

share the space drop your pace



on Canal & River Trust Greenways



Welcome

Towpaths along the Capital's canals and rivers, like many paths through public parks, are Greenways, which are shared use routes where pedestrians have priority and vehicles are generally excluded.

Greenways link in many places to other routes along borough roads including parts of the National Cycle Network.

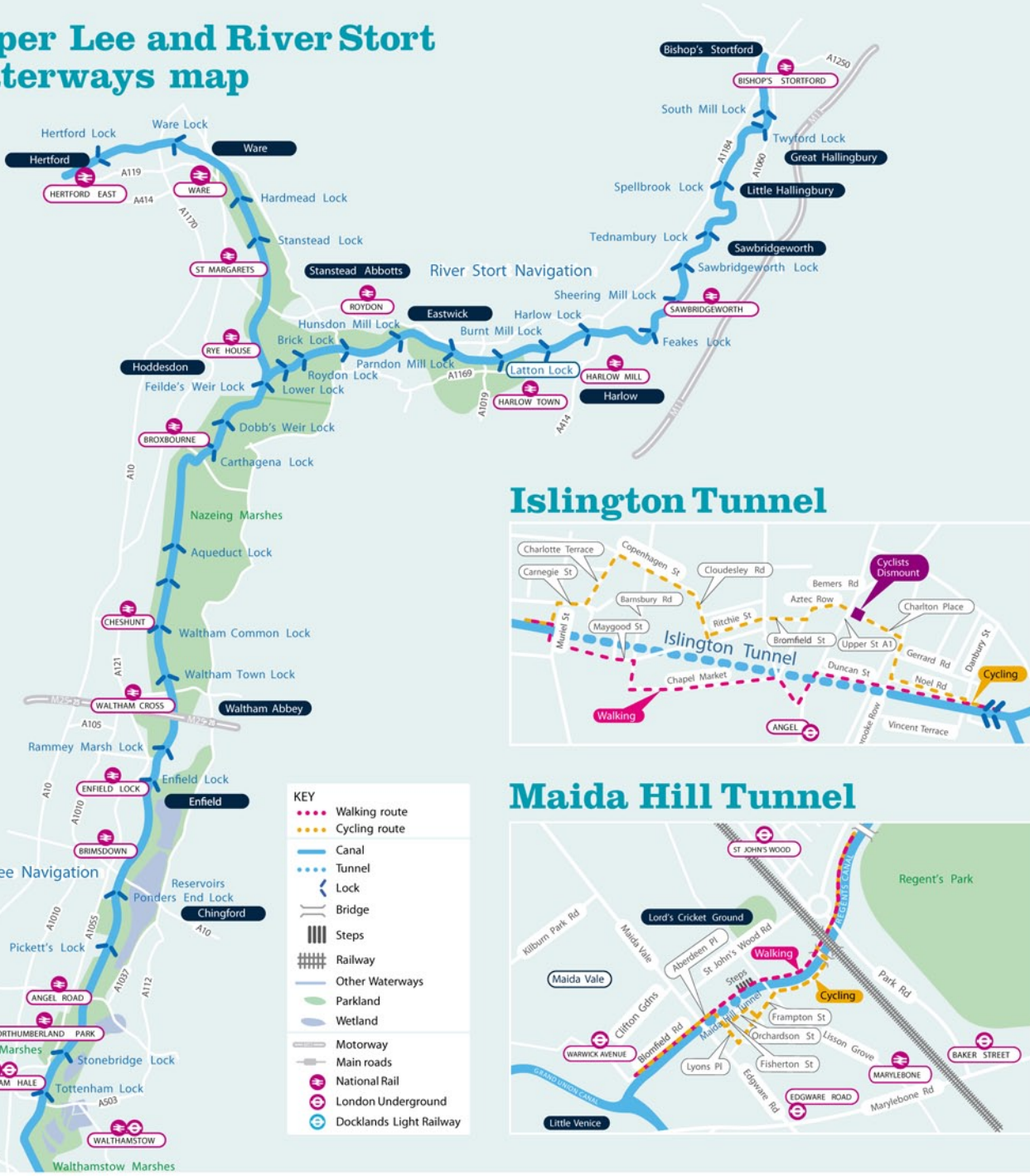


London's canal and river Greenways are attractive, quieter leisure routes that connect with green spaces.

They are great places to walk, jog or cycle as you enjoy the heritage, charm and tranquillity of our historic waterways.



Upper Lee and River Stort waterways map



Islington Tunnel



Maida Hill Tunnel



About us

The Canal & River Trust is the new charity entrusted with the care of 2,000 miles of waterways in England and Wales. In an increasingly fast-paced and crowded world, our canals and rivers are a local haven for people and nature.

Find out more and join in at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



Be part of it

There are lots of great opportunities to volunteer with Canal & River Trust. You can be a Towpath Ranger, a Lock Keeper or take part in one of our Towpath Task events.

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The Greenway Code for Towpaths

Canals and rivers are a treasured part of London's outdoors. So whether you're walking, running or on your bike, help us to keep your towpath safe and pleasant for everyone to share and always follow the Greenway Code:



1. Share the space

consider other people and the local environment whenever you're on a Greenway. Remember some people may move less predictably, for example young children or those with visual or mobility impairments.



2. Drop your pace

considerate sharing of the limited towpath space is the key. Jogging and cycling are welcome, but drop your pace in good time and let people know you are approaching by ringing a bell or politely calling out before waiting to pass slowly.



3. Pedestrians have priority

towpaths are 'Greenways' or shared use routes where pedestrians have priority and vehicles, except bicycles and mobility aids, are generally excluded.



4. Be courteous to others

a smile can go a long way. Abusive or threatening behaviour is not acceptable and should be reported to the Police.

5. Follow signs and obey local by-laws

they are there for the safety of everyone. Cyclists should dismount where required and use common sense in busy or restricted areas, recognising that pedestrians have priority.

6. Give way to oncoming people beneath bridges

whether they are on foot or bike and be extra careful at bends and entrances where visibility is limited.

7. When travelling in large groups,

especially if you are running or cycling, please use common sense and give way to others.

8. Try to avoid wearing headphones

as this makes you less aware of your surroundings, possible hazards and others sharing the same space.

9. Keep dogs under control

ideally using a short lead on busy towpaths and clean-up after them. Dog fouling is very unpleasant and is a health hazard.

10. At all times, keep children close to you

and encourage them to learn and follow the Greenway Code for Towpaths.

