

RIVER TEST WEED CUTTING DATES 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WINTER OPEN PERIOD

Weed may be cut any time after 14 October 2019 until 26 April 2020. 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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