

RIVER TEST WEED CUTTING DATES 2023



SECTOR A and BOURNE <i>River Test from Source to the A34 bridge near Whitchurch</i>	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Fri 9 Jun – Sun 18 Jun	Mon 19 Jun – Tue 20 Jun
	Fri 14 Jul – Thu 20 Jul	Fri 21 Jul – Sat 22 Jul
	Fri 18 Aug – Thu 24 Aug	Fri 25 Aug – Sat 26 Aug
SECTOR B1 <i>River Test from A34 bridge near Whitchurch to top of Middleton Estate at Longparish</i>	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Sat 10 Jun – Mon 19 Jun	Tue 20 Jun – Wed 21 Jun
	Sat 15 Jul – Fri 21 Jul	Sat 22 Jul – Sun 23 Jul
	Sat 19 Aug – Fri 25 Aug	Sat 26 Aug – Sun 27 Aug
ANTON PILLHILL and DEVER	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Sat 10 Jun – Mon 19 Jun	Tue 20 Jun – Wed 21 Jun
	Sat 15 Jul – Fri 21 Jul	Sat 22 Jul – Sun 23 Jul
	Sat 19 Aug – Fri 25 Aug	Sat 26 Aug – Sun 27 Aug
SECTOR B2 <i>River Test from top of Middleton Estate at Longparish to top of Wherwell Priory (B3420)</i>	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Sun 11 Jun – Tue 20 Jun	Wed 21 Jun – Thu 22 Jun
	Sun 16 Jul – Sat 22 Jul	Sun 23 Jul – Mon 24 Jul
	Sun 20 Aug – Sat 26 Aug	Sun 27 Aug – Mon 28 Aug
SECTOR C <i>River Test from top of Wherwell Priory (B3420) to the boundary of Leckford Estate/Houghton Club at Longstock</i>	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Mon 12 Jun – Wed 21 Jun	Tue 22 Jun – Wed 23 Jun
	Mon 17 July – Sun 23 Jul	Mon 24 Jul – Tue 25 Jul
	Mon 21 Aug – Sun 27 Aug	Mon 28 Aug – Tue 29 Aug
SECTOR D <i>River Test from boundary of Leckford Estate/Houghton Club to the road between Horsebridge & Bossington Mill</i>	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Tue 13 Jun – Thu 22 Jun	Fri 23 Jun – Sat 24 Jun
	Tue 18 July – Mon 24 Jul	Tue 25 Jul – Wed 26 Jul
	Tue 22 Aug – Mon 28 Aug	Tue 29 Aug – Wed 30 Aug
SECTOR E and WALLOP BROOK <i>River Test from the road between Horsebridge and Bossington Mill to the weed boom at Greatbridge</i>	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Tue 13 Jun – Fri 23 Jun	Sat 24 Jun – Sun 25 Jun
	Tue 18 Jul – Tue 25 Jul	Wed 26 Jul – Thu 27 Jul
	Tue 22 Aug – Tue 29 Aug	Wed 30 Aug – Thu 31 Aug
RIVER DUN <i>River Dun from the source to the confluence with River Test at Kimbridge</i>	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Tue 13 Jun – Wed 21 Jun	Thu 22 Jun – Fri 23 Jun
	Tue 18 Jul – Sun 23 Jul	Mon 24 Jul – Tue 25 Jul
	Tue 22 Aug – Sun 27 Aug	Mon 28 Aug – Tue 29 Aug
SECTOR F <i>River Test from the weed boom at Greatbridge to the sea</i>	Cutting Dates	Clearing Off Dates
	Tue 13 Jun – Fri 23 Jun	Sat 24 Jun – Sun 25 Jun
	Tue 18 Jul – Tue 25 Jul	Wed 26 Jul – Thu 27 Jul
	Tue 22 Aug – Tue 29 Aug	Wed 30 Aug – Thu 31 Aug

WINTER OPEN PERIOD

Weed may be cut any time after 14 October until 26 April. 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

- 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**
- 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**
- 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**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- Above all else, be considerate and use your common sense. Do not send downstream what you would not want to receive from upstream.**

Jonny Rees-Davies
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
Tbc	Tbc	During the clear down
Lt Col Keith Fisher	07711 931812	The three days after clear down

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