

## GRAND UNION: RESTRICTIONS

The following information was taken from Waterscape announcements made on **15<sup>th</sup> March**, and **REVISED** on **9<sup>th</sup> May**

In addition the Northampton arm is (essentially) closed from **13<sup>th</sup> April**.

There are also restrictions on the South Oxford summit between Marston Doles and Claydon bottom lock.

## COMMENT

We brought Scholar Gypsy down from Braunston to London over 9-14 April. We had no problems with the restrictions set out below. Traffic was very light: we were first in the queue at Braunston, Stoke Bruerne and Marsworth, and there were no delays at Buckby or Cowroast. On the day in question (12 April) only three boats went over the summit in each direction!

We had more trouble with hitting the bottom in Wolverton, than in the Tring cutting (which was a good foot low). The moorings near Tring station are still useable. The only disappointment was that the Wendover Arm was shut: I was hoping to visit the newly restored section.

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Scholar Gypsy  
15 April 2012

## Calcutt

**(REVISED)** From Friday 11 May Calcutt Locks 1-3 will be open 9.00am – 5:30pm daily. Last entry into flight 5.00pm  
Enquiries: 01908 302 500

## Braunston

**(REVISED)** From Friday 11 May Braunston Flight will be open 9.00am - 5.00pm daily. Last entry to flight 3.30pm.  
No overnight mooring in flight.  
Enquiries: 01908 302 500

## Buckby

**(REVISED)** From Friday 11 May Buckby Flight will be open 9.30am - 5.00pm daily. Last entry for through traffic 3.30pm.  
Overnight mooring only permissible in pound between Locks 7 & 8  
Padlocks will be in place on locks 7, 8 & 13.  
Enquiries: 01908 302 500

## Stoke Bruerne

**(REVISED)** From Friday 11 May 2012 the Flight will be open from 9.30am - 4.30m daily. The last entry into the Flight will be 3.30pm.  
No overnight mooring in the Flight (locks 16 - 20).  
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## Tring Summit

From Monday 26th March 2012 the Tring Summit Flight (Locks 39-46) will be open from 10.00am - 3.00pm daily.  
Last entry into Flight at Lock 39 (from the North) and Lock 45 (from the South) will be 1.30pm.  
Last entry into Lock 46 (from the South) will be 3.00pm.  
Mooring overnight only on the summit between Locks 45 and 46.

PLEASE NOTE – navigational depths within this restricted stretch will be held lower than normal.

Water levels will be around 300mm down on normal navigable depth – this depth does allow craft up to a draught of 900mm to navigate down the centre of the channel.

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## Northampton Arm

From Friday 13th April, 3.00pm, the Northampton Arm will be **closed to navigation**.

The Arm is proposed to open for through traffic at specific weekends – the following period of opening has been confirmed with Northants IWA ; 3rd May (10.00am) to 8th May (3.00pm), when traffic will need to have cleared the Arm. Further openings to be advised, dependent on water availability.

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Southern Oxford

## Oxford Canal: Marston Doles Lock 15 to Claydon Lock 21

From Monday 19th March Marston Doles Lock 15 - Claydon Lock 21 will be open from 10.00am - 2.00pm daily.

Last entry at Marston Doles 1.45pm  
Last entry at Claydon 1.00pm

Mooring overnight permitted on summit pound only (locks 16-17) not in flights.

Padlocks will be in place at locks 15, 16, 17 & 21

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