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THE SEVERN BORE



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In common with a few other rivers, a tidal wave, or bore, occurs in the lower reaches of the River Severn during high tides. For a bore to form, a considerable rise in tide is needed in a converging channel with a rising bed, i.e. funnel-shaped.

The Severn Estuary experiences the second highest tide anywhere in the world with a range which can be in excess of 14.5 metres (47.6 feet). Under the most favourable conditions, the Severn Bore may reach two metres (six feet) in height. Opposing winds or high freshwater levels can considerably reduce the height and delay the time of arrival, whereas a following wind can increase the height and advance the time.

The average speed of the bore is approximately 16 kilometres (10 miles) per hour. The

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of the presence of weirs on the twin armed channel near the city.

High or spring tides occur on several days in each lunar cycle throughout the year and the following schedule lists only those which may result in spectacular bores.

Times are necessarily approximate and can vary by as much as 30 minutes either way. It is advisable to arrive early, particularly on weekends or holidays when local traffic congestion can be severe. The three preferred viewing points are shown on the map.

The view point, adjoining land and accesses at Minsterworth are all privately owned. Please keep strictly to the public footpath along the riverbank. A large bore will often attract large crowds of viewers. Please respect the resident population, particularly at Minsterworth. Park your car sensibly so as not to cause obstruction on either the main road or the narrow side roads. Also take care not to damage property or roadside verges.

While not so spectacular, the incoming tide and nascent bore can be seen in the upper estuary at such places at Epney, Newnham and Fretherne, where times are 20, 60 and 85 minutes before Minsterworth respectively. High tide is approximately one hour

after the bore has passed, so take particular care where you park your vehicle. Further information can be obtained from "The Severn Bore" by F W Rowbotham (published by David and Charles). This book is now out of print but can be obtained at a local library.

THE SEVERN BORE

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Approximate times of arrival. These are real times and have allowed for BST when in force.

Key:

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** Medium

** Fairly Large

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MONTH	DATE	MINSTERWORTH	STONEBENCH	OVER BRIDGE	PROSPECT
JULY	Wed 12	20.55	21.05	21.30	**
	Thurs 13	09.20 21.42	09.30 21.52	09.55 22.17	*
	Fri 14	10.07	10.17	10.42	***
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	Tues 26	09.41	09.51	10.16	*
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	Wed 27	10.18	10.28	10.53	*
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