

Waterways Licence

A river licence, officially known as a waterways licence, is required to use crafts such as kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards (SUPs), rowboats, or inflatables on most waterways in England and Wales. For the River Stour, you can obtain a licence through three options:

Environment Agency (EA): This agency allows you to register both powered and unpowered, private or commercial crafts through their Boating & Waterways section.



Powered from £47.15

Unpowered £48.60 annually. **See all options**

River Stour Trust: They handle EA registrations for unpowered private crafts, offering optional extras like the River Stour Navigation Guide.



Daily £5.50 Weekly £11.50 Monthly £21.80 Annual £48.60

Paddle UK: Membership here covers certain waterways for the member (not the craft), offering other benefits.



£60 annually with family and young people options

You must carry proof of your licence or membership when on the water to avoid the risk of fines.