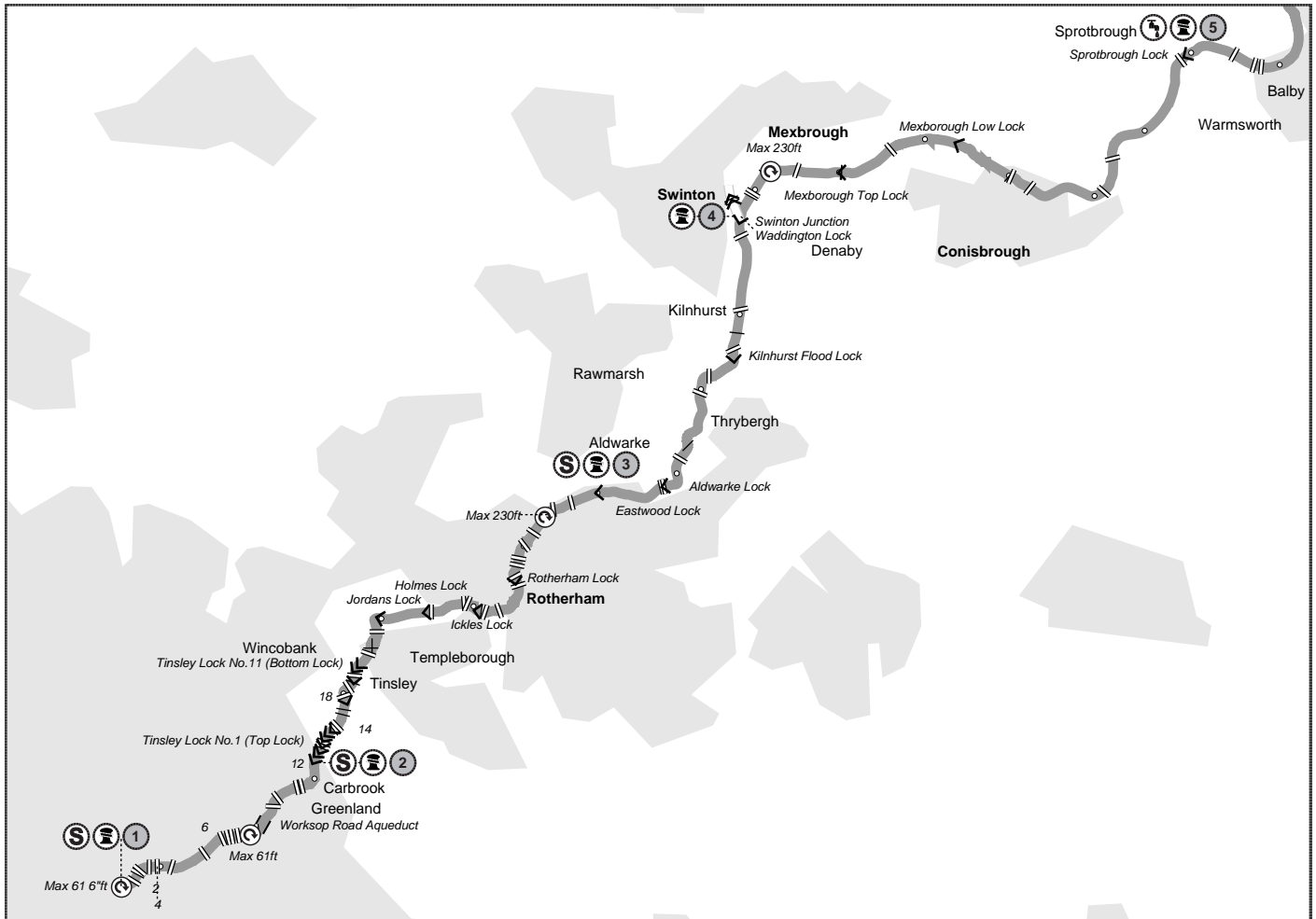
Thank you

This is the first time this information has been collected nationally, and the technology we are using to ensure up-to-date information breaks a lot of new ground. We do expect there will be some omissions, and would very much like to hear from you.

Key to facilities

-  Winding hole (length specified)
-  Winding hole (full length)
-  Visitor mooring
-  Information and office
-  Dock and/or slipway
-  Slipway only
-  Services and facilities
-  Water point only

Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation



Navigation notes

Ickles Lock to Rotherham Lock: Possibility of strong stream. River flooding warning notice system in place.

Tinsley Flight (Rotherham to Sheffield): Length 60ft (18.2m). Beam 15ft (4.5m). Headroom 10ft (3m). Draught 4ft 6in (1.3m). Locks from Rotherham to the tail of the Tinsley Flight are longer and will pass narrowboats up to around 70ft.

Tinsley Flight: Open 8am-7pm in summer, 8am-4pm winter, every day.

Minimum 24 hours' notice required for passage through Tinsley No 1 Lock or Holmes Lock, depending on direction. Contact 07710 175488.

Anti-vandal keys are fitted. These are held by lock-keepers and are not for issue to boaters. Assistance/supervision is given as needed by the lock-keepers.

Holmes Lock and Jordans Lock are operated as part of the flight.

Eastwood Lock to Kilnhurst Lock; and Mexborough Low Lock to Doncaster Lock: Possibility of strong stream. River flooding warning notice system in place.

Rotherham to Bramwith Junction: For information on freight movement contact Castleford Office on 01977 554351

Bramwith to Rotherham: Length 229ft 8in (70m). Beam 20ft (6m). Headroom 10ft 10in (3.3m). Draught 8ft 2in (2.4m).

Stoppages and restrictions

Railway Bridge 65 (Near A1 motorway bridge): Restriction (1 Sep 06-31 May 07): Railtrack will be scaffolding out and encapsulating this railway bridge to allow for its repair and repainting. As the headroom is very high there will be ample room for craft to pass once the scaffolding is in place. Craft should approach the site with care and be prepared to stop if there is any obstruction to the navigation while the scaffolding is initially erected and removed on completion. It is not anticipated that any delays would exceed 20 minutes while a safe route is cleared during these phases of the works. Please also be aware of overhead works during the period of the notice, and take care while passing through the site. Contact: 01977 554351

Locks and bridges

Rotherham Lock; and Ickles Lock: BW key and windlass required.

Holmes Lock: Operated as part of the Tinsley Flight - see navigation notes. Balance beams shortened near bridge: lock operation consequently requires a windlass and can be difficult.

Eastwood Lock; and Aldwarke Lock; and Kilnhurst Flood Lock; and Waddington Lock; and Mexborough Top Lock; and Mexborough Low Lock; and Sprotbrough Lock: BW key required. When

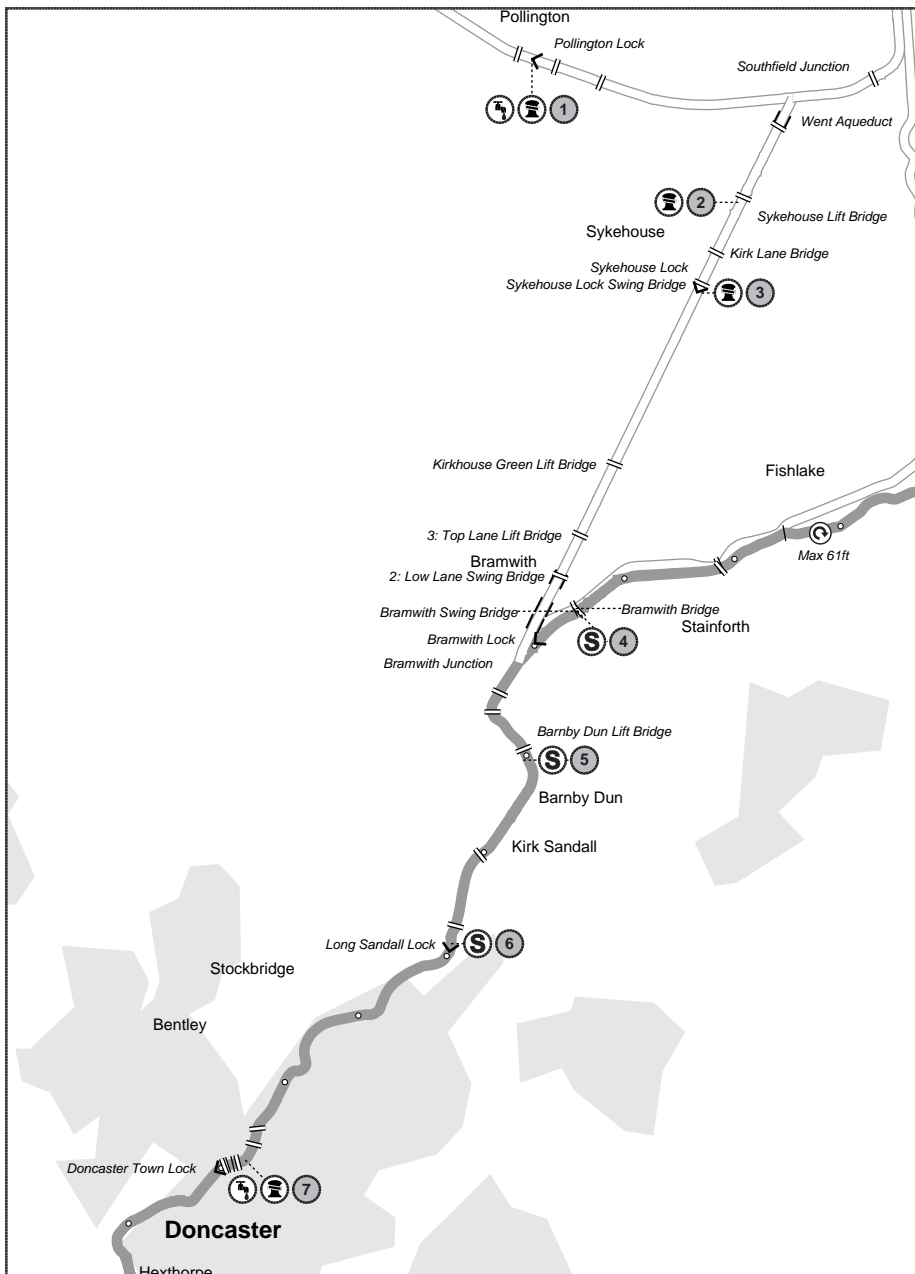
locking upstream, keep away from the top gates to avoid excessive turbulence. Similarly, boats below the lock should not be near the bottom gates when it is emptying.

Services and facilities

- 1 Sheffield Basin Sanitary Station:** Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower. BW key required.
- 2 Tinsley Marina Sanitary Station:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, shower. BW key required.
- 3 Eastwood Lock Sanitary Station:** Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, shower. BW key required. Electricity.
- 5 Sprotbrough Lock:** Water. BW key required.

Visitor moorings

- 1 Sheffield Basin:** Maximum 9 days. Total 100 metres.
- 1 Sheffield Basin Sanitary Station:** Total 30 metres.
- 2 Tinsley Marina Sanitary Station:** Maximum 1 hour.
- 3 Eastwood:** Maximum 48 hours.
- 4 Swinton Sanitary Station:** Maximum 1 hour. Total 20 metres.
- 5 Sprotbrough:** Maximum 48 hour. Total 80 metres. Prone to flooding.



Fencing

Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation

4 Bramwith Sanitary Station: Water, Elsan disposal, pump-out, toilet, shower. BW key required.

5 Barnby Dun Bridge Sanitary Station: Elsan disposal, toilet, shower. BW key required.

6 Long Sandall Lock: Water, pump-out. BW key required.

7 Doncaster Moorings: Water. BW key required.

Visitor moorings

Aire & Calder Navigation

1 Pollington: Maximum 48hr unless stated otherwise at site. Total 90 metres.

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2 Sykehouse Road Bridge: Maximum 48 hour. Total 80 metres.

3 Sykehouse Lock: Maximum 48 hour. Total 40 metres.

7 Doncaster: Maximum 72 hours. Total 80 metres.

Navigation notes

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Stainforth & Keadby section: Length 61ft 8in (18.7m). Beam 17ft (5.1m). Headroom 10ft 10in (3.3m). Draught 7ft 3in (2.2m). Through passage is limited by Thorne Lock. Between Bramwith and Thorne, dimensions are as for the main line to Rotherham. Passage from the River Trent to Thorne is limited by Keadby Lock (77ft 8in x 22ft 6in) although longer craft can be admitted when the tide makes a level.

Locks and bridges

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Pollington Lock: BW key required.

New Junction Canal

Bridge 2, Low Lane Swing Bridge; and Bridge 3, Top Lane Lift Bridge; and Kirkhouse Green Lift Bridge: BW key required.

Sykehouse Lock: BW key required. When locking upstream, keep away from the top gates to avoid excessive turbulence. Similarly, boats

below the lock should not be near the bottom gates when it is emptying.

Sykehouse Lock Swing Bridge: BW key required. interlocked with lock - follow pedestal instructions

Kirk Lane Bridge; and Sykehouse Lift Bridge: BW key required.

River Don

Bramwith Bridge: Sanitary Station

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Bramwith Lock: Windlass required.

Bramwith Swing Bridge: BW key required.

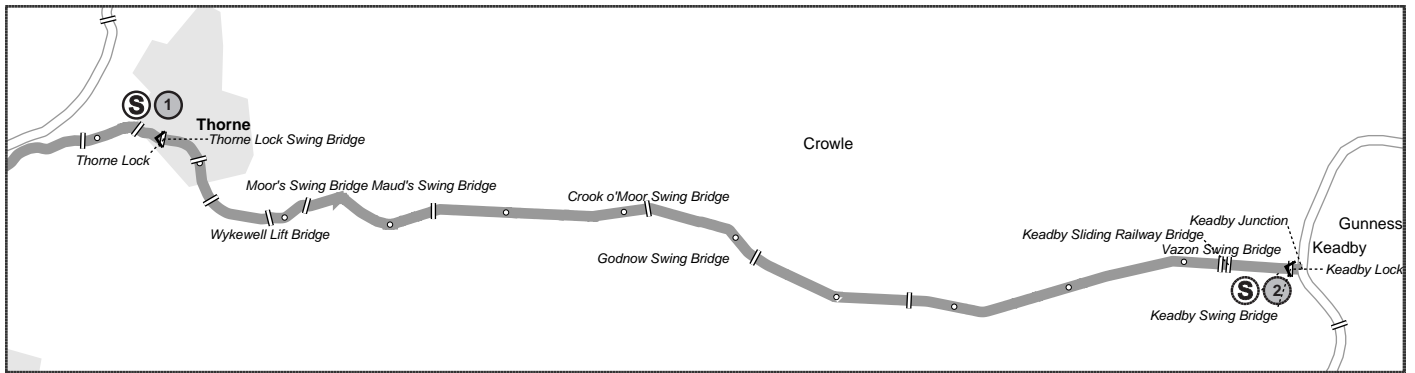
Doncaster Town Lock; and Long Sandall Lock: BW key required. When locking upstream, keep away from the top gates to avoid excessive turbulence. Similarly, boats below the lock should not be near the bottom gates when it is emptying.

Barnby Dun Lift Bridge: BW key required.

Services and facilities

Aire & Calder Navigation

1 Pollington: Water. Car Parking, Lighting,



Locks and bridges

Thorne Lock Swing Bridge: BW key required. Interlocked with lock - follow instructions on pedestal.

Thorne Lock: BW key required.

Wykewell Lift Bridge; and
Moor's Swing Bridge: BW key required. Be aware groups of children do congregate around this bridge in the summer months

Maud's Swing Bridge; and
Crook o'Moor Swing Bridge: BW key required.

Godnow Swing Bridge: BW key required. To be used in conjunction with rail crossing

Vazon Swing Bridge: BW key required.

Keadby Sliding Railway Bridge: Operated by Network Rail.

Keadby Swing Bridge: Operated by lock keeper

Keadby Lock: Operated by lock-keeper. Passage should be booked with lock keeper at least 24 hours in advance: call 07733 124611 or 01724 782205. Opening times from Easter to end Sept (approx): 6am-10am Mon-Fri, 6am-8pm Sat & Sun. Winter: 8am-4.30pm. Please follow the lock-keeper's advice on gaining access to the tidal Trent.

⑤ Services and facilities

1 Thorne Sanitary Station: Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, shower. BW key required.

2 Keadby Sanitary Station: Water, Elsan disposal, toilet, shower. BW key required.