

# RIVER TEST WEED CUTTING DATES 2022

<b>SECTOR A and BOURNE</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
<i>River Test from Source to the A34 bridge near Whitchurch</i>	Thu 9 Jun – Sat 18 Jun	Sun 19 Jun – Mon 20 Jun
	Thu 14 Jul – Wed 20 Jul	Thu 21 Jul – Fri 22 Jul
	Thu 18 Aug – Wed 24 Aug	Thu 25 Aug – Fri 26 Aug

<b>SECTOR B1</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
<i>River Test from A34 bridge near Whitchurch to top of Middleton Estate at Longparish</i>	Fri 10 Jun – Sun 19 Jun	Mon 20 Jun – Tue 21 Jun
	Fri 15 Jul – Thu 21 Jul	Fri 22 Jul – Sat 23 Jul
	Fri 19 Aug – Thu 25 Aug	Fri 26 Aug – Sat 27 Aug

<b>ANTON PILLHILL and DEVER</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
	Fri 10 Jun – Sun 19 Jun	Mon 20 Jun – Tue 21 Jun
	Fri 15 Jul – Thu 21 Jul	Fri 22 Jul – Sat 23 Jul
	Fri 19 Aug – Thu 25 Aug	Fri 26 Aug – Sat 27 Aug

<b>SECTOR B2</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
<i>River Test from top of Middleton Estate at Longparish to top of Wherwell Priory (B3420)</i>	Sat 11 Jun – Mon 20 Jun	Tue 21 Jun – Wed 22 Jun
	Sat 16 Jul – Fri 22 Jul	Sat 23 Jul – Sun 24 Jul
	Sat 20 Aug – Fri 26 Aug	Sat 27 Aug – Sun 28 Aug

<b>SECTOR C</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
<i>River Test from top of Wherwell Priory (B3420) to the boundary of Leckford Estate/Houghton Club at Longstock</i>	Sun 12 Jun – Tue 21 Jun	Wed 22 Jun – Thu 23 Jun
	Sun 17 July – Sat 23 Jul	Sun 24 Jul – Mon 25 Jul
	Sun 21 Aug – Sat 27 Aug	Sun 28 Aug – Mon 29 Aug

<b>SECTOR D</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
<i>River Test from boundary of Leckford Estate/Houghton Club to the road between Horsebridge &amp; Bossington Mill</i>	Mon 13 Jun – Wed 22 Jun	Thu 23 Jun – Fri 24 Jun
	Mon 18 July – Sun 24 Jul	Mon 25 Jul – Tue 26 Jul
	Mon 22 Aug – Sun 28 Aug	Mon 29 Aug – Tue 30 Aug

<b>SECTOR E and WALLOP BROOK</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
<i>River Test from the road between Horsebridge and Bossington Mill to the weed boom at Greatbridge</i>	Mon 13 Jun – Thu 23 Jun	Fri 24 Jun – Sat 25 Jun
	Mon 18 Jul – Mon 25 Jul	Tue 26 Jul – Wed 27 Jul
	Mon 22 Aug – Mon 29 Aug	Tue 30 Aug – Wed 31 Aug

<b>RIVER DUN</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
<i>River Dun from the source to the confluence with River Test at Kimbridge</i>	Mon 13 Jun – Tue 21 Jun	Wed 22 Jun – Thu 23 Jun
	Mon 18 Jul – Sat 23 Jul	Sun 24 Jul – Mon 25 Jul
	Mon 22 Aug – Sat 27 Aug	Sun 28 Aug – Mon 29 Aug

<b>SECTOR F</b>	<b>Cutting Dates</b>	<b>Clearing Off Dates</b>
<i>River Test from the weed boom at Greatbridge to the sea</i>	Mon 13 Jun – Thu 23 Jun	Fri 24 Jun – Sat 25 Jun
	Mon 18 Jul – Mon 25 Jul	Tue 26 Jul – Wed 27 Jul
	Mon 22 Aug – Mon 29 Aug	Tue 30 Aug – Wed 31 Aug

## WINTER OPEN PERIOD

Weed may be cut any time after 14 October 2021 until 26 April 2022. Owners are asked to ensure that cutting is completed before trout spawning begins and that bank side vegetation is not allowed to fall in the river.

### IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Cutting should start at the beginning of the dates allowed. Please inform your downstream neighbour when you have finished clearing off and of any subsequent problems. Regular communication with your neighbours upstream and downstream is essential to ensure trouble-free weed cutting and clearing down. Weed cutting boats should finish one day before the end of each cutting period
2. The Environment Agency has granted consent for the general cutting of weed on the River Test. In the event of low river flows (and high water temperatures) the Environment Agency may request that weed cuts are postponed or reduced in extent in order to maintain water levels and quality. Cutting of weed outside of the authorised dates, without the Agency's consent, constitutes an offence under Section 90 of the Water Resources Act 1991
3. Grass cuttings and bank trimmings must NEVER be put into the river. Depositing any form of solid waste in the river, including bankside vegetation, is strictly prohibited under Sections 85 and 90 of the Water Resources Act 1991
4. Riparian owners are asked to carry out bank maintenance and other works likely to cause displacement of silt before Christmas, to avoid damage to spawning. The advice of the Agency should be sought before the commencement of any work and the necessary land drainage consents obtained.
5. Weed cutting should be undertaken in a manner which is sensitive to the needs of the river habitat. Overzealous or indiscriminate cutting of river weed or marginal vegetation can negatively impact habitat for healthy fly life, fish and other wildlife.
6. Above all else, be considerate and use your common sense. Do not send downstream what you would not want to receive from upstream.

Jeremy Legge, Executive Director

### CONTACT POINTS IN CASE OF DIFFICULTIES

The Association's **Volunteer River Test Wardens** may be contacted on the following mobile numbers on the dates indicated. Please contact the T&I Office outside these dates if you have any weed cut issues.

Lt Col Nigel de Foubert	07796 622208	During the weed cut
Col Ron Dadswell	07940 405684	During the clear down
Lt Col Keith Fisher	07711 931812	The three days after clear down

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prefix 0800 number with a \*)