



Putney Hard – River Thames

Location:

Embankment, Putney, London, SW15 1LB

Directions:

From Putney High St, turn left at the traffic lights by the southern end of Putney Bridge, then turn right at the pub and left onto Embankment.

Drop craft off at the slip and then park car and trailer in parking spaces upstream of the slip.

Ramp/access Description:

Wide concrete strip along the riverbank. Length extends to $\frac{1}{2}$ tide then shingle. High tide can be level with road. Site is used by the many rowing clubs adjacent to the slip. Embankment is popular with pedestrians.



Charges:

No Charge for slipway and rule of thumb is that parking is free if the trailer is hitched onto the car.

Suitability:

Slipway is steep, best practice is to fly the craft backwards down to the waterline.

Facilities:

Putney High St within 1 mile.

Access restrictions and other permissions:

No access restriction – tidal slipway.

Navigational Hazards:

- 8 knot speed limit until Wandsworth Bridge.
- **No entry** to buoyed area adjacent to the Houses of Parliament.
- Flashing amber beacon must be fixed to the highest point of craft.

The area governed by the speed limit is usually busy with rowing boats. The river becomes progressively hazardous the further downstream you navigate and is only suitable for experienced pilots and category 2 craft.

Downstream from Tower Bridge can be choppy. Rough wave patterns may form under some of the bridges. Large wash is consequent of the high levels of traffic including tugs, barges and High Speed Ferries.

Cruising Area:

By virtue of the 8 knot speed limit navigation upstream is not recommended.

Downstream offers spectacular sightseeing including: Houses of Parliament, Millennium Wheel, Tower Bridge, HMS Belfast, Canary Warf & much more.

Even at low tide this cruise is virtually 100% water, with only occasional small patches of land to beach upon.

Possible recovery sites with road access

Very few, refer to www.boatlaunch.co.uk for details. Through the centre of London the river banks are for the most part, a retaining wall.

Other Considerations:

The slipway is a noise sensitive area. When operating please vacate the slipway vicinity as soon as possible.

Be aware of your thrust wash when unloading and loading as there is a constant flow of pedestrians along Embankment.