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Hosts: **Banbury Canoe Club**

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Location:

**Castle Quay,
Banbury
OX16 2PR**

Host web site: <http://banburycanoecub.com/>

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Timings:

- Registration opens – 09:00 hrs
- Last sign-on time – 09:30 hrs
- First boat starts – 10:01 hrs

Entry fee:

- Single seat - £6
- Double - £10

Entry form available at:

http://www.darksidecanoes.com/documents/National_Time_Trial_Series_Entry_Form_V1_0.docx

Note: All competitors MUST have current BCU membership and be able to prove it at sign-on. This ensures that paddlers and the event are insured and boats are licensed to use the river Thames. A day ticket cannot be issued for this event because it does not cover the river Thames.

Registration: A registration desk will be located in the Elmbridge Canoe Club next to the Hasler race registration.

Please complete an entry form (one per paddler), read the briefing instructions and sign-on. Collect a number board.



Parking

Follow signs to Castle Quay Shopping Centre car parks and then for Canoe Race.

Note: Banbury Canoe now have exclusive use of the car park area where we hold the event. A charge of £3 per car to park will be made. Please do not park in the Coach Park behind the Garden Centre or on the road as this will incur a parking fine. There is plenty of parking available in the other car parks if the event area is full. We will try to accommodate trailers in the event area and if necessary double park. Please follow the signs and instructions from the marshals.



The Course

The course is a ten mile there-and-back route. It starts on the south bank, just past the downstream Banbury lock gates, before the bridge. The start is donated by a union flag.

Proceed south, downstream away from Banbury. Follow the canal to the first portage at Grants Lock after about 2 miles. Get out on the left, traverse the lock, go under the bridge and put in just afterwards.

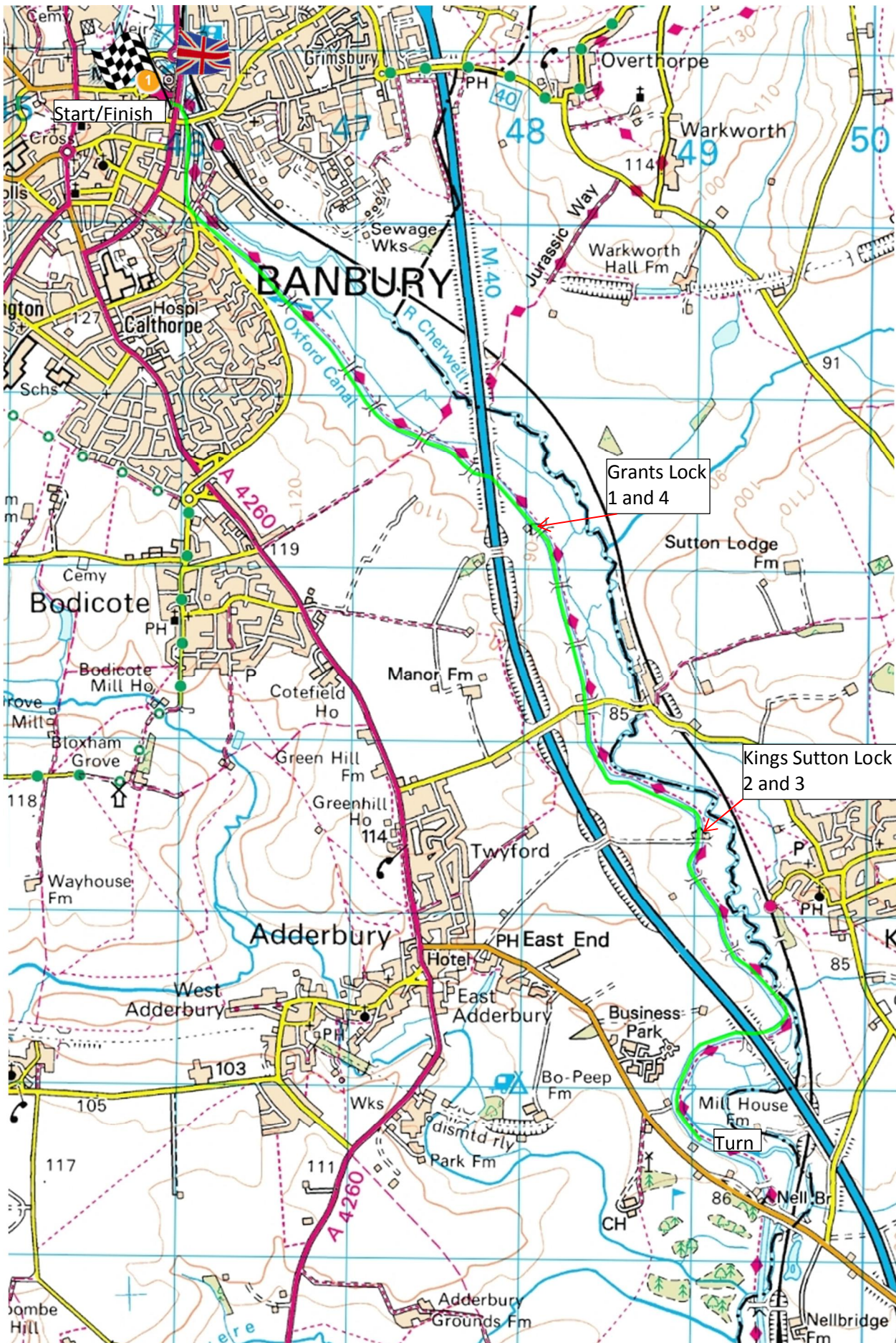
Continue downstream to the next portage at Kings Sutton Lock just after another 1.4 miles. Get out on the left, traverse the lock, go under the bridge and put in just afterwards.

Paddle on to the turn at 5 miles after a long sweeping bend to the left, after going under the M40 bridge.

There will be a Marshall at the turn. Turn left (anti-clockwise) and proceed back upstream, portaging Kings Sutton and Grants lock and onwards to the finish.

The finish is in the same place as the start, donated by a chequered flag. A whistle will sound when you cross the finish line.

It is wholly the responsibility of the paddler to know the course. Any deviation from the course with result in no time being given. There will be maps, course diagrams, Marshalls, signs and flags to show the course



The Start

The start is just downstream of Banbury Lock. Paddle up to the lock and portage. Put in just after the lock and wait to be called to the start.



Grants lock

The first and forth portage is Grants Lock. On the outward leg, portage on the left. Traverse the lock avoiding the lock gates which extend across the tow path. There are some steps down to the water past the end of the lock. Take care of other canal path users when descending the steps. Put in after the bridge where the drop to the water is less.



Obviously the portage is in reverse on the return leg.

Kings Sutton Lock

The second and third portage is at Kings Sutton Lock, The layout and design of this lock is almost the same as Grants lock, except there is a slope rather than steps down to the water.



The Turn

The turn is at the five mile point. It is just short of the turn for the Ross Warland race. There will be a Marshal at the turn.



The Finish

The finish line is at the same place as the start. After you have crossed the line, portage Banbury lock and return to the car park.

Results

The results will be available at the canoe club when the last boat has finished. They will also be published on the web site.

Environmental responsibility

The Environment Agency has asked us to be aware of the risks of spreading invasive aquatic species throughout the British waterways, and would like to draw your attention to the message below.



STOP THE SPREAD

STOP THE SPREAD
INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES
CHECK-CLEAN-DRY

Are you unknowingly spreading invasive species on your water sports equipment and clothing?

Invasive species can affect fish and other wildlife, restrict navigation, clog up propellers and be costly to manage. You can help protect the water sports you love by following three simple steps when you leave the water.

CHECK Check your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly.
If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY Dry all equipment and clothing - some species can live for many days in moist conditions.
Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk and search for Check Clean Dry

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