

If you want a boat you may need a mooring. Check potential mooring locations before you make your purchase.

If you plan to keep the boat at home on a trailer you will need to launch it. Check what slipways are available and if they can be used for your size boat.

It is important to consider how you intend to use your boat to decide on the best type of mooring for you. For long term or residential moorings it is likely there will be a waiting list, so make your enquiries as soon as you know what you are looking for.

Some things to consider include

- The waterways you will be using; will your boat fit through the locks and under the bridges on that waterway from your mooring.
- What facilities do you want available at your mooring; water, electric, proximity to shops and restaurants.
- A tranquil mooring or a community feel? A boat club with social activities or a location to escape everyday bustle?
- Travel to your mooring; is there suitable parking?

Research what is important to you and visit the mooring in person if you can.

Information on Britain's navigable waterways can be found here www.waterways.org.uk/waterways/individual_waterways

Mooring types

Permanent moorings

There are many mooring sites that provide a permanent home for your boat all year round. They may allow you to stay on board for a few nights, or use your boat as your home. Not all mooring sites allow full residential use, so it is important to check the type of moorings offered. Moorings can be in a marina (off-line) or along the side of a river/canal (online). Any boat kept on the water, on or off-line requires appropriate registration.

Residential moorings

These are moorings that allow you to live on your boat all year round. It can be hard to find these moorings as they are limited. Residential moorings are usually available in marinas and they provide a range of services and facilities that include showers, toilets and laundry as well as increased security. Anglian Waterways residential moorings are available at Northampton Marina on the River Nene.

Short term temporary moorings

The Environment Agency offers short term moorings on its waterways that are free of charge. Boaters can moor up for a maximum of 48 hrs. Local Authorities may also offer short stay moorings. River clubs and boating organisations can also offer short term moorings to its members.

Private moorings

If you own property or land that includes the bank of a river or watercourse you may be the riparian landowner. It may be possible for you to create a mooring here with the correct permissions from the navigation authority. Unlike canals, river levels go up and down so you will need suitable mooring arrangements to allow for this. There may also be planning requirements from the local council if there is a change of use. Please contact our National Customer Contact Centre on **03708 506 506** as they will be able to advise you.

Berth types

Depending on the watercourse different mooring types are often available.

Fixed platform

These moorings are a structure built out into the river, often wood. They allow easy access from the bank out to the boat so it can remain afloat on the deeper water. If a fixed platform is on a watercourse that is affected by changes in water levels mooring ropes should be checked regularly and given enough slack so the boat can rise and fall freely.

Rise and fall or floating

This type of mooring as it suggests will rise and fall with changes in water levels. These are more suited to rivers where water levels can change due to rainfall or the tide. The boat and mooring platform will move together requiring less adjustment and monitoring when water levels fluctuate.

Piled edge

This mooring type is a defined solid edge on the watercourse. Boats moor directly next to the bank and tie up to mooring posts fixed into the ground. This is the most common type of mooring on canals and rivers for short term moorings.



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Useful Contacts and Information

Environment Agency Moorings

www.visitanglianwaterways.org

Canal and River Trust

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/boating/getting-afloat



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