



**2025**

# Angling Trust Division One National Championship



## Warwickshire Avon - Warwick to Twyning

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With thanks to...

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## General Information

<b>Headquarters</b>	<b>DRAW:</b> Raphael's Hampton Ferry Café, Boat Lane, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 4BP <b>RESULTS:</b> De Montfort School, Four Pools Road, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 1DQ
<b>Refreshments</b>	Breakfasts available courtesy of Hampton Ferry Café at the draw, external caterers and bar courtesy of The Fleece pub and Star Chip Enterprises after the match at the De Montfort school.
<b>Section Draw</b>	6:00pm Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of August - <a href="#">Angling Trust Competitions Facebook</a> page – this will be emailed out to team captains and posted on our social media.
<b>Peg Set Draw</b>	08:00am (or after every team has registered - registration from 7:30am)
<b>Fishing</b>	11:00am until 4:00pm (duration 5 hours)
<b>Water Closure</b>	Midnight, Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> of August 2025
<b>Licences</b>	All competitors must be in possession of a valid Environment Agency Fishing Licence. Any competitor reported by the Environment Agency to the resulting team on the day of the match will be disqualified.
<b>Nets</b>	Big weights are possible, and <u>a minimum of two keepnets must be taken by every angler.</u> Please apply common sense and put a second net in if required. <u>All keepnets and landing nets must comply with National Environment Agency Byelaws.</u>
<b>Bait Bans</b>	No Bloodworm, Joker or Wasp Grub
<b>Barbel</b>	Large barbel and other specimen fish should be weighed immediately and returned to the water. If you catch one, contact your section steward. You may retain these fish temporarily in a separate keepnet whilst waiting for a steward to arrive with scales.
<b>Eligible Fish</b>	All fish coarse fish are eligible for weighing, <u>except Pike &amp; Zander,</u> which do not count. Game fish (salmonids, including grayling) do not count.

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## Welcome



*A very warm welcome to every angler, steward and volunteer involved in the 2025 Division One National Championship. In this match booklet, you'll find all the relevant details for this year's event – from rules and procedures to practice and parking.*

*Our gratitude goes out to the many clubs that have provided their waters, arranged practice matches and stewards plus the event steering committee of*

*Kelvin Tallett, Mark Treasure and Howard Kaye for all their efforts in the build up to this Championship.*

*We know just how hard it can be to find a suitable 400-plus peg match venue in this day and age, so it's fantastic to have clubs and anglers that are experienced in running big matches, to come forward as our hosts. I'd also like to extend my thanks to each and every one of you reading this for supporting our Divisional Nationals over all these years.*

*As team fishing's flagship event, the Division One National remains the longest running and biggest single coarse fishing match in the domestic calendar. Let's keep it that way and make the 2025 event a National to remember!*

*-Steve Fitzpatrick, Head of Competitions, Angling Trust*

*There is no bigger team match in the year than the Division One National and I think no better or more historic river than the Warwickshire Avon to host it!*

*Working with fellow members of the steering committee, host clubs and the Angling Trust, we've got some of the best sections of the river for the match. Some you will be familiar with, others not so much, which only adds to the excitement surrounding this showpiece event.*

*We all hope that visiting anglers will be pleasantly surprised by the sport the river has to offer, and that all of you get plenty of bites and with luck, head home with a medal around your necks as National champions. The very best of luck to each and every one of you!*

*-Kelvin Tallett, Leamington AA Chairman & head of the Division 1 National Steering Committee*



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A big thank you and appreciation must go out to all our volunteers who give up their time to assist with our competitions. Without their help and continued support we would not be able to provide competitions on the scale that we do for our members.

If you would like to offer your assistance to act as a volunteer at any of our competitions, please contact Kelly Latimer, Angling Trust via email: [Kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net](mailto:Kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net)

### **Emergency Contact & Hospitals**

In the event of an emergency, call 999 and notify a senior steward or member of the Angling Trust Competitions Team. You can identify locations to the emergency services using What3Words.

The closest Hospitals are:

- Warwick Hospital, Lakin Rd, Warwick CV34 5BW
- Stratford Hospital, Arden St, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6NX
- Avonside General Hospital, 17 Fountain Gardens, Evesham WR11 1JY



# Procedures

## For Competitors

- Teams must submit a final 'team sheet' to [competitons@anglingtrust.net](mailto:competitons@anglingtrust.net) by 5pm on 11/07/25. This should be filled in on the official AT document sent out to captains, with your 10 'fishing' anglers listed and up to 10 reserves, plus your nominated steward and their mobile number. You should retain this team sheet for your records.
- On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August at 6:00pm, a live draw will take place for sections on the Angling Trust Competitions Facebook page. This draw will determine which angler fishes which section - e.g 'Angler 1' on your team sheet might draw E section, 'Angler 2' J section etc. This is final and anglers cannot swap sections.
- Before the draw on the morning of the match, at least one team member (captain or representative) must arrive to register their team's attendance and record any changes to the previously nominated team. Once all teams have registered, the draw will begin in the order of registration (teams will be called up to draw their peg set)
- At the draw, teams will select an envelope containing a 'peg set'. The envelope must be opened at the registration desk to allow the organisers to record which set you have drawn. Peg numbers will correspond to angler numbers on your team sheet to determine who fishes where – e.g Angler 1 on your team sheet is John Smith. Angler 1 on your peg set has drawn H9. Therefore John Smith fishes H9.

## For Stewards & Volunteers

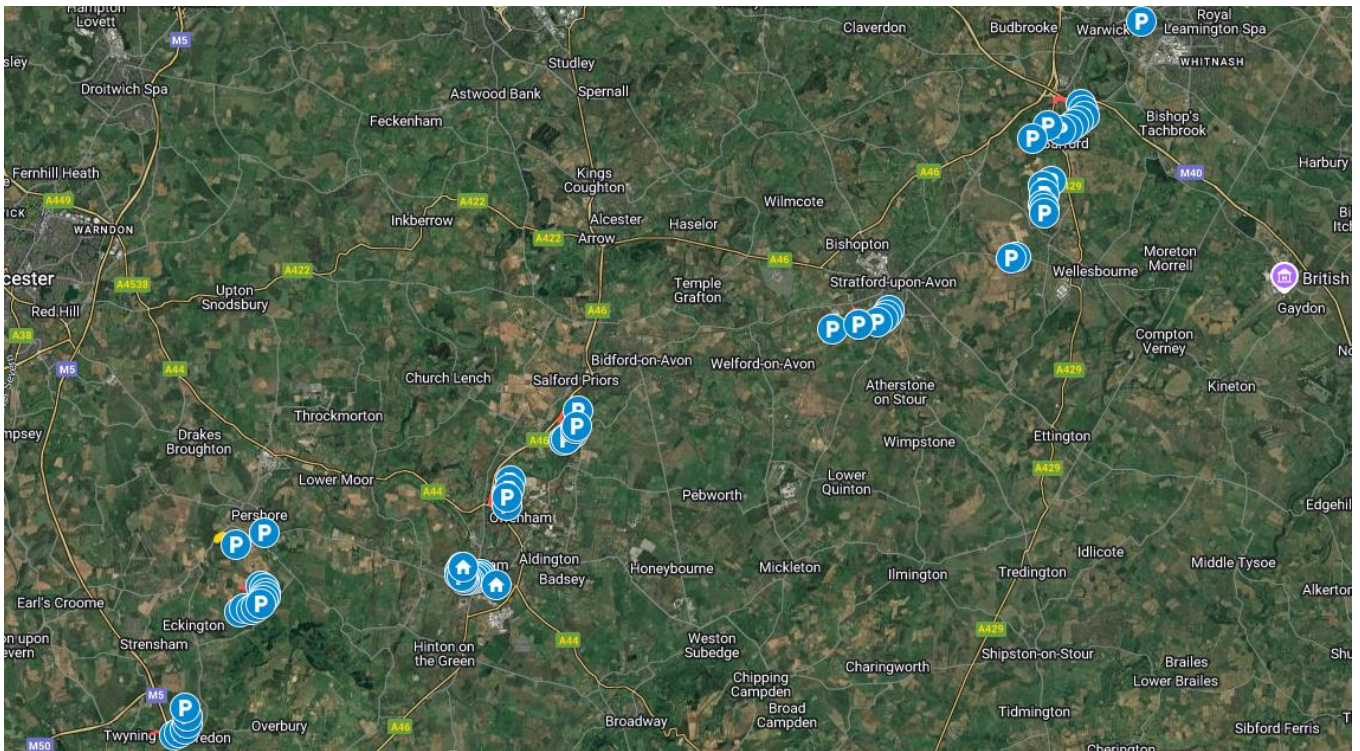
- All teams are required to bring at least one steward to assist with the weigh in.
- We understand that some stewards will have a preference for which section they are allocated to. Please notify us of any preferences as soon as possible.
- The exact duties of local and team stewards will be determined after the section draw on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> August. This is to allow the organisers to coordinate travel arrangements – e.g if a team's nominated steward is travelling with a particular competitor.
- All relevant information for stewards will be communicated via a WhatsApp group, which will be set up after the section draw has taken place. If you (as a steward or volunteer) can't use WhatsApp for any reason, please contact Alex Clegg on 07495 433613 or via [alex.clegg@anglingtrust.net](mailto:alex.clegg@anglingtrust.net) and other arrangements for communication will be made.

## Sections & Maps

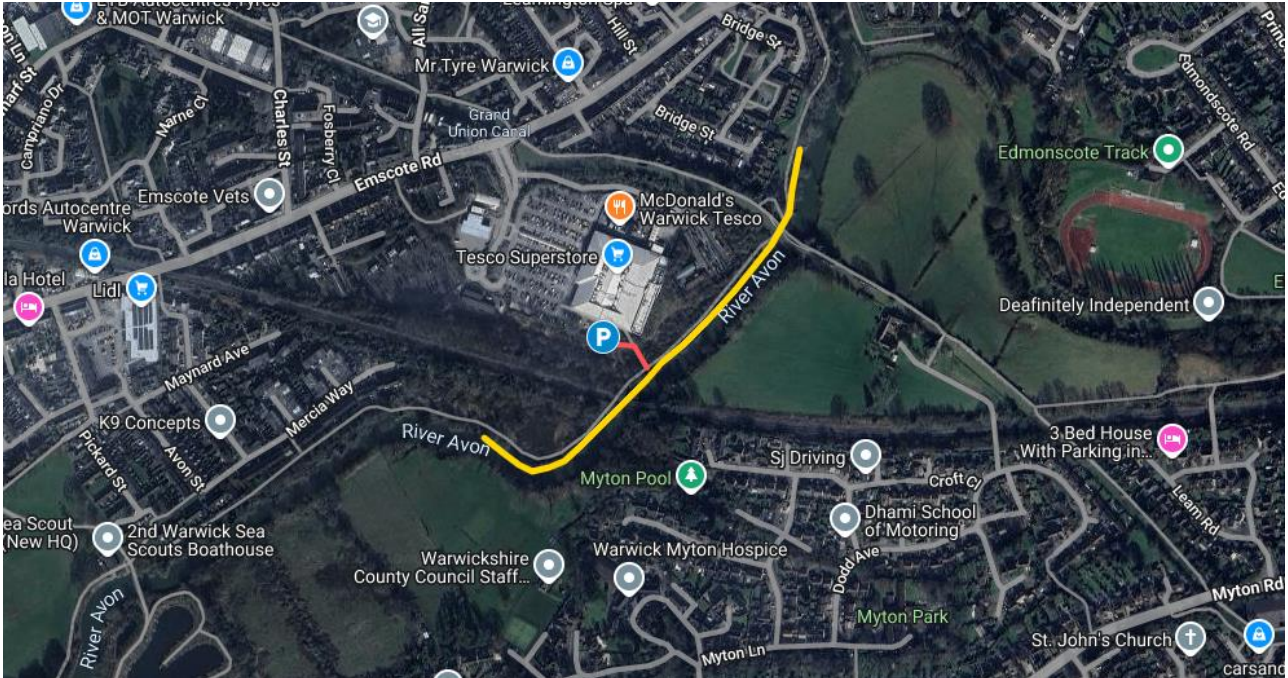
The following pages contain a guide to the stretches of river being used in the 2025 Division 1 National Championships. Please note that while every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, all maps are provisional and subject to change before the event.

Wherever parking takes place in practice or otherwise, anglers should park sensibly, avoiding disruption to local residents and farm workers at all times. All parking is at your own risk.

**[CLICK HERE FOR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)**

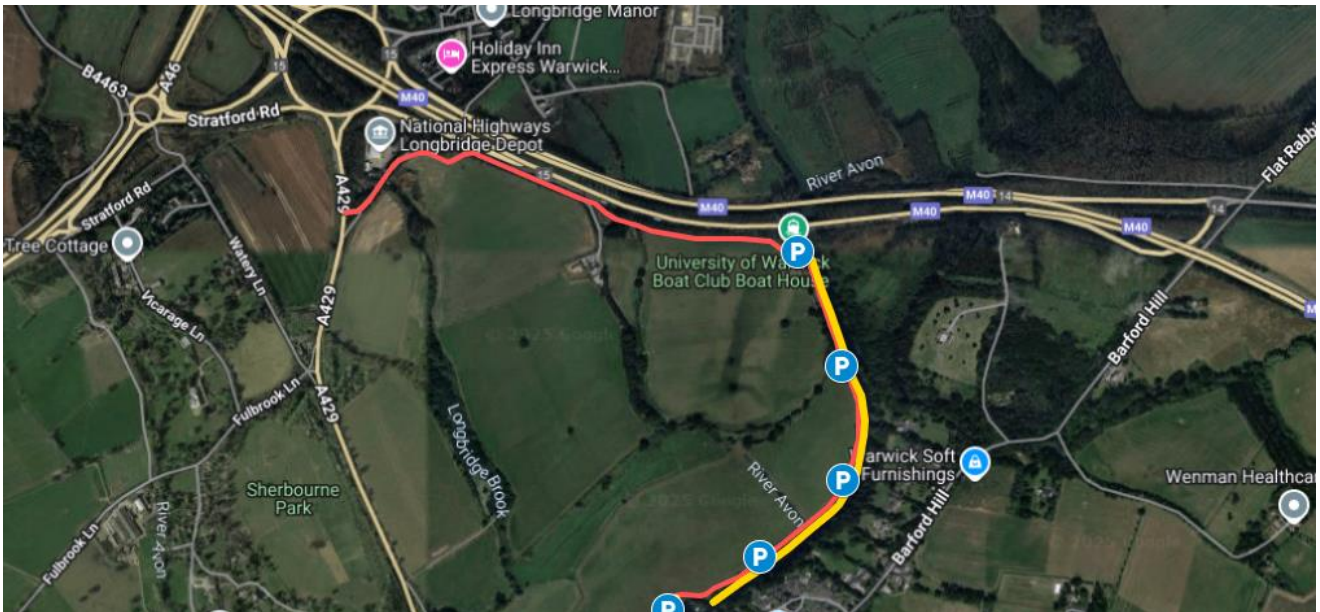


## A Section – Warwick & Barford (Above Weir)



### Warwick (A1-17)

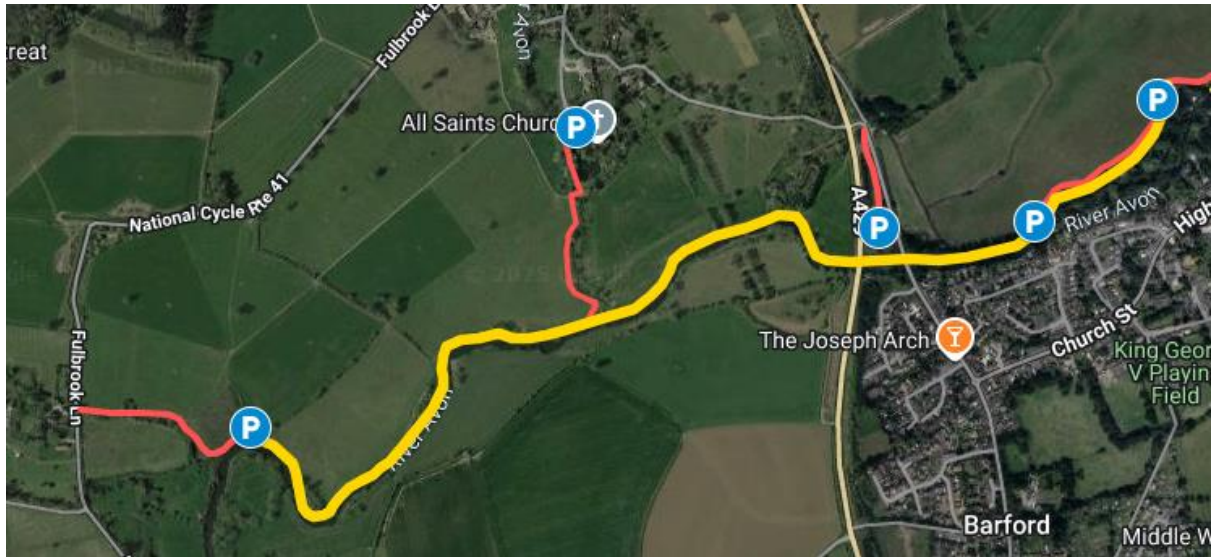
- What3Words: quench.copy.twice
- Nearest postcode: CV34 6QL
- Directions: Parking is in the far corner of the Tesco car park. From the M40 pick up the Stratford Road heading into Warwick. Continue on this road (it will change names to West Street, High Street, Jury Street, Smith Street and Coten End and finally Emscote Road). Turn right just before the Grand Union Canal into the Tesco car park. Access to the river is through the cut in the corner of the car park.



### Barford Above Weir (A18-50)

- What3Words: wink.finest.hidden
- Nearest Postcode: CV35 8AA
- Directions: From the M40 get onto the A429 heading towards Barford. Almost immediately turn left just past the Highways Agency depot. Follow this road round adjacent with the motorway and then just before the building on the right, take the track to the left down to the river and the rowing club boathouse. You can then drive along the river and park behind your peg.

## **B Section – Barford (Below Weir) & Charlecote**



### **Pegs between weir & A429 road bridge**

Drive past pegs A18-50 until you reach the weir. You can then continue to drive along the river parking behind pegs until you reach the road bridge.

### **Road bridge to brook**

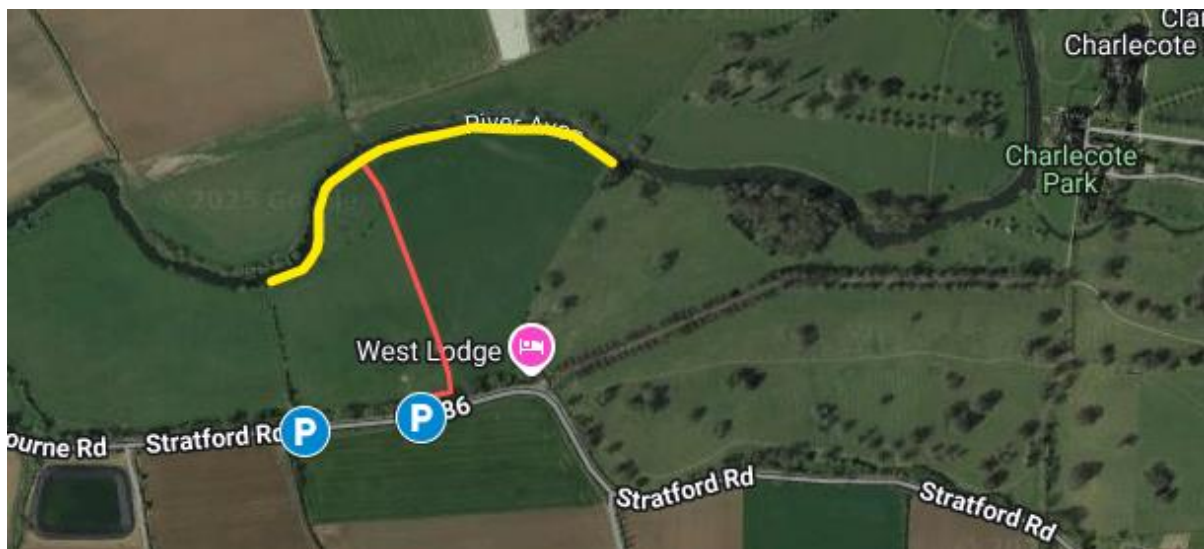
- What3Words: beans.hype.universes
- Nearest Postcode: CV35 8ET
- Directions: From the M40, get onto the A429 heading towards Barford and then turn left (signposted Barford) onto Bridge Street. There is a gate on your right straight after this turn – go through it and drive down to the river.

### **Below brook**

- What3Words: lavished.clearly.riot
- Nearest Postcode: CV35 8AP
- Directions: For pegs below the brook, from the M40 get onto the A429 heading towards Barford. Once at the junction for Bridge Street, turn right onto the road for Sherbourne village. At the next junction, turn left onto Church Road and follow down to the church and parking. The river is directly in front behind Church Pool

### Barford lower pegs (approx. B35-40)

- What3Words: chilling.snuck.greet
- Nearest Postcode: CV35 8AS
- From the M40, get onto the A429 heading towards Barford and take your first right onto Fulbrook Lane. Follow this lane for approximately 1 mile until reaching a gate on your left hand side at W3W /// then.misty.pedicure Go through here and drive down to the river.



### Charlecote (B41-50)

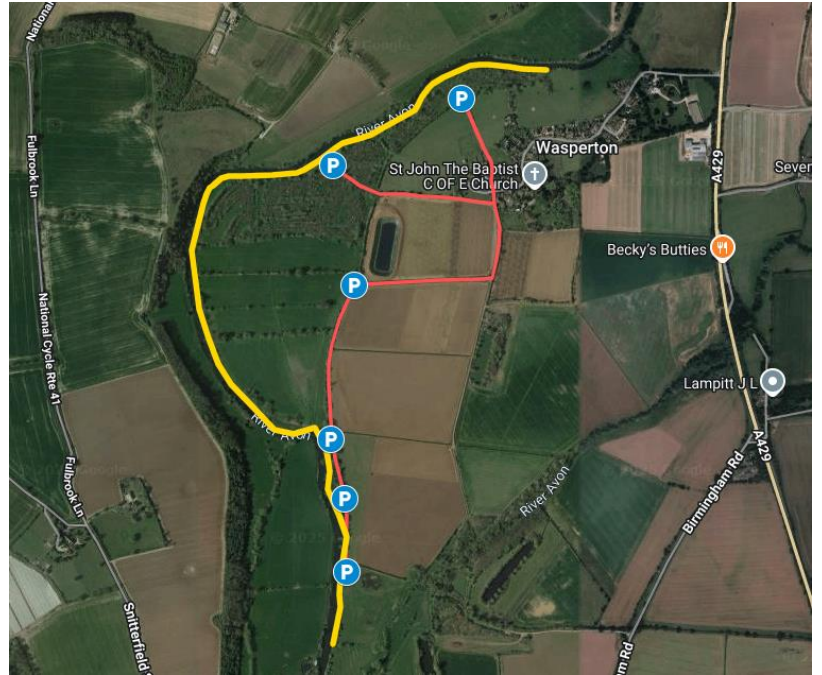
- What3Words: sniff.herb.draining
- Nearest postcode: CV35 9ET
- Directions: From the M40 junction 15, take the A429 heading towards Barford & Wasperton. Continue down this road past the turning for Wasperton Village and take your next right, signposted for 'Charlecote Park'. Drive down this road past the Church, Park & Hotel until you reach a crossroad. Turn right here onto the B4086 and carry on for approx. 3/4 of a mile until you reach a layby at W3W sniff.herb.draining (just past West Lodge). Park here or continue up the road for the next layby – pegs are accessed by going through the gate adjacent to the first layby, barrowing around the perimeter of the field until you reach the river.

*Please note that these pegs are downstream of C section (Wasperton) and do not run on from B1-40 at Barford. The aim of this is to create a fairer B section due to the similarity of pegs and fishing between Barford and Charlecote.*

## C Section – Wasperton

### BAA Upstream Pegs

- What3Words: outdoor.balancing.cross
- Nearest postcode: CV35 8EB
- Directions: from the M40 get onto the A429 heading towards Barford. Go past Barford until you reach the right turn for Wasperton village. Turn here and drive into the village. For upstream pegs, turn right past the 'private road' sign and follow track to the river and car park.



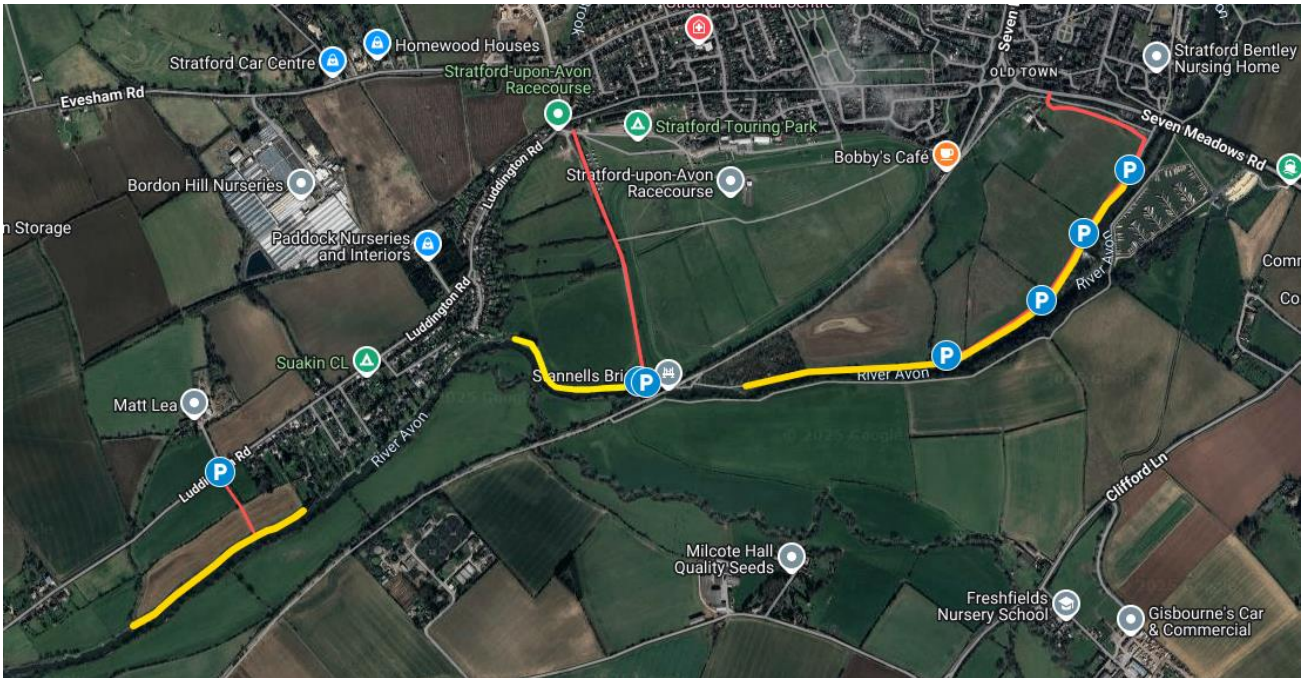
### BAA Downstream Pegs

- What3Words: excusing.pinches.slows
- Nearest postcode: CV35 8EB
- Directions: from the M40 get onto the A429 heading towards Barford. Go past Barford until you reach the right turn for Wasperton village. Turn here and drive into the village. At the end of the road, take the track on the left and then turn almost immediately right, following this track down to the car park.

### Leamington Spa AA Pegs (below BAA)

- What3Words: pavilions.podcast.yard (first parking location – follow track for others)
- Nearest postcode: CV35 8EB
- Directions: Drive into Wasperton Village and turn left at the end. Follow this track for approximately 200m and turn right (before you get to College Pool). Various parking locations can then be found along the track

# D Section – Seven Meadows, Stannells & Luddington



## Seven Meadows (D1-30)

- What3Words: themes.rocky.moons
- Nearest postcode: CV37 9LE
- Directions: For parking on the early pegs, from Stratford-upon-Avon town centre head across the river on the Banbury Road. At the roundabout with a petrol station, turn right onto the A3400 Shipston Road. Follow this until the next roundabout. Turn right at the roundabout onto A4390 Seven Meadows Road and follow over the river, turning left approx 250 yards after the bridge. Then drive back parallel to the road until you reach the river. Parking is then behind the pegs. The lower pegs on this stretch can also be accessed by walking from Stannells.

## Stannells (D31-40)

- What3Words: fade.starts.statue

- Nearest postcode: CV37 9SE
- Directions: From Stratford upon Avon town centre get onto Rother Street and then merge with the A4390. At the roundabout, go straight over onto the B439 Evesham Road. At the next roundabout take the first exit towards Stratford-upon-Avon racecourse. Turn left into the racecourse entrance and then just before the gates, looking for a gate on the right. Go through this and follow the track down to the river.

### Luddington (D41-50)

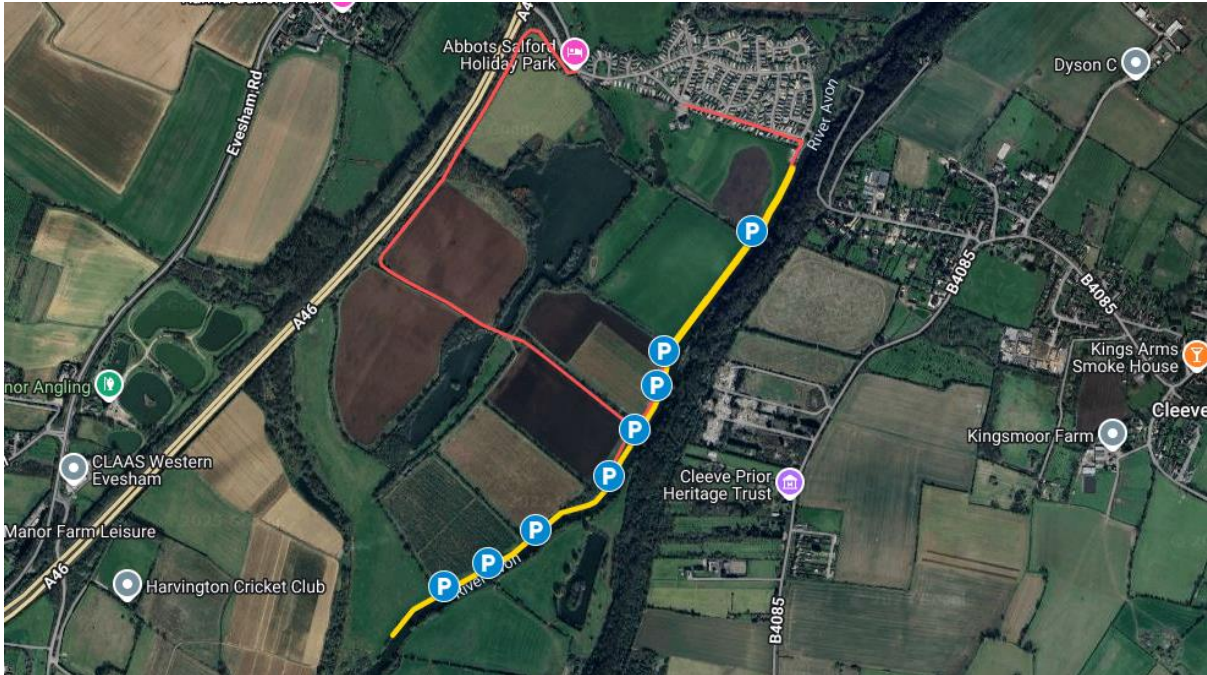
- What3Words: metals.levels.change
- Nearest postcode: CV37 9SF
- Directions: From Stratford upon Avon town centre get onto Rother Street and then merge with the A4390. At the roundabout, go straight over onto the B439 Evesham Road. At the next roundabout take the first exit towards Stratford-upon-Avon Racecourse on Luddington Road. Keep on this road until you pass a row of houses on the right. Access to the river is on the left just past the right-hand turn to Matt Lea. Park on the road and walk across the field down to the river.



*Dave Thomas after winning the 1981 World Championships at Luddington.*

*Image: Canal & River Trust (<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/things-to-do/fishing/blogs-articles-and-news/the-fisheries-and-angling-team/reflections-on-the-1981-world-championships>)*

## E Section – Abbot’s Salford



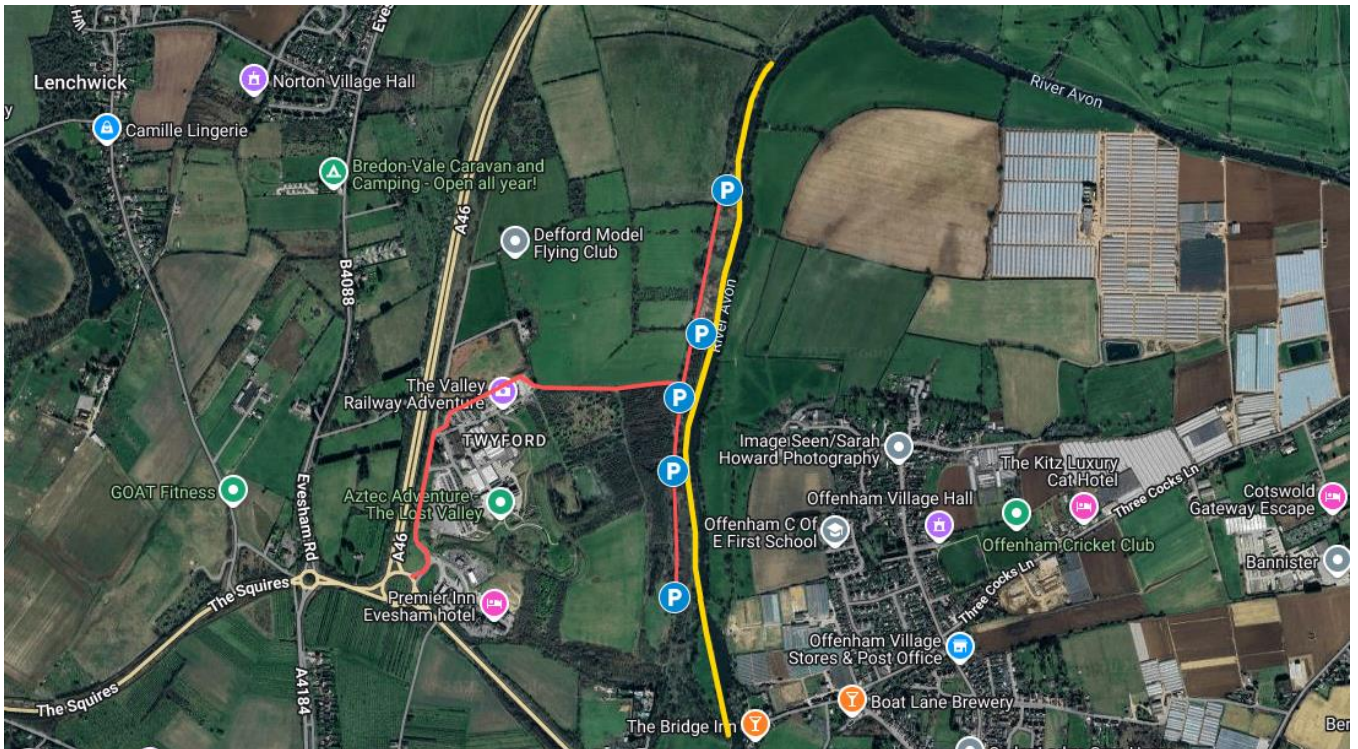
### Caravan Park (E1-15)

- What3Words: [///line.cashew.thundered](https://www.what3words.com/line/cashew.thundered)
- Nearest postcode: WR11 8UN
- Directions: From the A46 heading towards Evesham, take the B439 (West) into Salford Priors. Follow this road through to Abbot’s Salford, turning left approx 50 yards past the Vineyard Inn into Abbot’s Salford Caravan Park. Drive into the Caravan Park and bear right – parking is behind pegs in the first field. For the second field, park at the end and walk through (platforms may be required on some pegs)

### Lower Pegs (E16-50)

- What3Words: [eyepieces.contracting.snares](https://www.what3words.com/eyepieces.contracting.snares)
- Nearest postcode: WR11 8UN
- Directions: From Evesham or Stratford-upon-Avon take the A46 and turn off the roundabout for Salford Priors. Head through and then out of the village towards Abbots Salford on the Evesham Road, and once in the village, turn left just past the Vineyard Inn. Follow this road across the A46 to the Abbots Salford Holiday Park. Just before the holiday park entrance, turn right and then bear right, following the track around the fields in a semi-circle. You will pass between two lakes and eventually end up at the river. Parking is behind the pegs.

## F Section – Twyford Farm

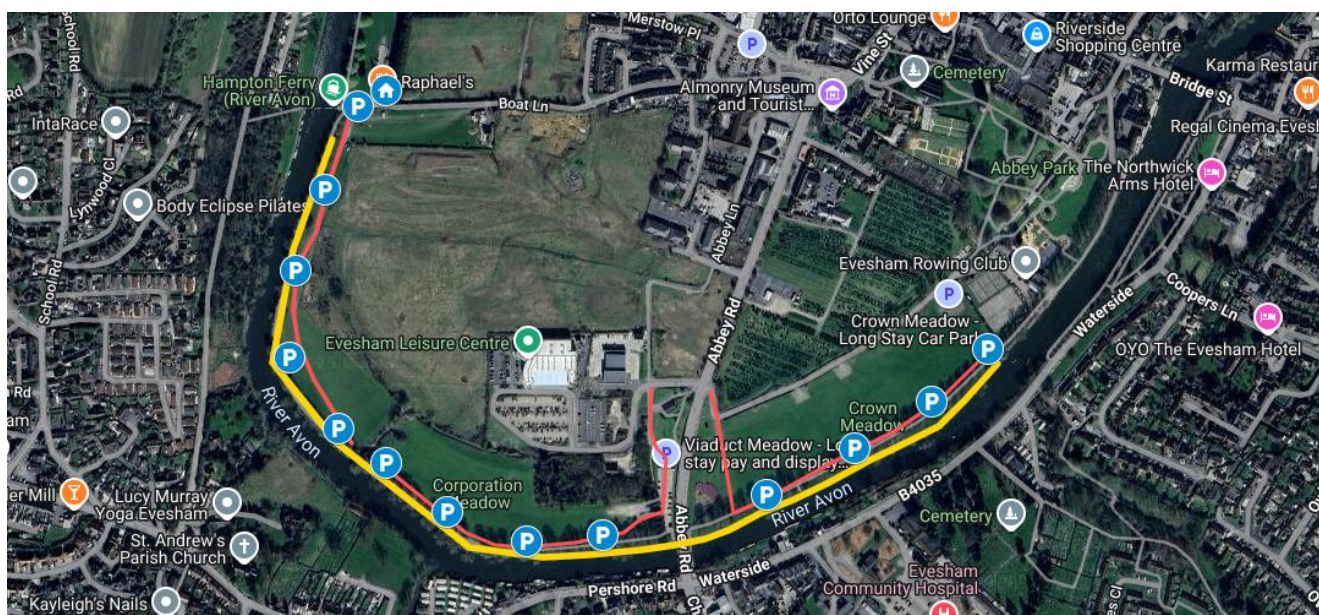


What3Words: [successor.infuses.uppermost](https://www.what3words.com/successor.infuses.uppermost)

Nearest postcode: WR11 4DS

Directions: From Evesham or Stratford-upon-Avon get onto the A46 and at the Twyford roundabout exit for Services and Evesham Country Park. Follow the road round into 'The Valley'. Follow the road down and then to the right into the large car park. Drive through the car park to the end and down track that takes you straight to the river. The main car park is on the right and access roads are either side.

## G Section – Evesham



### Crown Meadow

- What3Words: [writing.lilac.dilute](#)
- Nearest postcode: WR11 4ST
- Directions: From Hampton Ferry, drive back up Boat Lane and turn right at the roundabout onto Abbey Road. After approx 400 yards, turn left and go through the gate ([///writing.lilac.dilute](#)) onto Crown Meadow. You can then drive around the edge of the Meadow to the river, parking behind your peg.

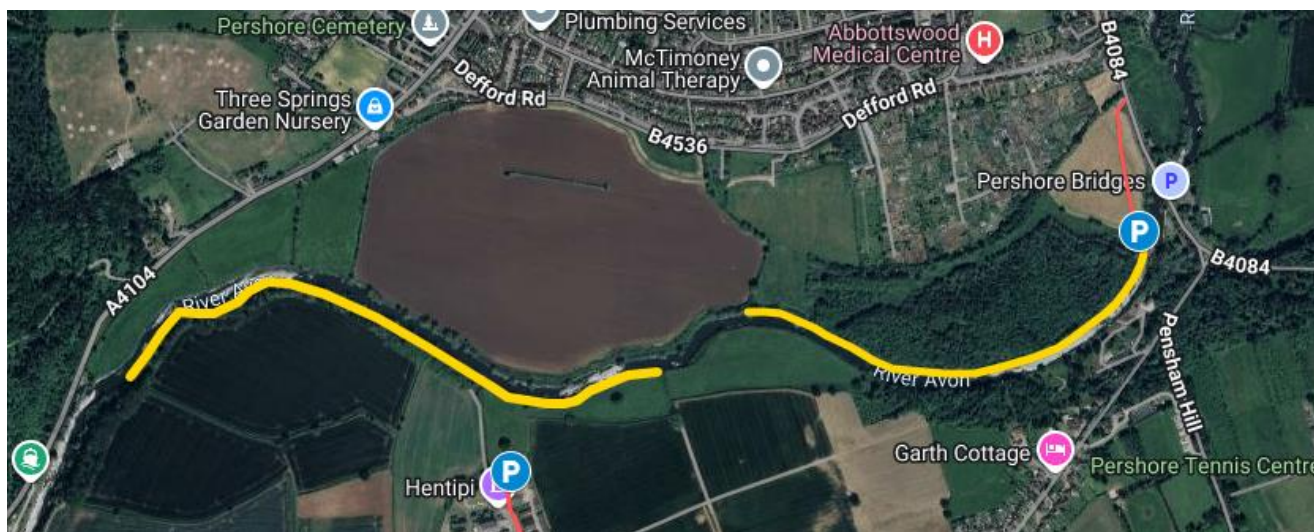
### Corporation Meadow

- What3Words: [defers.strongly.lightens](#)
- Nearest postcode: WR11 4ST
- Directions: From Hampton Ferry, drive back up Boat Lane and turn right at the roundabout onto Abbey Road. After approx 400 yards, turn right, then left and into the car park. There is a gate on your right ([///defers.strongly.lightens](#)) – drive through this and onto Corporation Meadow. You can then drive around the edge of the Meadow to the river, parking behind your peg.

### Hampton Ferry

- Accessed from draw venue (Raphaels) driving along the river to pegs.

## H Section – Pershore & Pensham



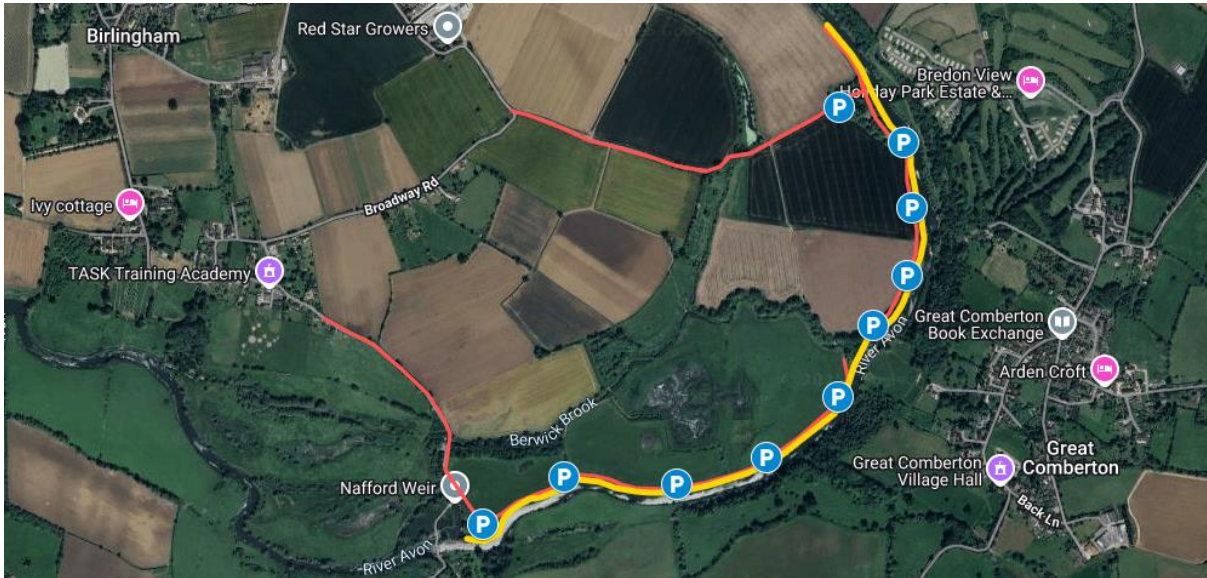
### Pershore (H1-25)

- What3Words: collected.moon.found
- Nearest postcode: WR10 3NS
- Directions: For Pershore down, follow the B4084 from Evesham crossing the river into Pershore. Approx 100 yards after the bridge, turn left into the field via the gate at ///collected.moon.found. Drive across the field to the river and park in the far left corner.

### Pensham (H26-50)

- What3Words: wool.tutorial.host
- Nearest postcode: WR10 3HB
- Directions: For Pensham, cross Pershore Bridge on the B4084 towards Evesham and take the immediate right turn signposted Pensham (Pensham Hill). Turn right at the t-junction in Pensham village, drive through the farmyard and follow the track to the car park and river.

## J Section – Birlingham & Nafford



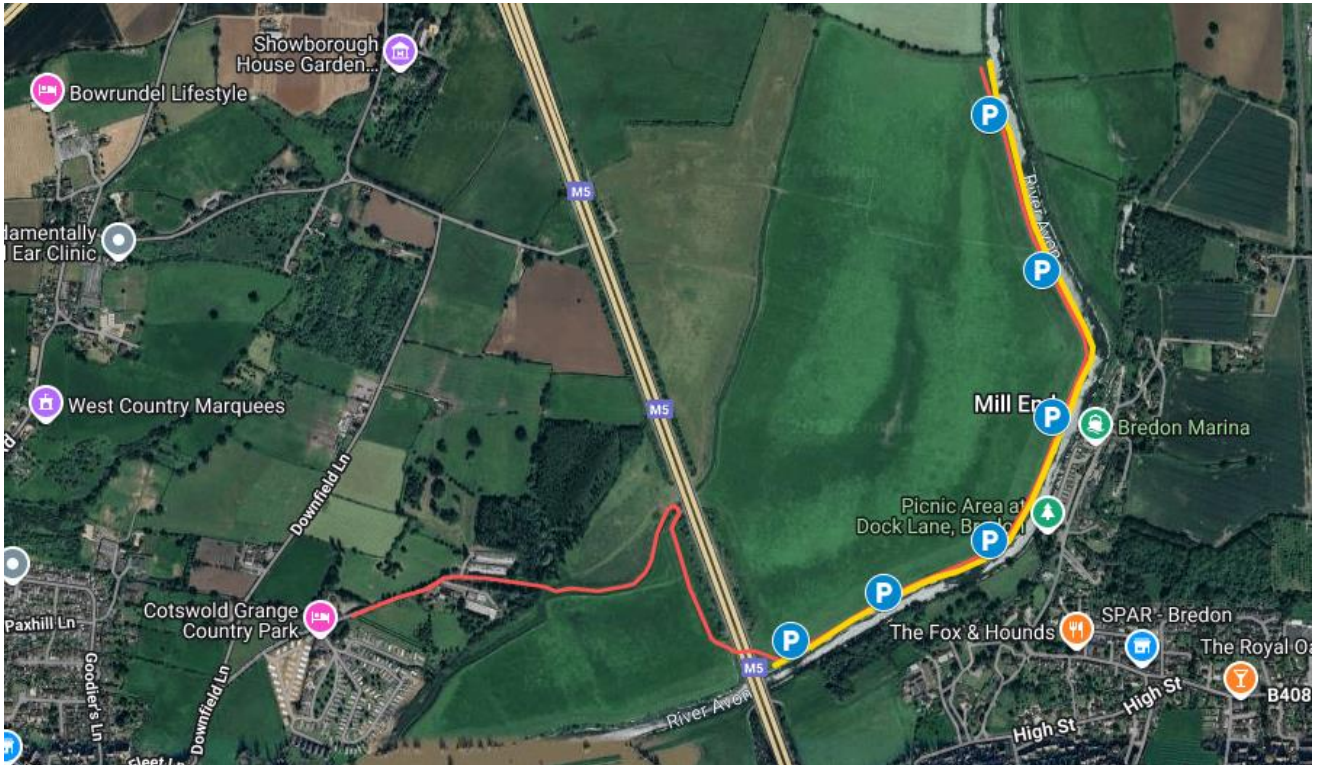
### Birlingham

- What3Words: scooter.towel.dozen
- Nearest postcode: WR10 3AG
- Directions: In Birlingham village, find The Avenue and then turn onto Shorthill. Follow this road past Red Star Growers and where it turns sharp right and changes name to Broadway Road, turn left down the track on the apex of the bend. This takes you down to the river and access to parking.

### Nafford

- What3Words: whirlwind.habit.milkman
- Nearest postcode: WR10 3AE
- Directions: From Birlingham Village, follow 'Broadway' turning left onto Grange Road and then Berwick Lane. Follow this lane down crossing the brook until you reach Nafford Weir. You can then (weather permitting) drive along the river bank parking behind your peg.

## K Section – Twyning



What3Words: dorm.fatigued.mills

Nearest postcode: GL20 6DL

Directions: From Twyning, take Downfield Lane and the right fork heading towards the Caravan Park. Continue down the track until you reach another fork, bearing left through the gate. Then continue to follow the track which sweeps left and then sharply right, parallel to the motorway. Continue down to the river and under the motorway bridge, driving along the bank to your peg.

# Angling Trust Division 1 National Championship Rules 2025

1. The Angling Trust (AT) will organise National Championships each year. The AT Coarse Management Group will be responsible for supervising the arrangements.
2. The number of teams in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division will be limited to 50 and the remaining Clubs and Associations in the AT eligible to compete shall be formed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.
3. Promotions and Relegation's will operate on a 10 – up 10 – down basis, assuming a FULL ENTRY OF 50 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION. Should there be less than 50 Teams in any Division the number of Teams relegated will be varied downwards. Any team not competing in its designated National Championships will normally be relegated ONLY one Division although this may vary with exceptional circumstances.
4. The Sections to be used in each National Championship will be closed for fishing to all competitors in that Championship from midnight on the Sunday prior to the National Championship.
5. The National Championships will be “pegged down” competitions, pegs to be preferably 20 yards (18 metres) apart, or more where practicable. And must be a minimum of 30m from overhead power cables.
6. Member Clubs and Associations are entitled to enter more than one team consisting of 10 anglers in the Divisional National Championships. Member Clubs and Associations shall not be entitled to compete with Teams consisting of fewer anglers than those referred to in this Rule unless prior written consent has been obtained.
7. In order to qualify to compete in the National Championships a Member Association/Club must have paid its subscription for the current year by the due date. All competitors taking part must be Individual Members of the AT.

The Team Entry Form comprising up to 20 names plus the any pools in respect of the first ten names on the Entry Form **ONLY** must be received at Angling Trust Competitions Office by the deadline stated on the team sheet prior to a club's respective National Championship. Failure to comply with this date will mean the Team being refused entry to the Championship.

8. No person may compete in more than one Divisional Championship in the same year.
9. No person will be allowed to compete in the event if they are **under the age of 16 on the day of the Championships** unless they have a been issued with an Angling Trust Young Angler Exemption which is valid at the time of the Championship.
10. Organising clubs will provide Senior Stewards who will help to co-ordinate the weigh stewards provided by the teams.

11. Each team will provide at least 1 non-fishing steward for the event to work alongside the hosting venue's Senior Stewards for weighing in and recording.
12. Stewards will do their utmost to prevent spectators approaching or interfering with the competitors. However, a maximum of 4 Bank Runners per Team is allowed and will be clearly identifiable. They may pass information to their own team members only.
13. ALL Team Captains shall report to the Team Registration Steward prior to the draw whether or not they have any changes to make. The number of changes a Captain can make at this time will be restricted to two anglers from the reserves listed on the Team Entry Form. Where any such change is made, the incoming angler MUST fish the drawn Section and peg of the angler they are replacing.
14. A Team representative will draw a peg set on the day of the Qualifier. Team members MUST fish the Section/Peg shown in the peg set as drawn for them.
15. No competitor will change their peg or section. Any angler who commences fishing at the wrong peg will be disqualified.
16. Competitors must plan to use private transport in every case to transfer from HQ to their section and return.
17. Any angler may bring a caddy to help carry their tackle to their peg. Once at the peg no further assistance will be allowed.
18. No competitor will have live or dead fish in their possession before the Championship.
19. The signal to commence and cease fishing will be given by the Senior Section Steward in each Section.
20. The duration of the Championship will be 5 hours.
21. Before the starting signal no competitor must on any account ground bait or loose feed the swim but will be allowed to:
  - Wet a line
  - Plumb the depth
  - Test the float
  - Mix or wet ground bait
  - Clear their fishing ground of weed or obstructions
  - Position their equipment

**You cannot:**

  - Cast a feeder – a bomb must be used
  - Ship out any form of pot (pole-mounted or cupping kit) over the water
22. A competitor may wade provided that the water does not extend above the knees, unless they can touch the bank, in which case the water can extend above the knees. The same principles apply to platforms and knee depth is to be taken at the front of the platform. No box legs may extend beyond the front of the platform.

23. Every competitor must fish from within one metre either side of their designated peg. On flowing water, the angler will fish from their position in the direction of the flow as far as the next peg. On still waters they may fish as far as half the distance between their peg and the pegs on either side. Where competitors are drawn on opposite banks the limit of the swim will be the middle line between either bank. The competitor will restrict their activities completely to these boundaries, neither their person, tackle, bait, ground bait or hooked fish may intrude into their neighbour's swim.
24. In an extreme situation e.g., snagged tackle or a snagged fish, an angler must seek permission from their neighbour(s) before moving from their designated peg to try and remedy the situation.
25. No competitor may leave their peg during the Qualifier other than to go to the toilet. However, in the event of an emergency and/or severe weather conditions, a competitor may leave their peg but only with the express permission of the Senior Section Steward. In such circumstances the Senior Steward may decide in the best interests of the competitors that fishing should be suspended. In the worst-case fishing may be terminated by the Senior Steward upon instruction from the Angling Trust Competitions Team and event organiser.
26. A competitor must not cause annoyance or to seek to interfere with another competitor during the Championship. They must always act in a sporting manner.
27. A competitor shall have in use, one rod or pole, one line and single hook at one time, but may have other poles or rods and tackle assembled behind them where possible, providing that tackle is not baited.
28. Any bait, subject to the local rules appertaining at the time of acceptance as a National Championship venue, may be used during the National Championships, except live or dead fish, spinning baits and artificial lures.
29. Maximum length of poles permitted is 16 metres, floating poles are not allowed.
30. Braid hook lengths are not permitted.
31. Surface Floating baits either hook or feed are not permitted.
32. Lead shot is banned above a size 8 (0.06g) in accordance with national Environment Agency byelaws.
33. The use of electronic fish finders is forbidden.
34. No competitor shall present their baited hooks into their swim by any means other than the pole or rod to which the line is attached.
35. All feed may be thrown in by hand, or by the use of one- or two-handed catapults, throwing sticks, swim feeders, bait droppers, bait cups and bait shuttles, but no other mechanical means of projecting feed is allowed. No bait shall be introduced with a pole or bait dropper attached to an extra pole or rod whilst continuing to fish. Spodding is not permitted.

36. Competitors must strike, play and land their own fish from the confines of their own peg (see Rule 23). Hand lining of fish is not permitted.
37. Competitors must retain all fish in a keepnet that complies with the relevant Environment Agency byelaws (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-rod-fishing-byelaws-for-england-freshwater-fishing-with-a-rod-and-line>).
38. All keepnets must be laid out on the bank before the start. Keepnets will only be allowed to be put into the water 15 minutes before the all-in.
39. **Competitors are required to take a minimum of 2 keepnets to their peg in the 2025 Division 1 National. While there will not be an enforced weight limit per net or requirement to have 2 nets in at the start of the match, we ask that anglers are sensible and use their second keepnet where appropriate – for instance if temporarily retaining a specimen barbel while waiting for a steward to weigh it, or if otherwise on for a big weight. Competitors must lay ALL their keepnets out on the bank before the start, as per rule 38.**
40. All fish caught are eligible for weighing except Game Fish (salmonids, including grayling), Zander & Pike. Crustaceans (e.g crayfish) are not fish and do not count.
41. Competitors must, if practicable, keep all fish caught alive. If for any reason competitors cannot keep fish alive the Stewards shall have the power to weigh in during the Championship and return the fish alive to the water.
42. Competitors must cease fishing at the signal. Should a competitor still be playing a fish hooked before the signal is given, they will be permitted no more than 15 minutes after time has been called to land the fish.
43. All competitors will remain at their pegs until details of their catch have been recorded by the Steward, except for the purpose of clearing litter from their swims or as defined in Rule 25.
44. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their pegs are clear of litter and no competitor shall have their catch weighed in who has litter on the banks of their swim.
45. Both the competitor and steward(s) must ensure that the correct procedure is used for transferring fish from a keepnet to a weigh net. They MUST utilise either,
  - a. pulling a lower ring through and pouring fish into the weighing net or
  - b. swimming them up the keepnet and pouring.
46. The individual weight of each competitor will be recorded to the lowest possible denomination on the scales provided in Kilograms.
47. After each competitor has been weighed in at their peg and signed for, all fish must be carefully and considerately returned to the water.
48. Any dead fish should be weighed and recorded separately; the steward will clearly mark this on the weigh sheet. The decision as to whether the dead fish will be added to the weight of the anglers catch will be at the discretion of the AT Competitions Team.

49. The result of the team competition shall be determined on a penalty points system. The top weight in each section shall receive 1 point, the second highest weight one point more etc. In the event of anglers failing to catch a fish, together with absent or disqualified anglers, they shall receive maximum points.
50. In the event of more than one competitor recording the same weight in the same section, those competitors will receive equal points. For example, if two anglers were to tie in fifth place, they would both receive five section points. The angler with next lower weight will be awarded seven section points.
51. In the event of more than one team having the same total points, their final positions will be decided by total weight.
52. All competitors must conform to Environment Agency byelaws. Any competitor reported to the Event Management Team by the Environment Agency for being unable to produce a valid license shall be deemed to be in contravention of the Rules and shall be disqualified. All pools, entry fees etc. in respect of the said competitor shall be forfeited.
53. Any challenge must be made in writing and lodged with a member of the AT Competitions Team or Senior Section Steward no later than one hour after the end of the match and before the results are published. Irregularities which are brought to notice at a later date may be dealt with only by and at the discretion of the AT Competitions Team.
54. If in the opinion of the AT Competitions Team, any Team or Individual is in breach of these rules or is guilty of behaviour which is contrary to the best interests of the sport, or upon complaint being received by the AT Competitions Team that there has been an alleged breach of the rules, the AT Competitions Team shall make a decision on all available facts and that decision will be final and binding.
55. Any team or competitor proved to be in contravention of these rules will be disqualified.



# Biosecurity for Competitors

Please help prevent the spread of invasive non-native species (INNS), diseases & parasites by practicing good biosecurity in the build up to this year's National. All anglers should follow the mantra of *Check, Clean, Dry* after every match or practice session.

What is biosecurity?

Biosecurity is about the measures we take to prevent the spread of unwanted plants, animals and diseases between waters. The things we could potentially transfer are wide ranging, but some common examples you might be familiar with include:

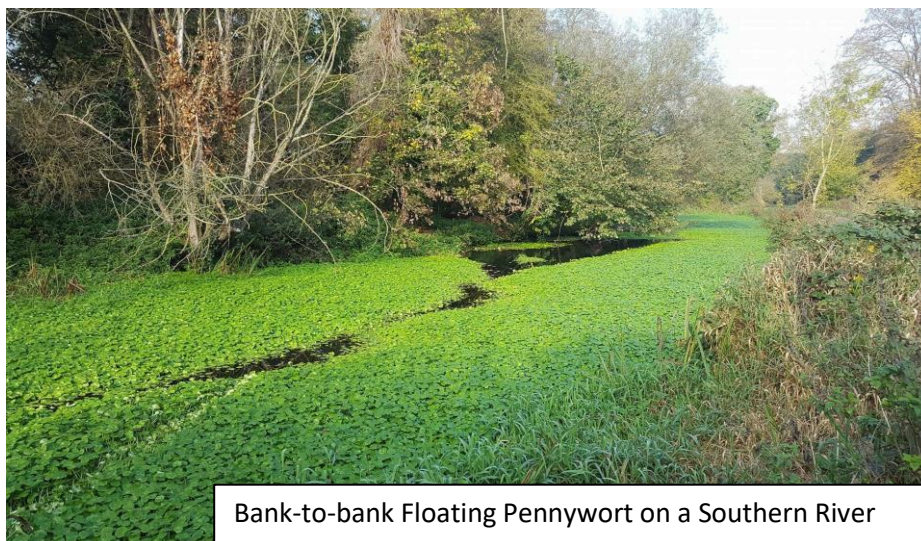
- [Koi herpesvirus \(KHV\) – viral disease](#)
- [Floating Pennywort – invasive aquatic plant](#)
- [Signal Crayfish – invasive aquatic animal](#)
- [Himalayan Balsam – invasive terrestrial plant](#)

Why is biosecurity important?

Invasive non-native species, diseases & parasites affect **your** fishing.

Match venues can be devastated by the arrival of invasive species or disease; whether it's a viral outbreak that kills fish, or plant growth that makes a stretch of water unfishable.

Invasive non-native species *are present* in and around the Warwickshire Avon, which are currently being managed. Please respect our host club and your own waters by following the guidance on the next page.



Bank-to-bank Floating Pennywort on a Southern River

## How do I practice good biosecurity?

Biosecurity is simple when carried out by following Check, Clean, Dry. You should pay particular attention to:

- Keepnets & landing nets – which should be clean and completely dry before they are submerged. (Note rule 38 RE keepnets)
- Stink bags – which should arrive at a venue dry. You should not under any circumstances bring your nets to a new venue in a wet/ damp stink bag which hasn't been dried or cleaned.
- Footwear – invasive terrestrial plants such as Himalayan Balsam can be easily spread by their seeds, which could be carried in the mud on your boots.

**STOP THE SPREAD**

Invasive plants and animals can carry diseases that kill fish, and block waterways and banks interfering with fishing. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing.

Protect the environment and fishing you enjoy by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals.

**Remember to check these places**

**CHECK** Check your gear after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

**CLEAN** Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to nets, waders, and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

**DRY** Dry everything for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

Watch out for

- QUAGGA MUSSEL
- KILLER SHRIMP
- FISH DISEASE
- FLOATING PENNYWORT

Funded by the Aquatic Biosecurity Partnership:



Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at:  
[nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry](https://nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry)

Team captains should ensure that all squad members are briefed on the above.

For further guidance on biosecurity, visit:

[The GB Non Native Species Secretariat Website – Biosecurity for anglers](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-gb-non-native-species-secretariat)  
[The Angling Trust Invasive Non Native Species Homepage](https://www.anglingtrust.net/invasive-species)

Or contact Ian Doyle via [ian.doyle@anglingtrust.net](mailto:ian.doyle@anglingtrust.net) or on 07951037091

# Practice Opportunities

## Day Tickets

- Warwick (Warwick Portobello AC) – Available from Bailey’s of Warwick
- Barford (Barford AA) – No day tickets available, but anglers can fish as a guest with a club member. Contact Paul King on 07713 433464 for further details.
- Wasperton (Leamington AA) – No day tickets available, but anglers can fish as a guest with a club member. Contact Anthony Simmons for further details.
- Wasperton (Birmingham AA) – No day tickets available. However, clubs and teams are free to book pegs on each section of river to hold their own match to act as a line up. Contact John Williams to arrange.
- Seven Meadows, Stannells and Luddington (Stratford-upon-Avon AA) – Day tickets available in advance from Bailey’s of Warwick on 01926 491984 or Stratford upon Avon Fishing and Outdoors on 07715 590199.
- Abbotts Salford (Astwood Bank AC) – No day tickets available, but anglers can fish as a guest with a club member. The club are also planning on allowing practicing anglers to fish on a standard day ticket on dates to be confirmed.
- Twyford Farm – No day tickets available. Contact James Robbins for practice opportunities.
- Evesham Town – Day tickets available on Hampton Ferry, Corporation Meadow and Crown Meadow. Anglers are advised to check match fixtures before travelling. For details, see:  
<http://www.hamptonferry.co.uk/angling.html>

- Pershore & Pensham (Birmingham AA) – No day tickets available. However, clubs and teams are free to book pegs on each section of river to hold their own match to act as a line up. Contact John Williams to arrange.
- Birlingham & Nafford (Smith's AC) – No day tickets available. However, the club are also planning on allowing practicing anglers to fish on a standard day ticket on dates to be confirmed.
- Twyning (Droitwich Spa AC) – Contact Mike Watson on the number below for details.

### **Contact Details – Controlling Clubs**

To book pegs on any of the sections or to enquire about practicing, contact the numbers below:

- Warwick Portobello AC – Tony Butler 01926 491984
- Barford AA – Paul King 07713 433464
- Birmingham AA – John Williams 01562 882116
- Leamington AA – Anthony Simmons 01926 312319
- Stratford-upon-Avon AA – Dave Evason 07946 187830
- Astwood Bank AC – Nathan Grant 07794 730594
- Twyford Farm AA – James Robbins 07810 852326
- Evesham DAA – Jay Proctor 07903 812122/Diana Raphael 01386 41270
- Smith's AC – Dave Whittaker 07775 785974
- Droitwich Spa AC – Mike Watson 07938 902408

# River Avon Matches

See below for a list of matches on the sections of river to be used in the 2025 Division 1 National. Further official practice match dates to be announced soon. Please note that no block bookings will be taken on the Smith's opens at Birlingham & Nafford – individual names only.

Date	Match	Section(s)	No of Pegs	Book on with...	Draw Venue
16/06/2025	Riverfest Qualifier [CURRENTLY SOLD OUT - CHECK AVAILABILITY]	Evesham	60	<a href="#">Angling Trust Website</a>	Raphaels Café WR11 4BP
18/06/2025	Anglers' Choice Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
19/06/25	Twyning Open	Twyning	TBC	Mike Watson 07938 902408	TBC
22/06/2025	Derrington Memorial (Wychavon Qualifier)	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
25/06/2025	Anglers' Choice Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
26/06/25	Twyning Open	Twyning	TBC	Mike Watson 07938 902408	TBC
28/06/2025	Barford Open	Barford (Above Weir)	TBC	Shane Edwards 07970 774558	TBC
29/06/2025	Festival Teams Qualifier 1	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
02/07/2025	Anglers' Choice Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
03/07/25	Twyning Open	Twyning	TBC	Mike Watson 07938 902408	TBC
05/07/2025	Evesham Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP

06/07/2025	Riverfest Qualifier [CURRENTLY SOLD OUT - CHECK AVAILABILITY]	Twyning	40	<a href="#">Angling Trust Website</a>	Under Motorway Bridge GL20 6DL
09/07/2025	Anglers' Choice Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
10/07/25	Twyning Open	Twyning	TBC	Mike Watson 07938 902408	TBC
12/07/2025	Barford Open	Barford (Above Weir)	TBC	Shane Edwards 07970 774558	TBC
13/07/2025	Wychavon Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
16/07/2025	Anglers' Choice Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
17/07/25	Twyning Open	Twyning	TBC	Mike Watson 07938 902408	TBC
19/07/2025	Evesham Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
20/07/2025	Division 1 Practice Match	Barford (Above Weir)	TBC	Shane Edwards 07970 774558	TBC
23/07/2025	Anglers' Choice Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
24/07/25	Twyning Open	Twyning	TBC	Mike Watson 07938 902408	TBC
24/07/25	Smith's AC Open	Birlingham & Nafford	50	John Curtis 07544 730780	TBC
26/07/2025	Festival Teams Qualifier 2	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
27/07/2025	Riverfest Qualifier [CURRENTLY SOLD OUT - CHECK AVAILABILITY]	Stratford & Barford	60	<a href="#">Angling Trust Website</a>	New Inn CV37 8HR
30/07/2025	Anglers' Choice Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP

31/07/25	Twyning Open	Twyning	TBC	Mike Watson 07938 902408	TBC
31/07/25	Smith's AC Open	Birlingham & Nafford	TBC	John Curtis 07544 730780	TBC
02/08/2025	Individual National	Warwick, Barford, Wasperton, Seven Meadows & Twyford Farm	180	<a href="#">Angling Trust Website</a>	Stratford Sports Club CV37 7LS
06/08/2025	Prostate Screening Fund Qualifier	Barford (Above Weir)	TBC	Jim Burton 07759 284554	TBC
06/08/2025	Evesham Veterans Qualifier (over 60s)	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
07/07/25	Twyning Open	Twyning	TBC	Mike Watson 07938 902408	TBC
09/08/2025	Wychavon Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP
10/08/2025	Evesham Qualifier	Evesham	TBC	<a href="#">Hampton Ferry Website</a>	Raphaels Cafe WR11 4BP

## **Local Accommodation**

- **Premier Inn, Leamington Spa** - 0333 3219281  
[https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/warwickshire/leamington-spa/leamington-spa-town-centre.html?cid=GLBC\\_LEAREG](https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/warwickshire/leamington-spa/leamington-spa-town-centre.html?cid=GLBC_LEAREG)
- **Regent Travel Lodge, Leamington Spa** - 08719 846239  
<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/143/The-Regent-Hotel-Leamington-Spa-hotel>
- **Holiday Inn, Leamington Spa** - 0333 3209334  
[https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/leamington-spa/warls/hoteldetail?cm\\_mmc=GoogleMaps\\_-HI\\_-GB\\_-WARLS](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/leamington-spa/warls/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-HI_-GB_-WARLS)
- **Victoria Park Lodge, Leamington Spa** - 01926 424195  
<https://www.victoriaparklodge.co.uk/>
- **Terrace House Hotel, Leamington Spa** - 07798 858841
- **Angel Hotel, Leamington Spa** - 01926 881296  
<https://www.angelhotelleamington.co.uk/>
- **Holiday Inn Express, Warwick** - 0371 9021633  
[https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/warwick/waruk/hoteldetail?cm\\_mmc=GoogleMaps\\_-EX\\_-GB\\_-WARUK](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/warwick/waruk/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-EX_-GB_-WARUK)
- **Black Horse Inn, Warwick** - 01926 293467  
<https://www.theblackhorseinnwarwick.co.uk/>
- **Castle Limes Hotel, Warwick** - 01926 291017  
<https://www.castlelimeshotel.co.uk/>
- **The Globe, Warwick** - 01926 479100  
[https://www.theglobewarwick.co.uk/?utm\\_source=Yext&utm\\_medium=GMB](https://www.theglobewarwick.co.uk/?utm_source=Yext&utm_medium=GMB)

- **Premier Inn, Warwick** - 0333 3219245  
<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/warwickshire/warwick/warwick.html>
- **Travelodge, Stratford-upon-Avon** - 0203 1954882  
[https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/376/Stratford-Upon-Avon-hotel?WT.tsrc=GHA\\_Organic&utm\\_campaign=GHA\\_Stratford%20Upon%20Avon&utm\\_medium=GHA\\_Organic&utm\\_source=google](https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/376/Stratford-Upon-Avon-hotel?WT.tsrc=GHA_Organic&utm_campaign=GHA_Stratford%20Upon%20Avon&utm_medium=GHA_Organic&utm_source=google)
- **Travelodge, Alcester** - 0871 9846107  
[https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/180/Stratford-Alcester-hotel?WT.tsrc=GHA\\_Organic&utm\\_campaign=GHA\\_Stratford%20Alcester&utm\\_medium=GHA\\_Organic&utm\\_source=google](https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/180/Stratford-Alcester-hotel?WT.tsrc=GHA_Organic&utm_campaign=GHA_Stratford%20Alcester&utm_medium=GHA_Organic&utm_source=google)
- **Premier Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon** - 0333 3219243  
[https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/warwickshire/stratford-upon-avon/stratford-upon-avon-waterways.html?cid=GLBC\\_STRAVO](https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/warwickshire/stratford-upon-avon/stratford-upon-avon-waterways.html?cid=GLBC_STRAVO)
- **Moonraker House, Stratford-upon-Avon** - 01789 268774  
<https://www.moonrakerhouse.com/>
- **Avoncot Guest House, Stratford-upon-Avon** - 01789 292879
- **Premier Inn, Evesham** - 0333 7777932  
[https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/worcestershire/evesham/evesham.html?cid=GLBC\\_EVEORC](https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/worcestershire/evesham/evesham.html?cid=GLBC_EVEORC)
- **Northwick Arms Hotel, Evesham** - 01386 40322  
<https://www.northwickhotel.co.uk/>
- **The Alcester Inn, Alcester** - 01789 400144  
<https://thealcesterinn.co.uk/>

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