

Hovercraft Cruising Site – River Lune Lancaster

Location:

Between Morecombe Bay and Lancaster on the River Lune,
Postcode is LA3 3ER



Directions:

From Lancaster, take the A589 west. At roundabout take first exit onto B5273, at next roundabout, take first exit onto Lancaster road – Golden Ball pub is on the right after 0.5 mile.

Ramp/access Description:

Mud ramp onto river. Exposed rocks (about 100-130mm max.) in areas. Lower ramp can be steep (about 12 degrees) on low tide (see picture below). At high tide, road can be flooded (and will be closed). Parking available on edge of road. Site is used by Jet skis.



Charges:

None

Suitability:

Suitable for self-powered launch at all tide levels except high spring tides.

Facilities:

Golden Ball pub opposite ramp. Filling stations on industrial estate 1 mile from site.

Access restrictions and other permissions:

None – tidal waterway. Part of the river Lune, between the launch site and Morecambe bay is an SSSI (the Lune Estuary) notified due the 'flora and fauna' – avoid hovering over river vegetation or mud banks. Avoid feeding migratory birds.

Navigational Hazards:

At low tide, the river can be very narrow in places and have partially submerged debris. To the west, the river has several partially submerged weirs visible and passable at low tide. Jet skis use the area local to the launch ramp. No significant water traffic. The bay area can be very dangerous due to fast tides, hidden gullies and debris.

Cruising Area:

River Lune east through Lancaster to the weir. West to south Morecombe bay.

Possible recovery sites with road access

Boat ramp on south bank 2 miles east at mid to high tide.
Ramp on south bank adjacent to Glasson Docks, Direct access to road on north bank at Newton.

Other Considerations:

Noise sensitive area – do not operate in the same area for more than a few minutes.