

2026



ANGLING TRUST DIVISION ONE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Aire & Calder Canal and New Junction Canal
Saturday 25th July 2026**

General Information

Headquarters	Thornensians RUFC, Church Balk, Thorne DN8 5BU
Refreshments	Hot food & drinks available at the Rubgy Club
Parking	Parking at HQ costs £3, payable on entry (valid all day). The rugby club will put on a raffle for all those who have purchased a parking ticket.
Draw	08:00am, or after every team has registered. All teams must register before the draw.
Fishing	11:00am until 4:00pm (duration 5 hours)
Water Closure	Closed from 4pm, Sunday 12 th of July (exception of Great Yorkshire Team Match 19/07/26)
Licences	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.
Nets	<u>Anglers must take a minimum of two (2) keepnets. All nets must be laid out on the bank until 15 minutes before the all in, and must comply with National Environment Agency Byelaws.</u> Two keepnets are not a requirement from the start, but we ask that anglers apply common sense and put a second net in if on for a big weight (40lb+)
Local Rules	No Bloodworm & Joker. No filming or videography without prior consent from the organiser.
Eligible Fish	All fish coarse fish are eligible for weighing <u>except Pike & 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 2026 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 thanks must firstly go to Paul Caygill for all his hard work behind the scenes. Without organisers like Paul and the local knowledge they possess, matches of this scale would simply not be possible – especially given the ongoing decline of access and parking on so many venues around the country. Supporting this many competitors at the draw and results is also no mean feat, which is why I'd also like to pass on a sincere thanks to Thornensians RUFC for hosting us in such a convenient location for the fishing.

Above all however, I'd like to thank the anglers and stewards who will be on the water come the 25th of July. The Division One National remains team fishing's biggest annual event, and your support goes a long way towards maintaining that for years to come.

With brilliant bankside access and consistent fishing throughout the venues, this year's event promises to be a real test of both angling skill and teamwork across such uniform stretches of canal. I wish the very best of luck to everyone involved!

-Steve Fitzpatrick, Head of Competitions, Angling Trust



2025 Champions, Daiwa VDE Tackle & Bates

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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



A typical catch from the Aire & Calder

Procedures

For Competitors

- Teams must submit a final 'team sheet' to competitons@anglingtrust.net by no later than 5pm on Friday the 12th of June. 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. Anglers 1-5 will fish the Aire & Calder and anglers 6-10 will fish the New Junction.
- On Monday the 20th of July at 6:00pm, a live draw will take place for sections on the Angling Trust Competitions Facebook page. This draw will be conducted in 2 parts; with anglers 1-5 drawing their sections for the Aire & Calder sections and anglers 6-10 drawing for New Junction 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 D9. Therefore John Smith fishes D9.

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-supplied stewards will be determined after the section draw on Monday the 20th of July. 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 and other arrangements for communication will be made.

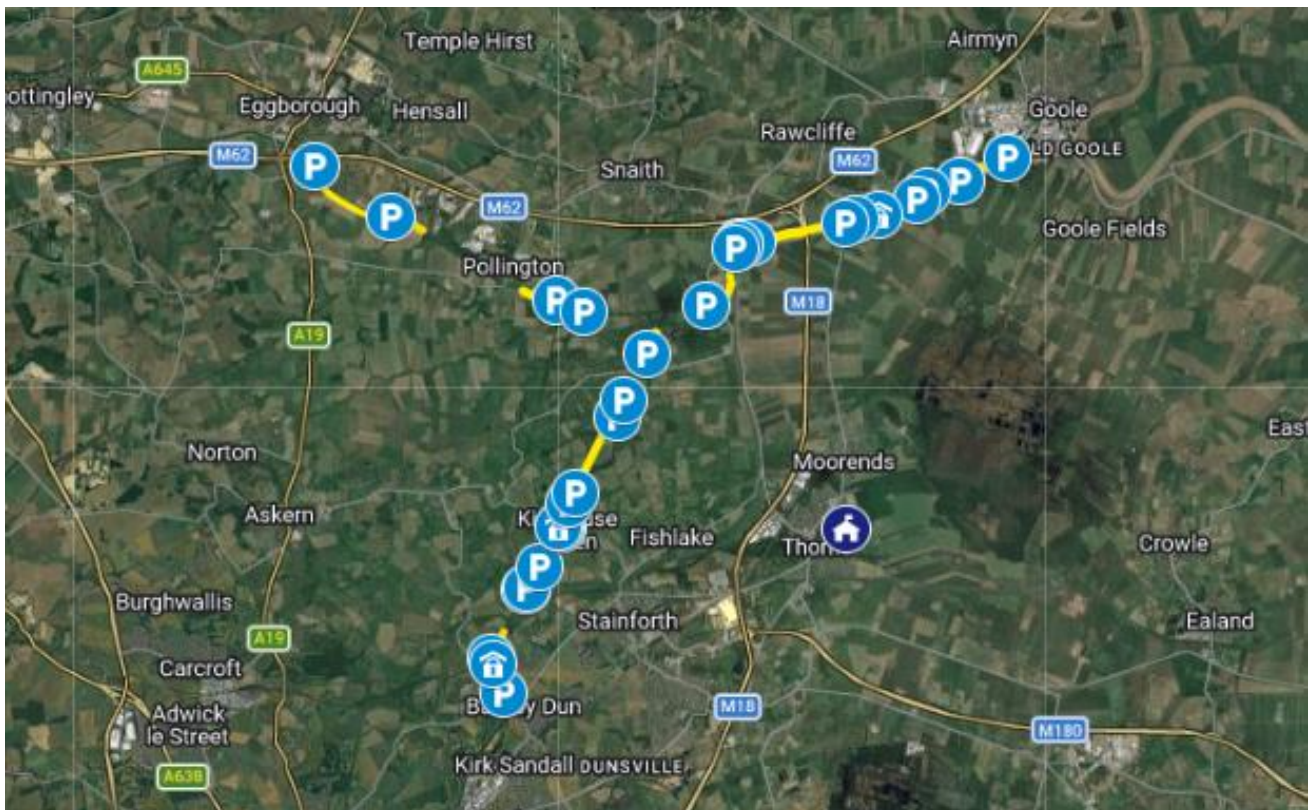
Sections & Maps

The following pages contain a guide to access on the exact stretches of canal being used in the 2026 Division One National Championship. The exact locations of each lettered section have now been confirmed

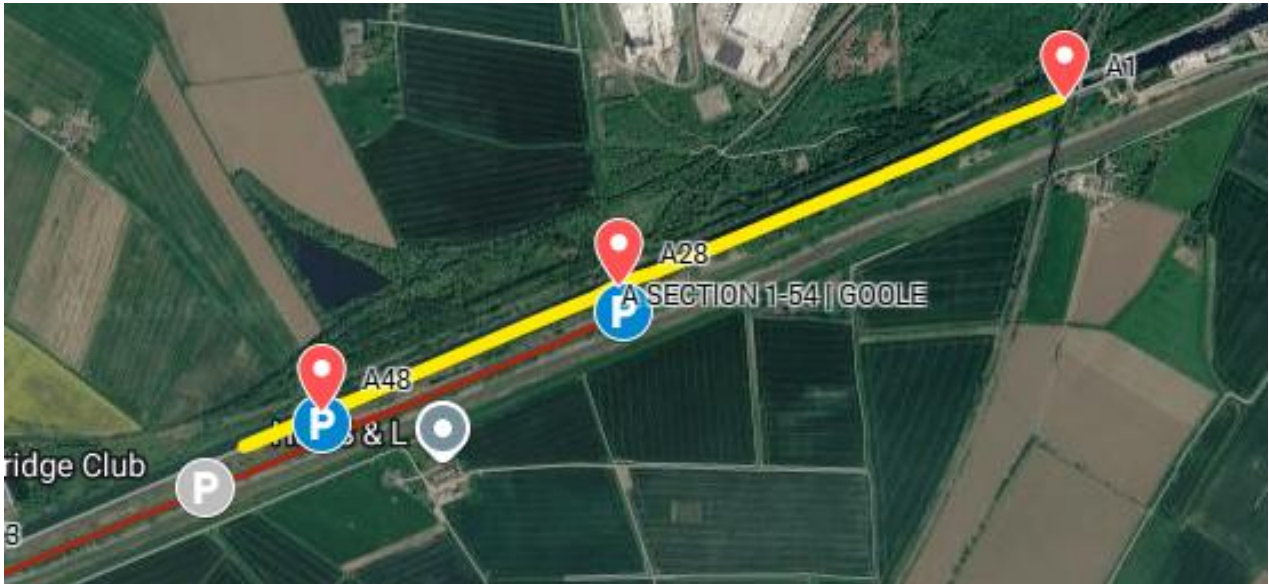
Please note that anglers should always park sensibly, avoiding disruption to residents and farm workers at all times. All the parking listed below is to be used at your own risk.

To complement the guide below, an interactive map is also available. This is zoomable and can be saved to your phone:

[CLICK HERE FOR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)



A Section – Goole Docks (Aire & Calder)



There are 3 parking locations available off the main track which runs between the canal and the Dutch River. Go through the gate at <http://bystander.reshaping.wizards> and drive along this track.

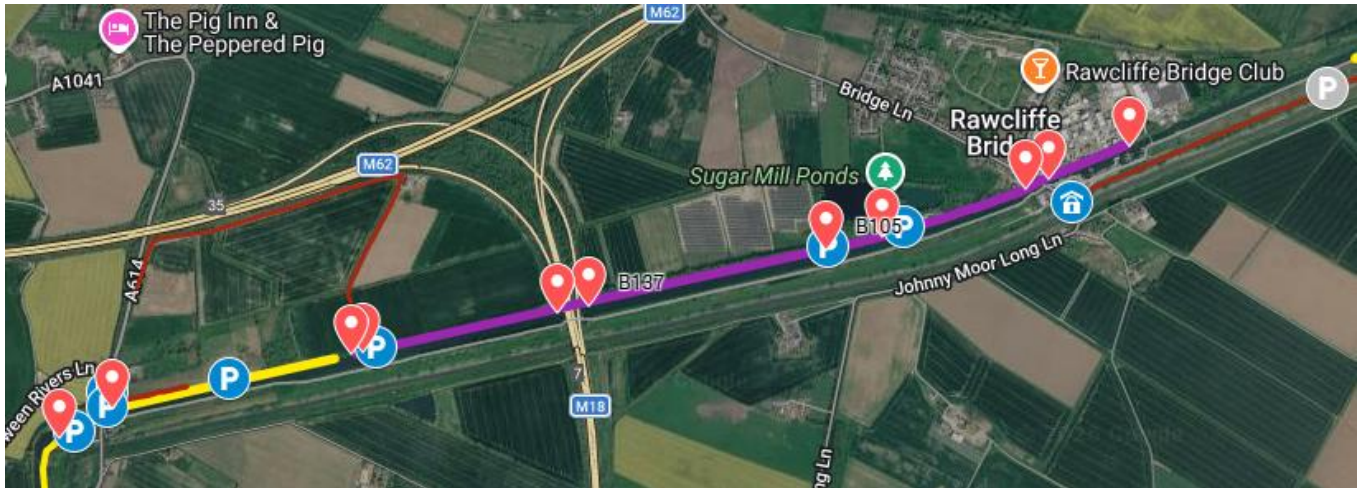
For pegs A1-A34, park at <http://brighter.upsets.galloping>

For pegs A35-A54, park at <http://streetcar.devotion.handwriting>

The nearest postcode to the access gate for this track is DN14 8PN.

Do not block the cycle track. No parking on the canal bank.

B Section – Rawcliffe to Alpaca Field (Aire & Calder)



For B73-B96:

/// regarding.memo.response

Nearest postcode: DN14 8NR

Access off Bridge Lane within the Rawcliffe Bridge village, Head Southwards near Rawcliffe Bridge Hotel onto Stock Drive, Follow the road slowly (speed bumps) past the parking for Sugar Mills Ponds and up to the Canal. Bear left and park on the left on the canalside car park.

For B105-B137:

///buggy.buzz.weeks

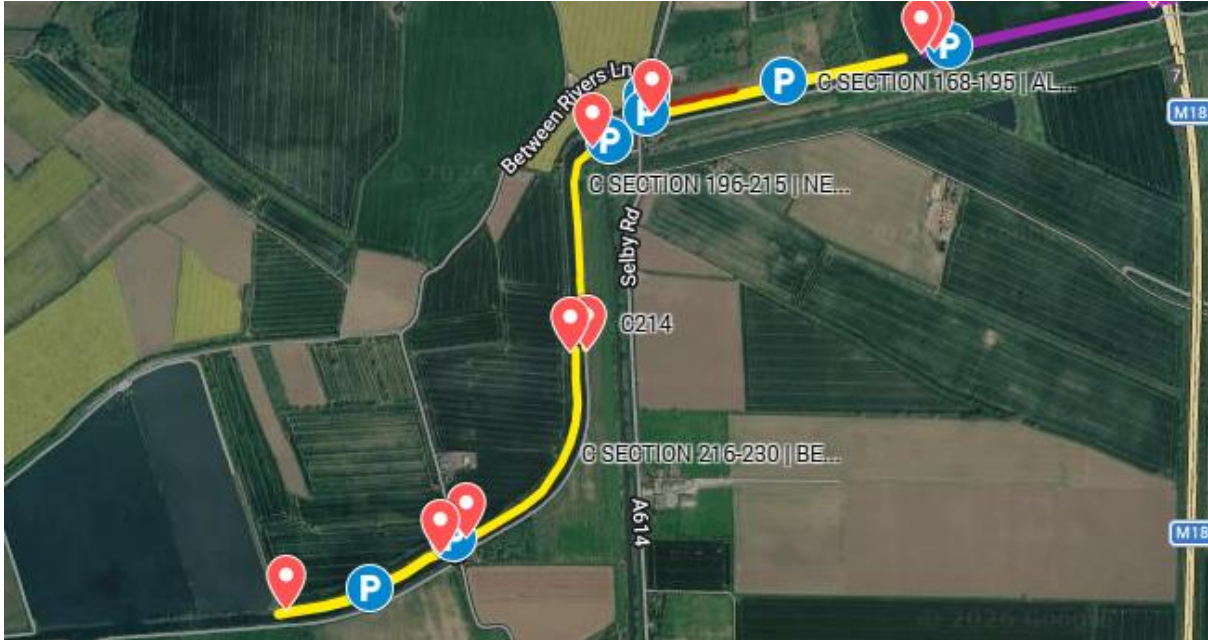
Nearest postcode: DN14 8NR

Continue as above but bear right and drive along the canal for approximately 150m to reach the next parking area.

For B139-B164:

Turn into the track at ///starfish.asks.order and follow it to the farm. Then bear right and continue straight down the track to the gate at ///traders.fracture.headstone. Drive through this and across the field towards the canal, parking behind your peg (or as close as you can)

C Section – Alpaca Field, Newbridge & Beavers (Aire & Calder)



For C168-C184:

Turn off A614 Thorne Road at [///costumes.scenes.indulges](#), go through the gate and up the access track, parking in the Alpaca Field at [///vipers.processes.carpeted](#). No climbing of fences.

Nearest Postcode: DN14 8SX

For C187-C195:

Turn off A614 as above, and turn immediately right into hardstanding at [///bronze.mush.finer](#)

For C196-C214:

Go through access at [///remarks.newlyweds.dozed](#) off A614 and follow track to large hardstanding, located at [///threading.scratches.sublime](#).

For C216-C230:

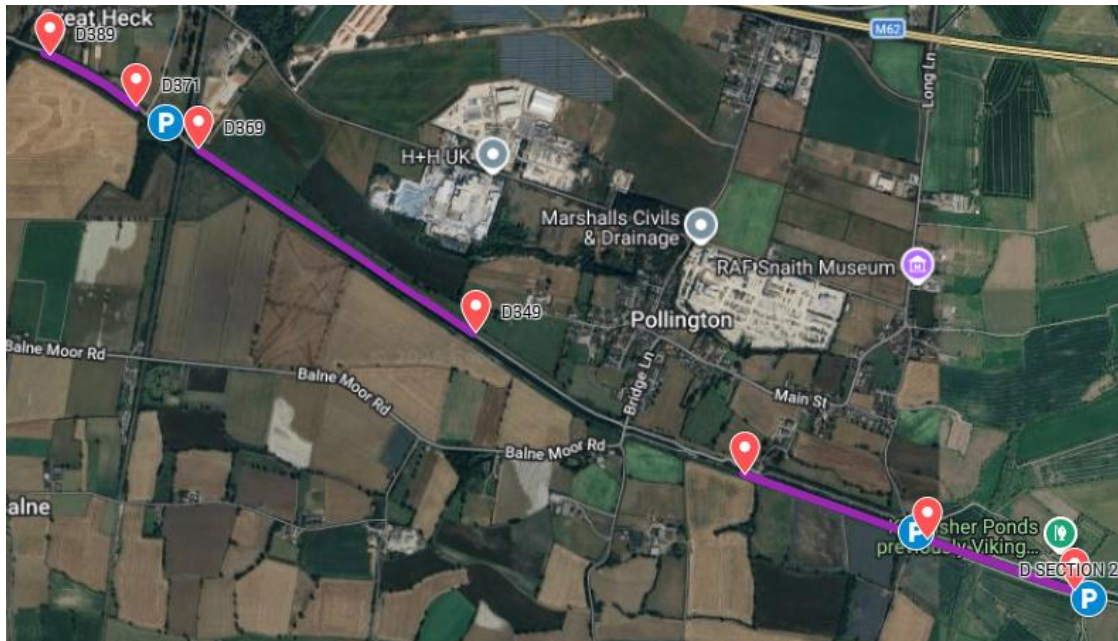
Park on the road up Oak Lane around [///monorail.buzzer.sorters](#) [note that 216 and above are on the opposite bank of the canal to lower numbers]

For C231-C263:

Follow track along canal at [///monorail.buzzer.sorters](#) and park behind your peg.

Nearest postcode: DN14 9AB

D Section – Great Heck & Pollington (Aire & Calder)



For D284-D302:

From Cowcroft Lane, follow the track/ unmarked lane which runs parallel to the canal and park just before the bend at [///miles.trespass.probing](http://miles.trespass.probing), taking care not to block access to gate for farm traffic.

Nearest Postcode: DN14 OEY

For D313-D344:

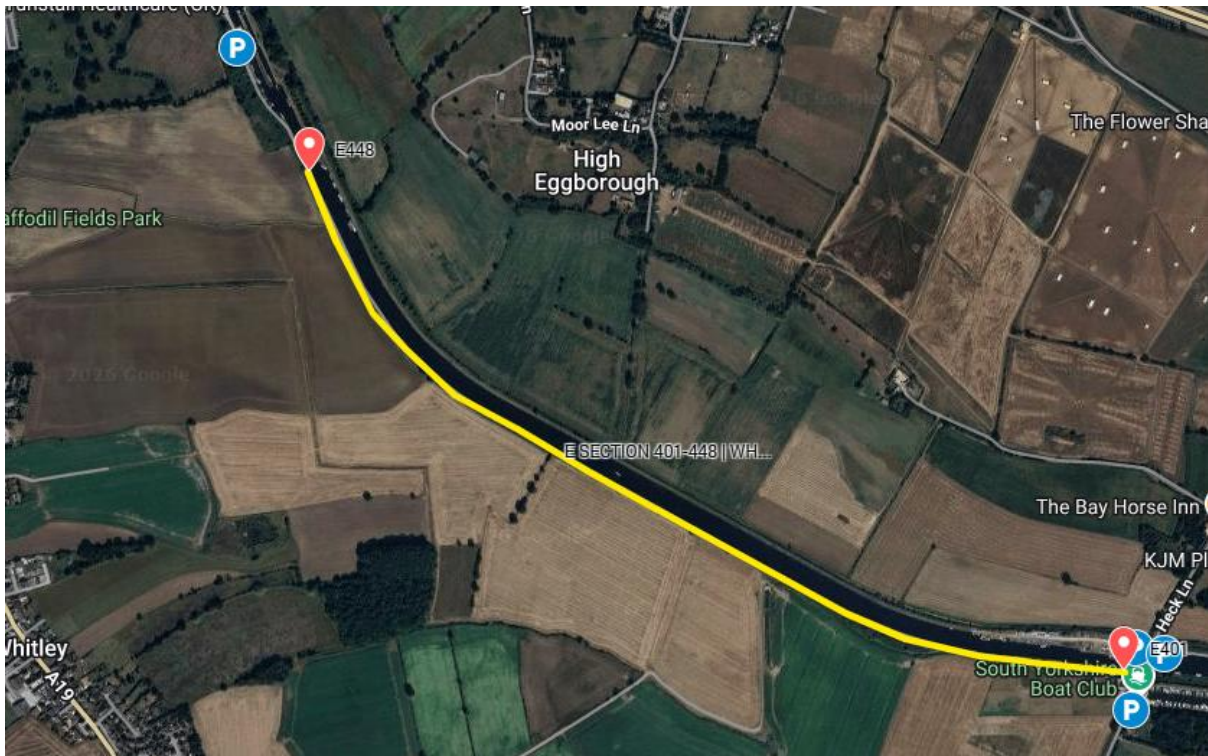
Park sensibly either side of bridge on Cowcroft Lane at [///cassettes.rivals.trip](http://cassettes.rivals.trip), taking care not to block access for farmers.

For D349-D389:

From Heck and Pollington Lane, turn into the track at [///massaging.window.opinion](http://massaging.window.opinion) and follow this down to the canal – parking on the bank around [///blush.dividers.signified](http://blush.dividers.signified)

Nearest Postcode: DN14 OBE

E Section – Whitley Lock (Aire & Calder)



For E401-E431:

Park inside the first gate of the CRT compound at [///nets.slower.octagonal](#), off Heck Lane. If full, park in the hardstanding opposite at [///dusty.whirlpool.monks](#) or on the road.

Nearest Postcode: DN14 0BL

For E432-E448:

From the M62 J34, take the exit to Selby A19 and turn immediately right (into the access road at [///pulsing.elect.chops](#)). Follow this track down to the car park at [///dozens.stray.playroom](#).

F Section – Kirk Sandall & Fordstead Lane **(New Junction)**

For F670-F633:

Park in the car park by St
Oswalds Church at
[///less.configure.lousy](http://less.configure.lousy)

Nearest Postcode: DN3 1EF

For F601-631:

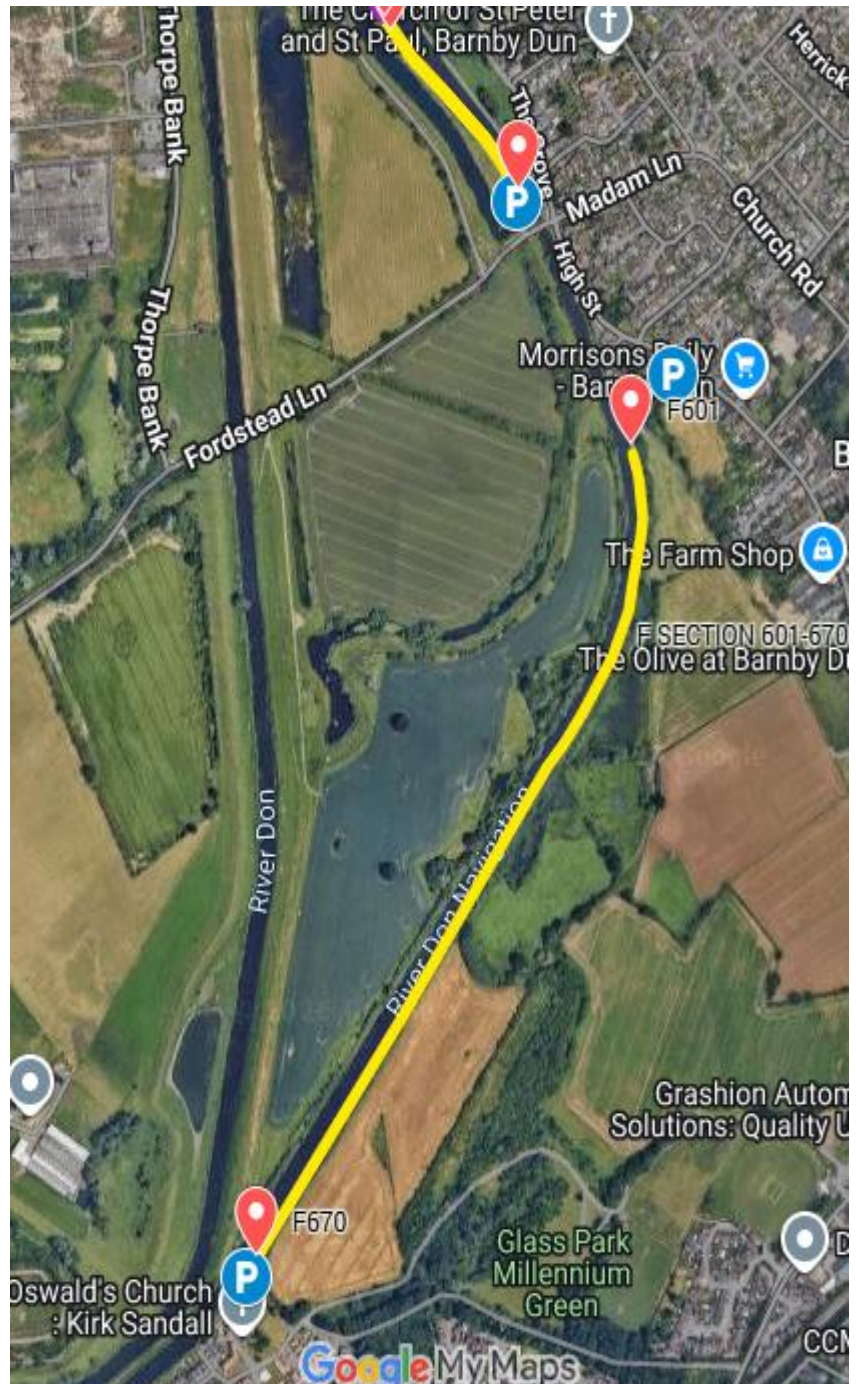
Park on Ramper Lane at
[///group.bikes.prefer](http://group.bikes.prefer) or on
High Street

Nearest Postcode: DN3 1DU

For F2-26:

Park in the car park off
Fordstead Lane at
[///firming.losing.vibrates](http://firming.losing.vibrates)

Nearest Postcode: DN3 1EB



G Section – Barnby Dun, North Field Lane & Chequer Lane (New Junction)

For G28-G46:

Go through gate at
///commenced.lizard.lays and
drive along track to the end of
the long pond, parking at
///saga.measures.feasted.

Nearest Postcode: DN3 1DZ

For G76-G110:

Turn on to North Field Lane
adjacent to level crossing and
follow to canal. Cross bridge and
park next to canal on right at
///inch.crumple.suppers. Walk
left for all pegs.

Nearest Postcode: DN3 1ED

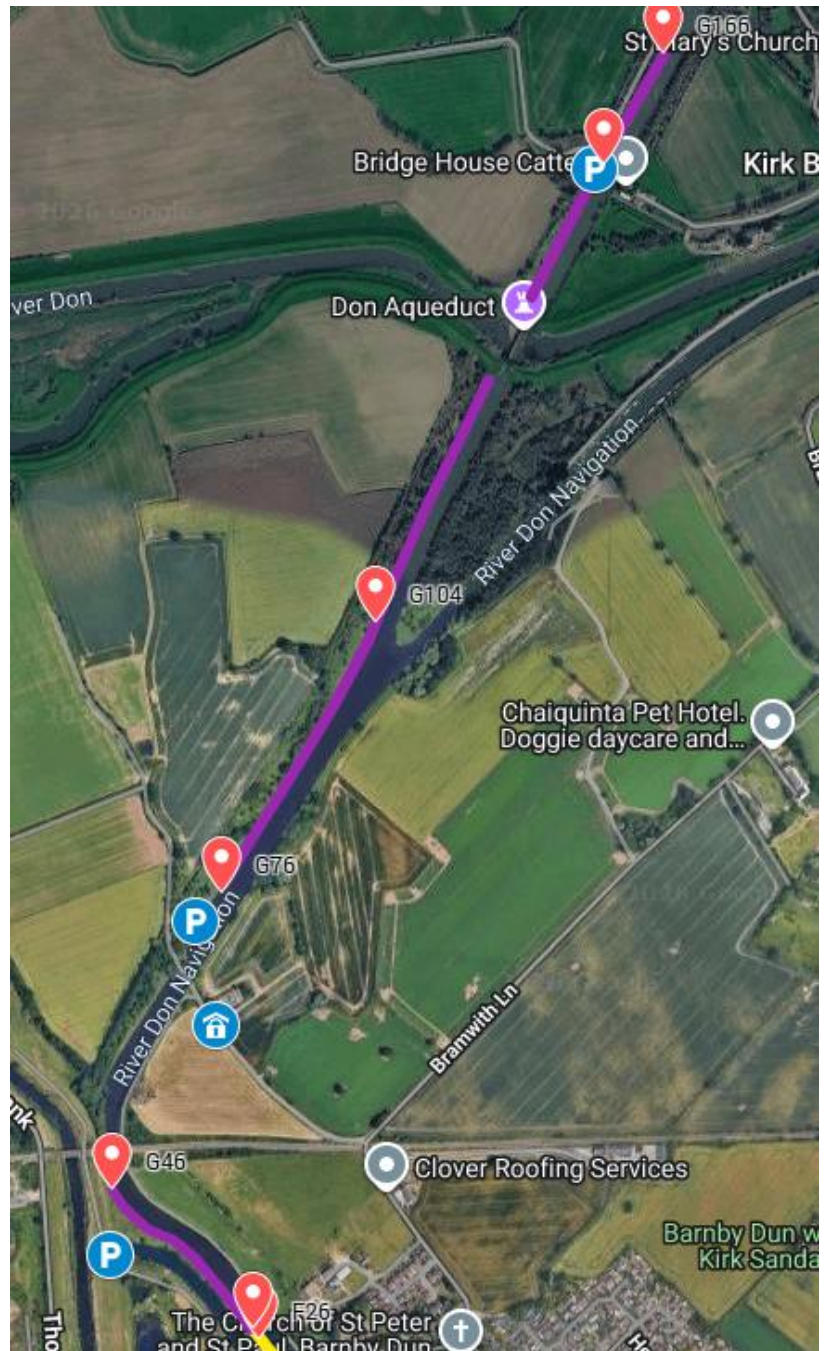
For G112-G154:

Turn off Low Lane at
///rehearsed.promotes.hopeless
and follow track parallel to canal.
Parking locations throughout, up
to and around
///cured.fiction.rather

For G156-G166:

Park at
///rehearsed.promotes.hopeless
or up the lane

Nearest Postcode: DN7 5SR



H Section – Low Lane, Top Lane & Kirkhouse Green (New Junction)

For H188-H200:

Park at
[///rehearsed.promotes.hopeless](#)
or up the lane

Nearest Postcode: DN7 5SR

For H202-H245:

Park in the large car park by Top Lane swing bridge at
[///club.pleaser.shield](#)

Nearest Postcode: DN7 5SX

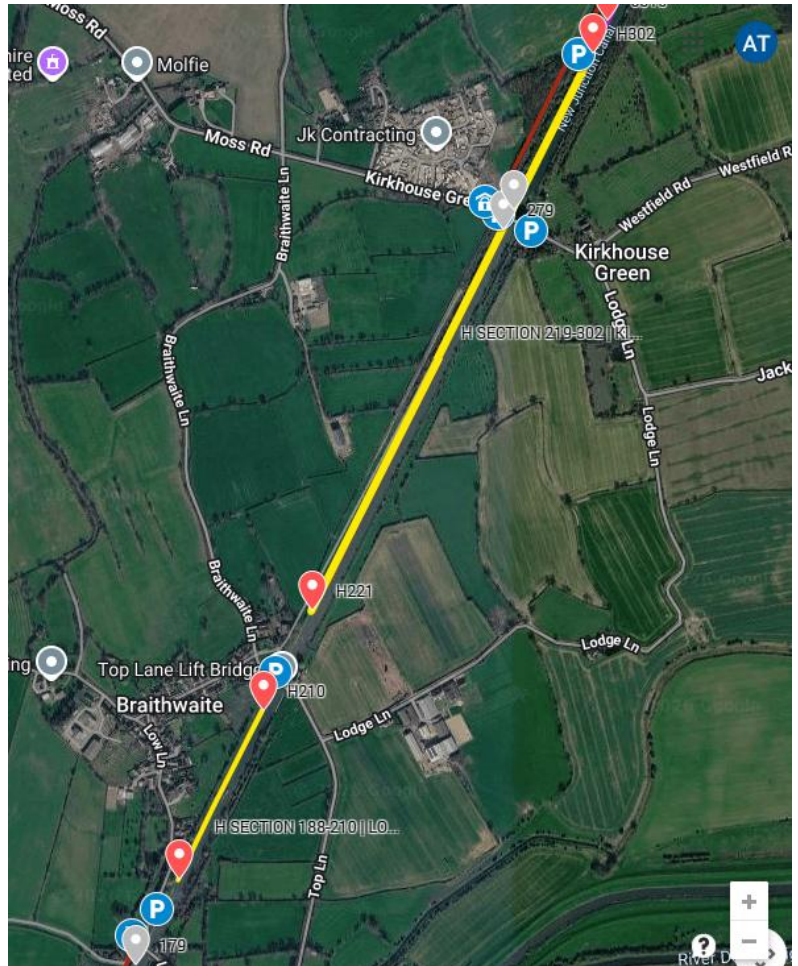
For H247-H275:

Park on the road, either side of the bridge at
[///hint.lift.overdrive](#)

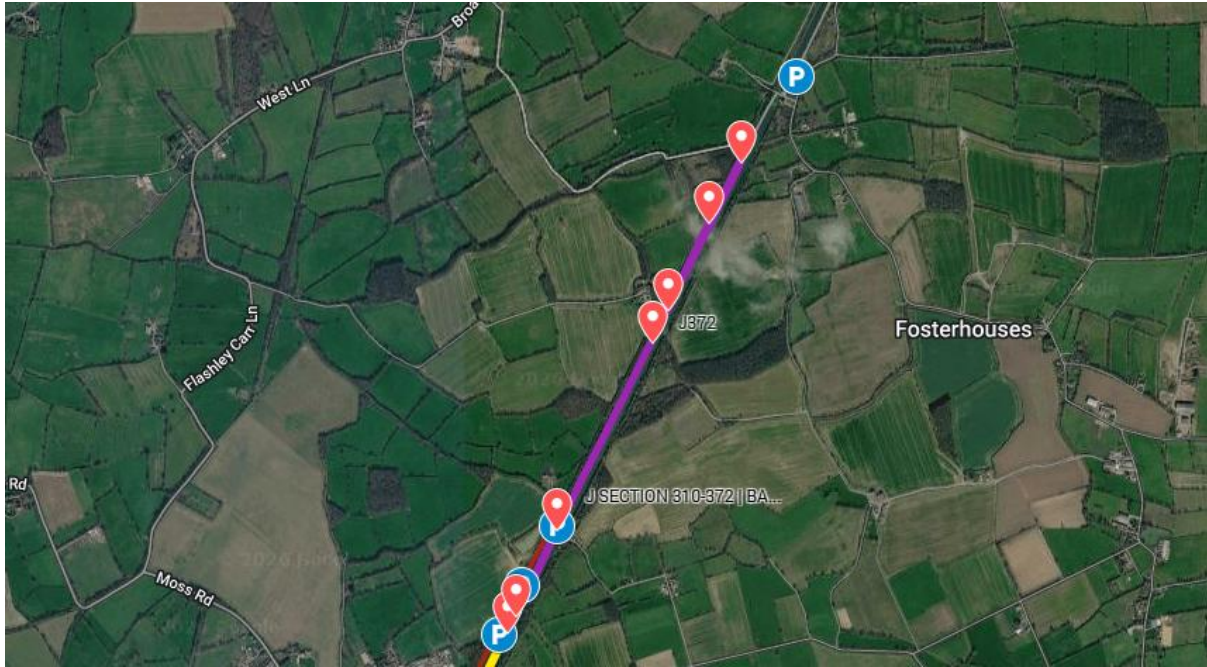
Nearest Postcode: DN7 5TE

For H288-H302:

Go through the gate at [///hurls.grapes.bookcases](#) and follow the track to
[///flipper.august.evaporate](#). Park here and walk up steps to the canal.



J Section – Barking Dogs & Sykehouse **(New Junction)**



For J310-J372:

Go through gate between caravan site and canal
([///hurls.grapes.bookcases](#)) and follow track to parking area at
[///earpiece.tins.landowner](#). Steps up to the canal bank.

Nearest Postcode: DN7 5TE

For J310-J372:

Continue up the track to [///pleaser.potato.deform](#)

For J377-J412:

Park in the large canalside car park off Kirk Lane at [///reclined.slides.seat](#).
All pegs are located on the other side of the lock, on the opposite bank to
the car park.

Nearest Postcode: DN14 9AL

K Section – Kirk Lane & Went End (New Junction)

For K443-K462:

Park on the grass up Kirk Lane around [///allies.roofer.fixated](#)

Nearest Postcode: DN14 9AP

For K644-K488:

Park on Sykehouse Road around [///dares.bends.chat](#)

Nearest Postcode: DN14 9AW

For K500-K512:

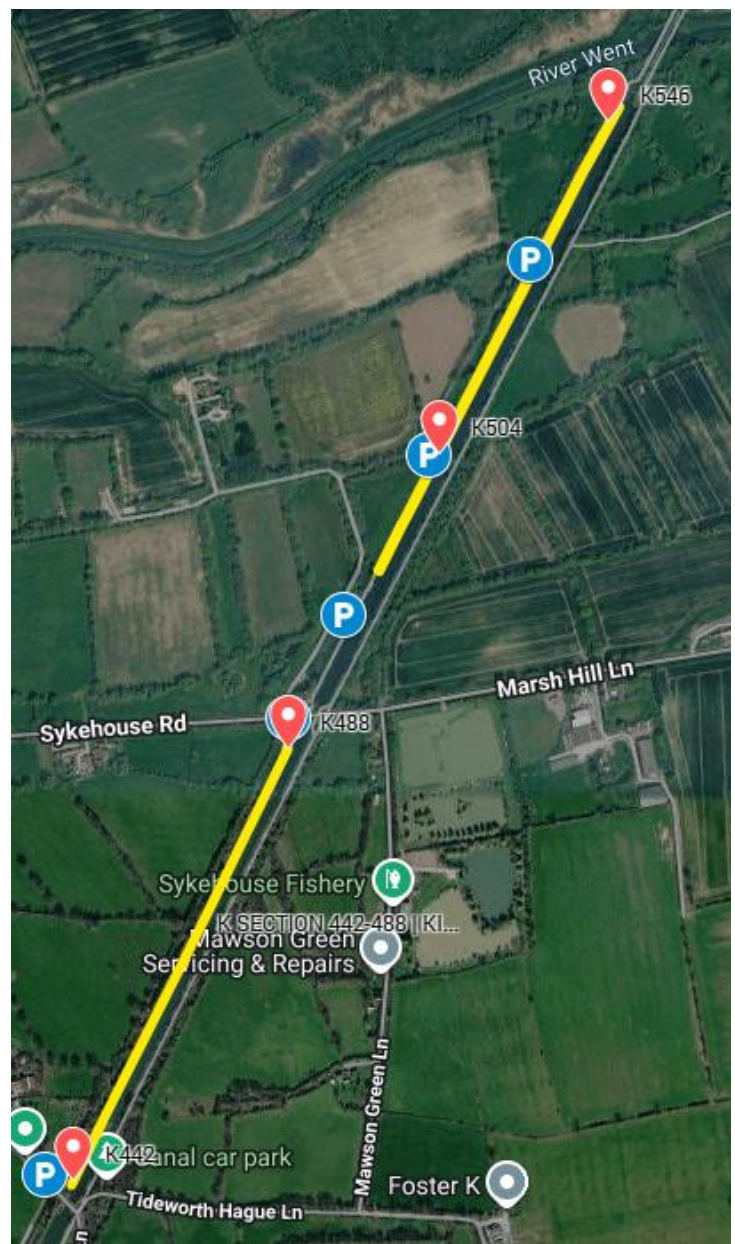
Turn off Sykehouse Road onto North Lane and park on the right at [///magazines.pipeline.spouting](#)

For K514-K520:

Keep going up North Lane and turn right just before a sharp left hand bend. Follow the track to car park at [///realm.former.neat](#)

For K522-K546:

Continue past the above car park up the track to [///ships.ridge.fearfully](#) and park on the right



Division One National Rules 2026

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 1st Division will be limited to 50 and the remaining Clubs and Associations in the AT eligible to compete shall be formed into the 2nd 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. Spods and spombs are 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.

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 2026 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 if on for a big weight (20kg+). 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.

Practice Information

Day Tickets

Day tickets are available on the bank across both canals, costing £6 on the Aire & Calder (Boothferry ACJCC) and £5 on the New Junction (Doncaster & District AA)

For further information on day tickets or membership, visit:

- <https://bacjcc-canal fishing.co.uk/>
- <https://ddaa.co.uk/>
- <https://mirfieldac.co.uk/>

Lineups

Match lineups can be booked on both venues:

- For bookings on the Aire & Calder from Great Heck to Goole, contact Paul Caygill on 07976 779 983
- For bookings at Whitley Lock, contact Martyn Highe 07967 227218
- For bookings on the New Junction, contact Andy Renton on 07876 636349

Anglers are reminded that the water is closed for practice after the 12th of July, with the exception of the Great Yorkshire Team Match.

****NO BAIT TO BE THROWN IN AFTER FISHING****

Practice Matches

A series of official practice matches will be run every Sunday starting 14th of June. These will be split over both canals, with anglers being able to nominate their venue at the point of booking.

Venues used will depend on numbers fishing.

To book on, team captains should send a text to organiser Paul Caygill on 07976 779983, stating how many places their team will require at each match, and on each canal.

The draws will take from 8am (rolling) at Thornensians Rugby Club DN8 5BU, fishing 11:00-16:00. Pools are £25 per angler.

Please note that only block bookings will be accepted from one point of contact per team. We are advised that 'no shows' will still be charged the cost of entry, so it is imperative you let Paul know in advance if the number of anglers you wish to book on changes.

On the 19th July, Paul will also be running the annual 'Great Yorkshire Team Match' across the same venues being used in Division 1:

- Teams of 10 – 5 anglers on each canal, nominated before the draw
- £500 entry – inclusive of all pools, peg fees and a £50 donation to the England Ladies Team
- Open to all teams
- Closing date for entries 1st of July

Date	Match	Venues	Book on with...	Draw
14/06/2026	Practice Open(s)	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
21/06/2026	Practice Open(s)	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
28/06/2026	Practice Open(s)	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
05/07/2024	Practice Open(s)	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
12/07/2024	Practice Open(s)	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
19/07/2024	Great Yorkshire Team Match	All Sections	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU

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:

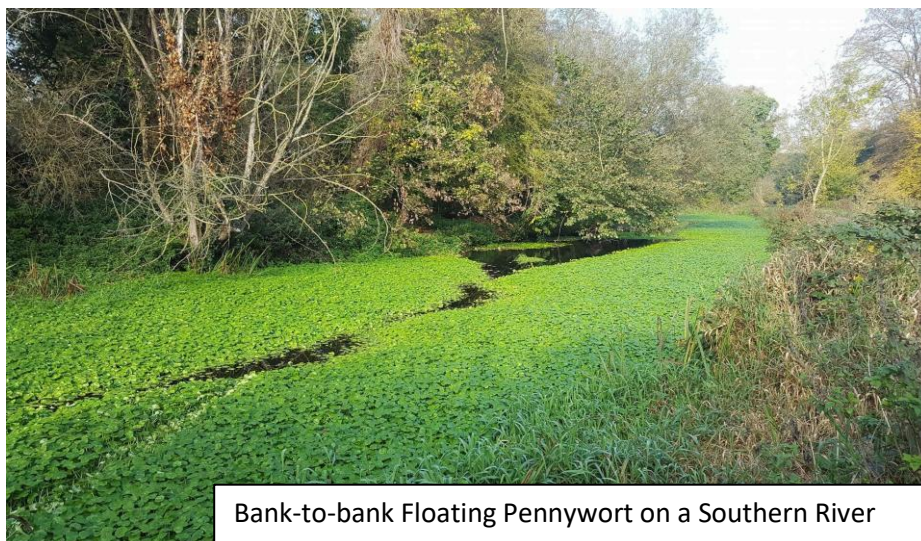
- [Koi herpesvirus \(KHV\) – viral disease](#)
- [Floating Pennywort – invasive aquatic plant](#)
- [Signal Crayfish – invasive aquatic animal](#)
- [Himalayan Balsam – invasive terrestrial plant](#)

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 Aire & Calder and New Junction Canals, which are currently being managed. Please respect our host clubs 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 your gear after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

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 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

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Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at: 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/non-native-species-secretariat)
[The Angling Trust Invasive Non Native Species Homepage](https://www.anglingtrust.org.uk/biosecurity)

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