

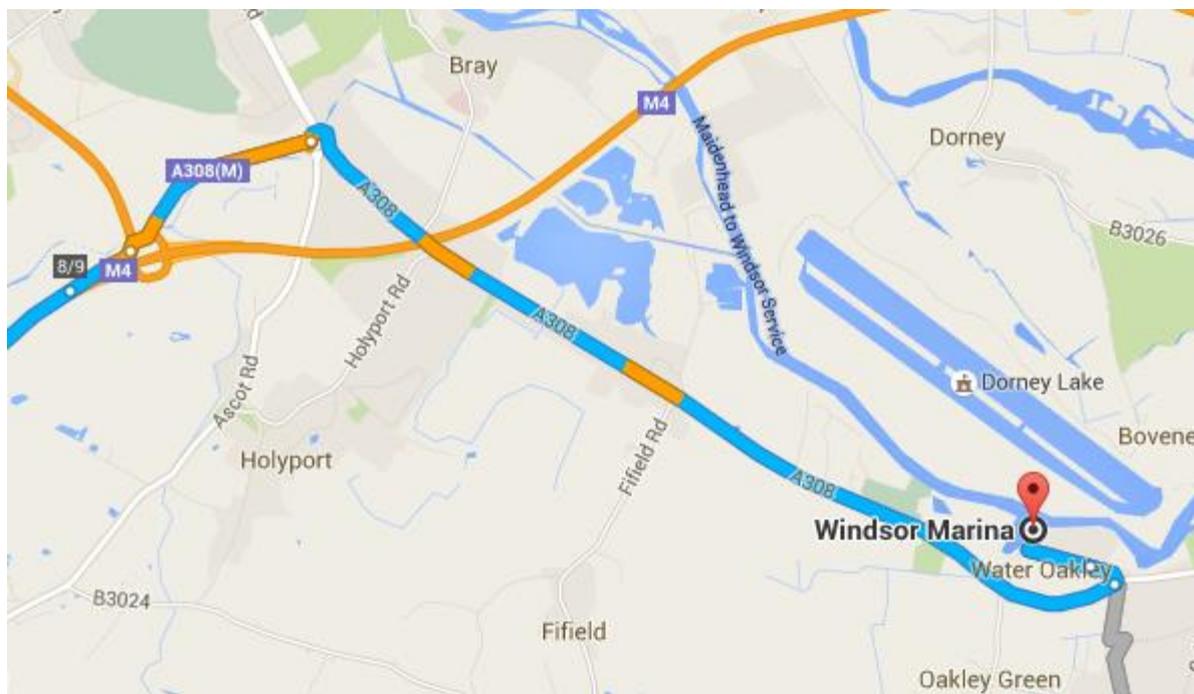
Windsor Base Guide

Finding the marina

In a tranquil garden setting, with a large river frontage for easy mooring, Windsor MDL Marina is one of the most attractive marinas on the Thames. The marina is within easy reach of the M4 and only three miles from Windsor town centre with its shops, restaurants, historic buildings and world famous castle.

The marina address is Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 5TZ

Telephone 01753 853911



Directions by car: Take M4 exit junction 8/9, onto A308 (M) towards Maidenhead. After 1 mile take 3rd exit onto Windsor Road/A308. Continue 3 miles and take 1st exit at roundabout onto Maidenhead Road. The marina entrance is a few hundred metres on the right.

The main gate to the marina is open from 0830 till 1700, after which the entry code will be required. Gate codes change on the first Monday of each month:

June	4523
July	6352
August	5896
September	9512
October	3658
November	4123
December	8456

Car Parking and Obtaining / Returning Boat Keys

Unlike the other marinas Windsor is not 24 hour. You can collect the keys between 0830 and 1900. If you plan to arrive after 1900 then please call the Pure Latitude office at least a day before to make arrangements. This means that bookings run from 1900 to 1900 i.e. no buffer period. To facilitate handover there are 2 sets of keys so you can pick up a set before the previous member returns their keys.

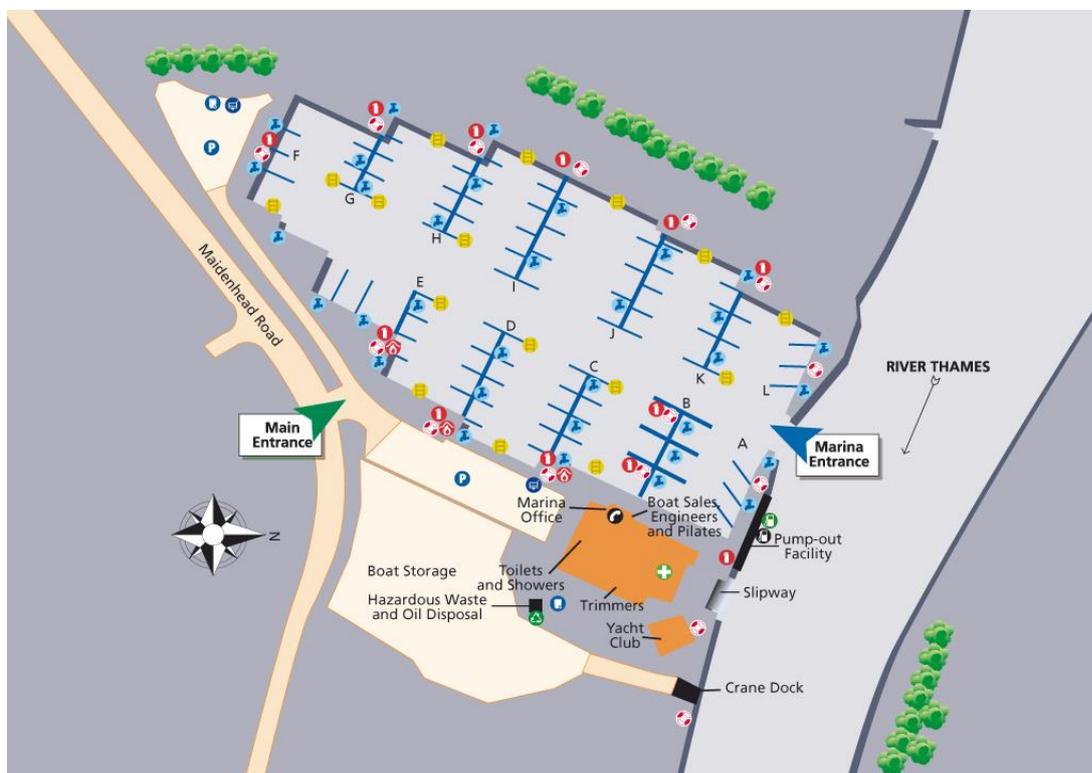
Please collect the keys from the marina office, where you will be issued with a car pass for the duration of your stay

Windsor marina has two car parks. It is best to use the secondary car park which is to the left as you pass through the marina gate, for a shorter walk to the boat

The office/dock-master is available on 01753 853911. There is also night time security operating from 1900 till 0700. They are available on the number above and can also give you the code to access the marina.

Finding your boat

Pure Carma is berthed on H10, at the hammerhead of pontoon H. There is also another boat which shares this pontoon and H10 is the berth closest to the marina entrance when approaching the hammerhead from the river.



Pure Latitude Office

There is not a Pure Latitude office at the marina. Please contact 02380 001234 for any assistance – it routes to a duty member of staff when office is unmanned.

MDL Club Outlook

MDL cards allow overnight berths and short stays free at other MDL marinas. The card is kept with the boat documentation.

Wifi

Wifi service is available in the marina. Please ask the marina office for up to date details.

Showers and Toilets

Showers and toilets are located within the same building as the marina office and require the same code as the gate. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Refuse and Recycling

Refuse and recycling bins are available at the end of the pontoon by the car park. Please use these for disposal of domestic refuse and do not leave it on the pontoons.

Provisioning

There is a Tesco superstore near Oakley Green: Dedworth Rd, Windsor, SL4 4JT

Onsite food and drink

There is no onsite food and drink, but the garden centre by the roundabout on the way in serves light meals and fresh coffee.

Local food and drink

There are a variety of pubs and restaurants a short drive away. The Greene Oak at Oakley Green is recommended.

Chandlery

Gas bottles are available at the marina.

The nearest chandlery is at Windsor Racecourse Marina.

Fuel Pontoon

The fuel berth is located at the marina and sells both petrol and diesel. It is open from 8.30am to 5.30 in the summer and shuts when it gets dark in the winter.

Please ensure that fuel is charged to our account and contact the office immediately if you have any issues.

Pump Out

Same location as fuel berth. Details in Boat guide.

Maps and Guides

The local IMRAY river map and guide to the river is provided. Other suggested sources of information are detailed below.

Where to Visit

Between Windsor and Oxford there are several riverside inns, stately homes and gardens to visit including Cliveden House, with its extensive Italianate gardens and woodlands. Downstream lie Eton and the charming village of Datchet. If you're planning to visit Thorpe Park, the MDL Penton Hook Marina makes an ideal stopping place. Just a four hour cruise from Windsor Marina, Penton Hook Marina also makes a convenient overnight stop before cruising on to Central London, some six hours away.

Planning your trip

Ensure that you have access to the following information:

- The river, where it goes and what's on it in terms of marinas, locks, weirs, moorings, towns, refuelling points, etc.
- The river conditions in terms of the red, amber & green stream warnings, flooding, etc.
- The general local weather conditions for where you will be going on the river during your time out on the water
- The current status of the locks and any closures, bridge heights and any restrictions on the river

Please note that in the winter the locks are self-service. There are very simple electronic control panels by the locks that open and close them. Once the season starts again then the lock keepers will reappear and restart running the lock operations.

Mooring Guidance

With no tide, the main element to take into account when mooring is the wind. Should you find that the wind is blowing you away from the pontoon, it is preferable to get amidships line to the shore first and drive forward on that to bring the boat alongside.

Please moor port side to. Ensuring that fenders and bow, stern and springs are set up when leaving the boat.

Useful links:

Books and Maps

Map of the River Thames (Imray), from the source to Hammersmith Bridge

http://www.amazon.co.uk/River-Thames-Map-Imray/dp/1846232376/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1449601236&sr=8-1&keywords=map+of+the+river+thames

The River Thames Book (Imray), by Chris Cove-Smith

http://www.amazon.co.uk/River-Thames-Book-Chris-Cove-Smith/dp/184623462X/ref=pd_bxgy_14_2?ie=UTF8&refRID=0NY64R8RGMM2AJZNYBHY

River Thames & the Southern Waterways (Collins/Nicholson), Waterways guide 7,

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Thames-Southern-Waterways-Collins-Nicholson/dp/0007493819/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1449601236&sr=8-3&keywords=map+of+the+river+thames

Mobile app's

Explore Thames App - British Marine Federation Thames Valley

A good general guide to the river and facilities available on it.

Thames Watch App - Spencer Mitchell

A good way to check the status of the stream warnings, etc. on each part of the river, distances between locks, lock contact details, etc. (do need to remember to manually update/refresh it or will be looking at old information)

River Thames Guide App - Jeff Maynard

Another good general app that covers both stream warnings and river facilities.

Websites

GOV.UK - River Thames: bridges, locks and facilities for boaters

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/river-thames-bridges-locks-and-facilities-for-boaters>

Good general overview of what to expect on the river and the facilities, bridge heights, etc.

GOV.UK - River Thames: conditions, closures, restrictions and lock closures

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/river-thames-conditions-closures-restrictions-and-lock-closures>

VERY useful as this shows which locks are open, closed for repair, restrictions on the river due to events, etc.

Environment Agency - River Thames conditions and advice for boaters

<http://riverconditions.environment-agency.gov.uk>

Good basic online resource for stream warnings, etc. Very clear information.

MDL Marinas

<http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-windsor-marina>

<http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-penton-hook-marina>



<http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-bray-marina>