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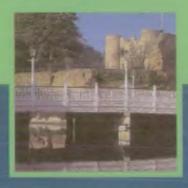
A brief history

The River Medway's name originated from Saxon descriptions of the river's meandering course, through the middle of the rich and fertile country of Kent. In 1663, the first statutory Act was passed, and permitted the building of locks and weirs along the river. Following improvements the river became popular for commercial barges carrying heavy goods to and from the coast.

By the early twentieth century, with the introduction of steam power and the development of the railways, commercial traffic on the river began to decline. It is now used mainly for recreation. F

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ANNUAL EVENTS Admiral's cruise • swan upping • raft races • canoe club events • slaloms • Medway River Festival, Maidstone, for further information The Maidstone Town Centre Manager on 01622 678777 •





Annual Registration (powered) For an application form contact: The Environment Agency, Guildbourne House, Chatsworth, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1LD. T 01903 832000.

Cost of registration is dependant on the size and dimensions of your boat. Allow 10 working days for your application to be processed. To apply we recommend you have a valid Boat Safety Certificate or EU equivalent. For further information 201923 201408.

Visitors (powered)

You can obtain your visitor registration in the same way as you would apply for an annual registration (see above). Alternatively these can be issued on arrival at:

- Allington Lock 2 01622 752864 or;
- local marinas and boat yards

Annual and Visitor (unpowered) You can obtain a registration from any of the above.

Moorings

Local marinas and boatyards manage most of the moorings on the river. To check availability contact the marina nearest to where you would like a mooring. Contact details are listed in our navigation guide to the Medway (see below).

Medway River Project

This scheme is working with the Agency, Kent County Council, local authorities and the Countryside Commission to improve the wildlife and enjoyment of the Medway with the help of local people. To find out more, become a member of the Thursday Action Group or get your copy of 'Medway Meanders' **2** 01622 683695.

Duty River Keeper

2 01622 752864

For a more detailed guide to The Medway **2** 01903 832000.



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