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Anglers on River Soar

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River Trent Catchment



Introduction

This guide has been produced by the Lower Trent Area of the Environment Agency, Midlands Region. It is designed to assist anglers to fish the Soar and Wreake, giving an indication which clubs control which stretch of the river.

The guide has been produced with the assistance of many of the clubs mentioned and we would like to thank all the clubs who responded to our request for information. In all instances, we have attempted to provide you with correct details, but some details may be incorrect, due to change in ownership, incomplete records, or lack of response from clubs. Any information you may have which could update or improve the guide would be appreciated – please contact Anne-Marie Kiely at the Nottingham office, on 0115 945 5722 Ext 3665.

Environment Agency

The new Environment Agency for England and Wales is one of the most powerful environmental regulators in the world.

It provides a more comprehensive approach to the protection and management of the environment by combining the regulation of land, air and water. Its creation is a major and positive step, merging the expertise of the National Rivers Authority, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, the Waste Regulation Authorities and several smaller units from the Department of the Environment.

The Agency exists to provide high quality environmental protection and improvement. This is achieved by an emphasis on prevention, education and vigorous enforcement wherever necessary.

THE FISHERIES FUNCTION

The Environment Agency has a duty to maintain, improve and develop fisheries, and it does so via its Fisheries Department, whose duties include enforcement work, monitoring of fish stocks, fish rearing and stocking, habitat improvement, rescue work, research and development. Approximately half of the funding for this work comes from your rod licence money, with government grant-in-aid paying for the other half. Fisheries staff include Fisheries Scientists, Fisheries Inspectors, Bailiffs, Technicians.

ROD LICENCES

All anglers aged 12 and over must have an Environment Agency rod licence – these can be obtained from any Post Office. There are two kinds of licence – one is for Salmon and Sea Trout and the other is for Coarse Fish and Non-migratory (inland) Trout. You will need the latter to fish the Soar and Wreake and at time of publishing (April 1996) the cost is £15 for a full annual licence, £7.50 for concessionary annual, £4.50 for 8-day and £1.50 for 1-day. Eligibility for concessionary licences includes those aged between 12 and 16, over 65s and those in receipt of invalidity benefit, severe disability allowance, or a war pension which includes unemployability supplement. Children under the age of 12 do not need a licence.

REMEMBER – It is a criminal offence to fish without a rod licence. YOU SHOULD ALWAYS MAKE A NOTE OF YOUR LICENCE NUMBER because if you lose your licence, and you can quote the original number, you can obtain a replacement for £5 (1996 prices). If you do not know the original number, you will have to buy a new licence. Replacements are available from the Environment Agency National Rod Licence Centre at Warrington (tel. 01925 653999). Tear off the slip on the edge of your licence and keep it safe.

MIDLANDS REGION BYELAWS

Listed below are some of the byelaws which must be observed when fishing in this region. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution. Byelaws are enforced by bailiffs, and all Environment Agency bailiffs carry warrant cards with their photograph and our logo on. Clubs also have their own bailiffs to issue fishing permits/day tickets, and to enforce club rules, which are additional to our byelaws, e.g. some clubs ban the use of keep nets.

LEGAL METHODS

The fishing equipment you may use is as follows:

- Rod and line – the Environment Agency National licence covers 2 rods, which is the maximum number permitted in the Midlands Region.
- Landing Net – when used with a rod and line.
- Tailer – the use of a gaff is prohibited at all times.
- Keep net – see below for description and use.

KEEP NETS

Most commercially available keep nets meet the byelaw specification, but it is as well to check.

A keep net in the Midlands Region must:-

- be at least 2 metres long, have rings at least 35cms in diameter or 35 x 30cm if rectangular.
- be made of knotless material.
- have the holes forming at least 60% of the surface area.
- if made of knitted knotless variety, have mesh sizes between 2-8mm diameter.

Follow the National Federation of Anglers Code of Practice when using keep nets and remember that unnecessary stress can be caused to fish when water temperatures are high or when flow is inadequate.



Angler on River Soar at Barrow

HOOKS AND HOOKING

- Eels – when fishing for eels on rivers and canals from 15 March – 15 June inclusive, the hook gape must be 0.5 inches (12.7mm) or more.
- All species – you may only trail or troll on reservoirs, ponds or lakes.

There are no other restrictions placed on hooks by the Environment Agency. However, we recommend that the handling of fish is kept to minimum and that wherever possible, anglers should use barbless or micro-barbed hooks.

USE OF LEAD

The use of lead weights is generally prohibited but may be used as follows:

- dust shot of size 8 or smaller (0.06 gramme)
- weights of 1 ounce or more (28.35 gramme)
- in lures or weighted flies
- in lead cored lines, swim feeders (providing it is integral)
- in self cocking floats

Lead and discarded line can have a devastating effect on wildlife. We recommend that even though the above weights are legal that lead substitute is used in every situation.

USE OF ROD AND LINE

Please remember the following points:-

- the line must always be attached to a rod i.e., it cannot be a handline
- you may not use more than two rods at the same time
- you must be able to take immediate control of your rod(s)
- rod(s) must NOT be left unattended
- you may only trail or troll on reservoirs, ponds or lakes.

You are advised to check on the private rules of the fishing club for any regulations additional to the byelaws BEFORE fishing.

CLOSE SEASON ON RIVERS

It is an offence to fish for coarse fish on rivers and canals, between 15 March and 15 June inclusive.

During this period, you may not use a float. When fishing for trout (rainbow or brown), salmon or eels during this period, the only baits you may use are artificial or natural fly, spinners, minnows, worms, prawns or shrimps. Note that the term "natural fly" does not allow the use of bloodworms, jokers and other midge larvae.

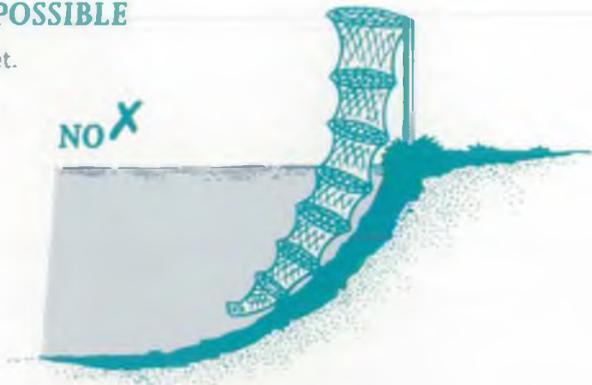
GENERAL POINTS

- Always ensure that you take your litter home with you, especially fishing line and weights as these can be particularly harmful to swans and other wildlife.
- Beware of overhead electricity cables. NEVER fish within 30 metres of any overhead power lines. Your rod does not need to make physical contact with the lines for you to be electrocuted.
- Follow the NFA keep net code – fish can suffer stress or even die if kept in a poorly immersed keep net.
- Always handle fish with wet hands and return them carefully.
- Wherever possible use barbless or micro-barbed hooks.
- The Soar is a navigation and as such is controlled by British Waterways. For their regulations call them on 0115 946 1017.

Keep Net Code

ALWAYS USE THE LARGEST KEEP NET POSSIBLE

Always submerge the maximum amount of keep net.



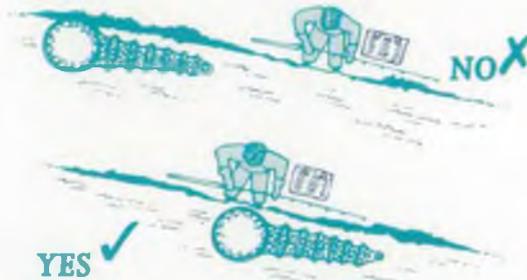
WHEN SAFE TO DO SO

on still or shallow waters always peg out the keep net to prevent collapse.



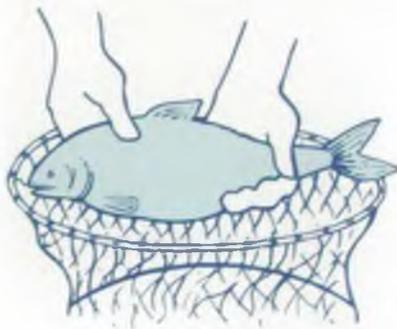
Beware of steep banks and potholes.

Always place the keep net as near to fishing position as possible - preferably immediately in front so fish can be placed quickly

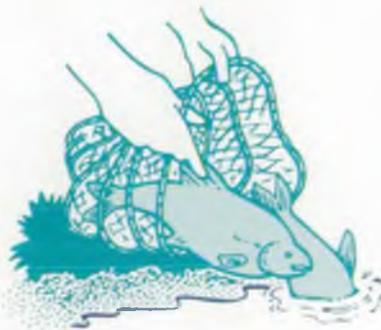


WHEN RETURNING FISH TO THE WATER OR TO BE WEIGHED....

Place the fish in the keep net gently and as quickly as possible.



DO collapse the keep net and place the fish gently in the weighing bag or back into the water.



- Always wet hands before holding the fish.
- Once positioned avoid all unnecessary disturbance.
- Retain fish in keep net for minimum period of time.
- Do not overcrowd keep net – when big catches are expected take two nets.



Rivers Soar and Wreake Catchments Guide to Maps



The descriptions and data in this booklet have been compiled following inspections by our staff and have been checked to ensure they are accurate wherever possible. However, changes may occur during and after the date of publication.

Descriptions and data correct at time of going to press.

Key to Maps

AC – Angling Club

AA – Anglers Association

AS – Angling Society

MO – Members Only

M – Matches

PH – Public House

Leicester DASA – Leicester and district
amalgamated society
of anglers

 – Railway Line

 – Road

 – Footpath

 – River

 – Weir

 – Lock

 – Bridge

River Soar – Map 1



Zingari AC
(Day Tickets on Bank)

Shaftsbury AC MO M

Long Eaton Fed

Notts AA MO
Moorings
Kegworth

Residential Private

Kegworth AC



Loughborough
Soar AS

Long Eaton
Victoria MO

Slack and Parr AC

Moorings
Long Eaton Federation

Long Eaton Victoria
(Day Tickets)

Loughborough
Soar AS

River Soar – Map 2



Kegworth and District AC

Private

Loughborough Soar AS

Sutton Bonington AC (Day Tickets) M

Loughborough Soar AS

Slack and Parr
Sutton Bonington

Loughborough Rowing Club

Davis AC

Loughborough Soar AC

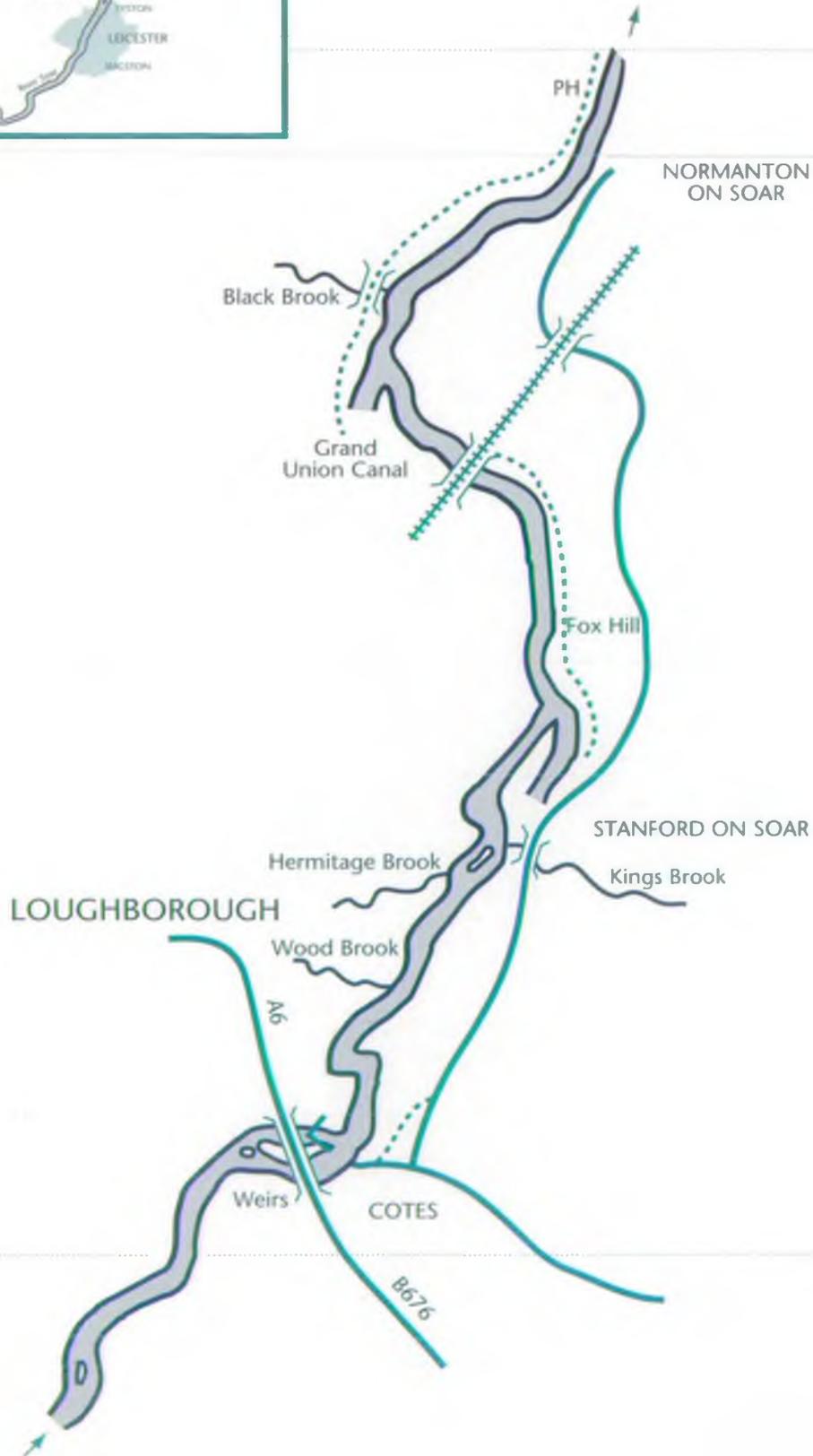


River Soar – Map 3



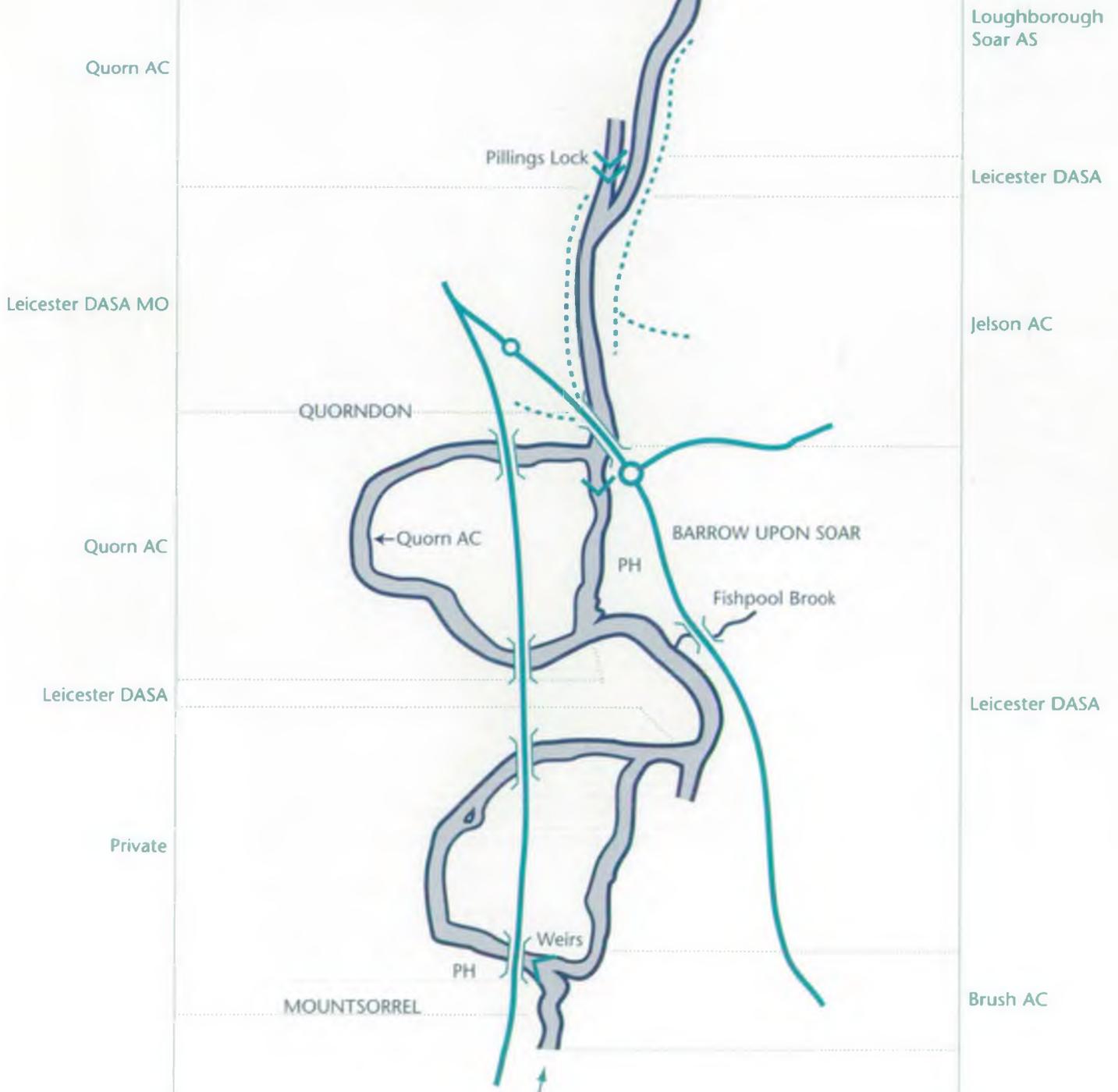
Private Residential

Loughborough
Soar AS



Loughborough
Soar AS

River Soar – Map 4



River Soar – Map 5



Leicester DASA

Private Fishing

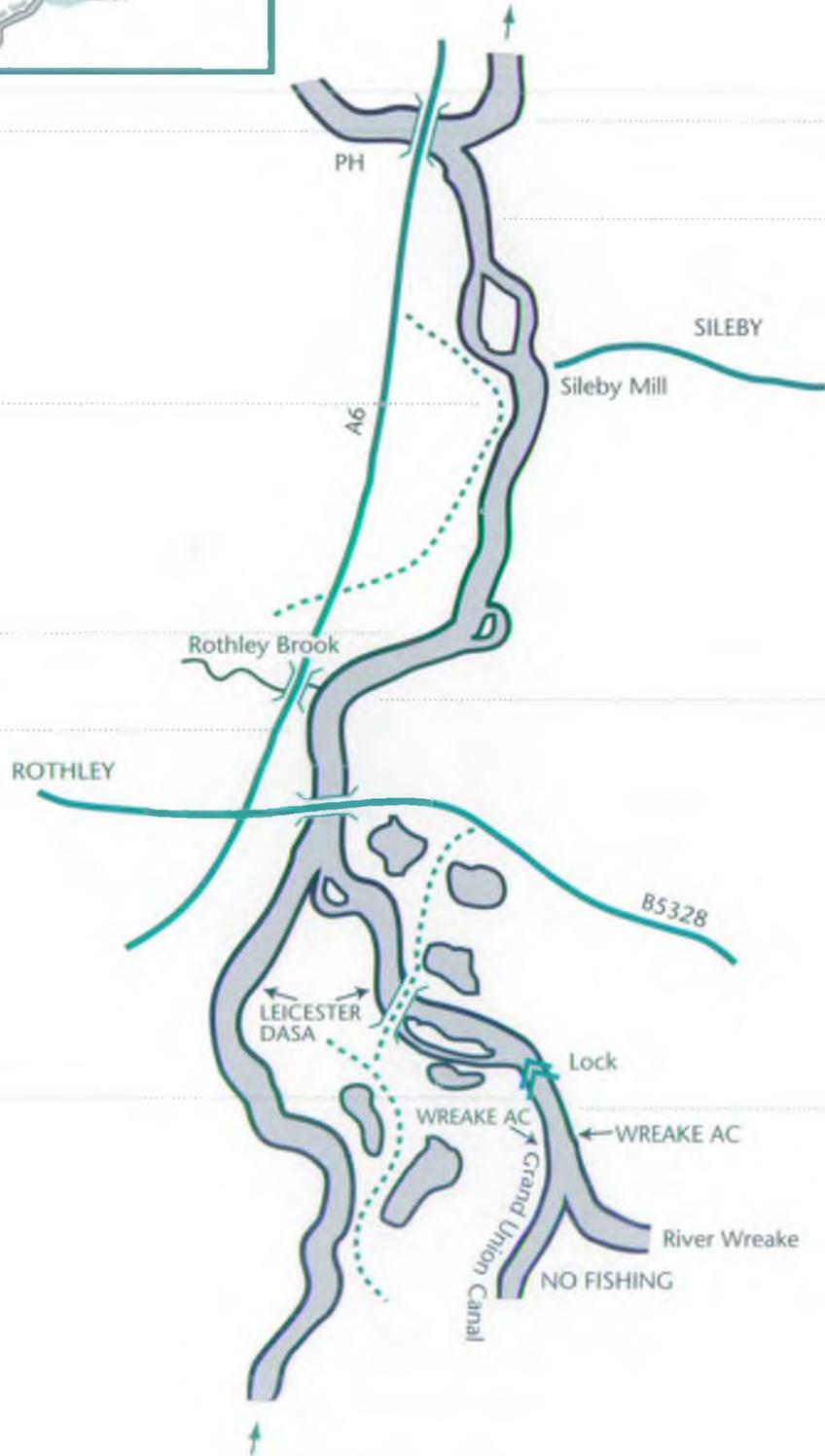
Greenhill AC

Sileby Independent AC

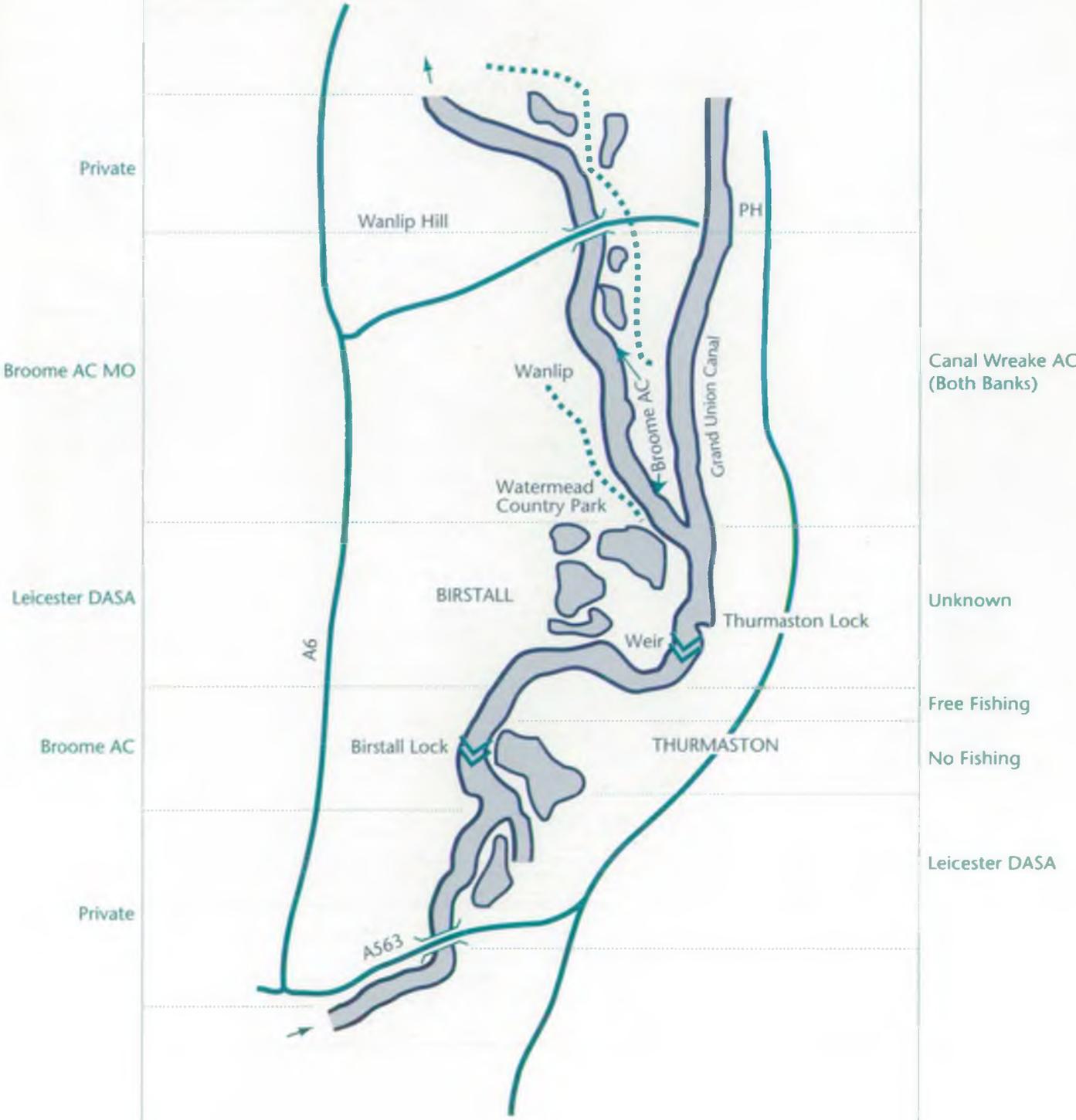
Beaumont Badgers AC

Private

Leicester DASA



River Soar – Map 6



River Soar – Map 7

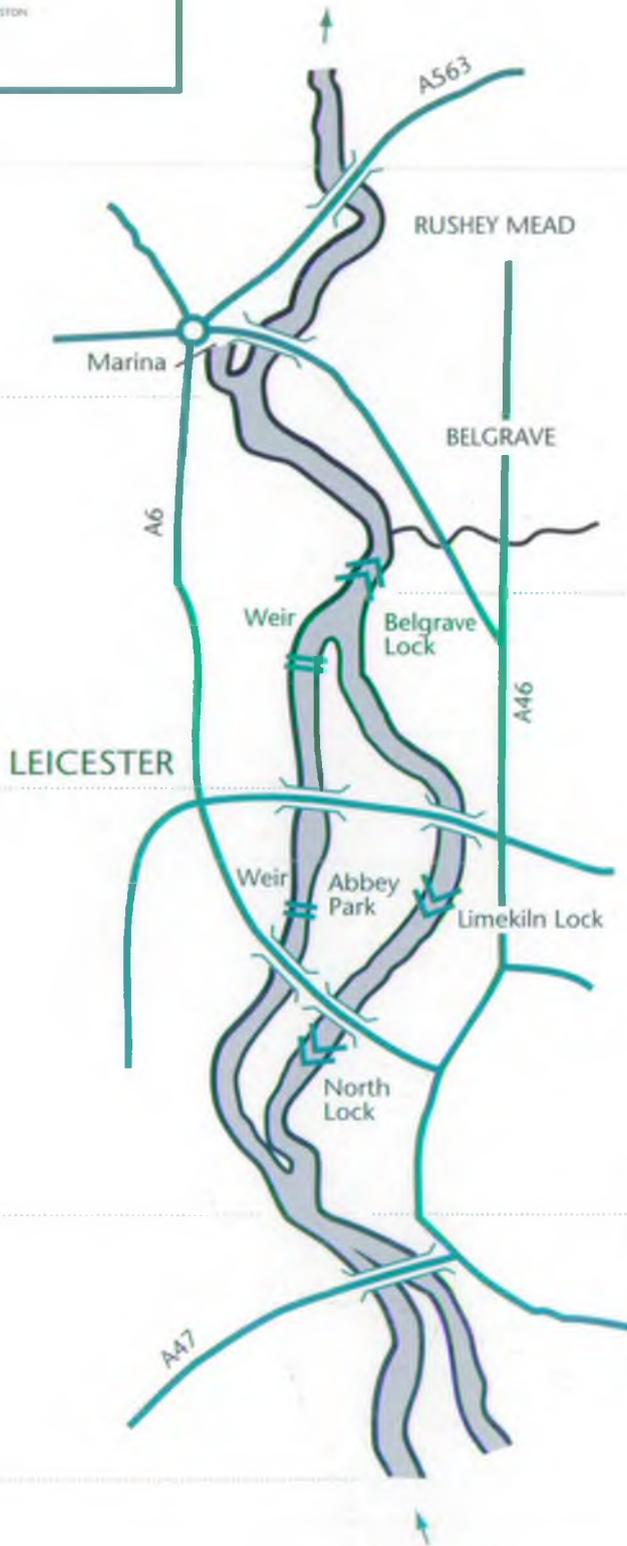


Private

Free Fishing

Private
(Both Banks)

Wigston AS



Leicester DASA MO

River Soar – Map 8



Private

Freemans Lock

LEICESTER

British Waterways

Hospital

University

WESTCOTES

No Fishing
or Private

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St. Mary's
Mill Lock

Aylestone
Mill Lock

Wigston AS
(Day Tickets on Bank)

BS418

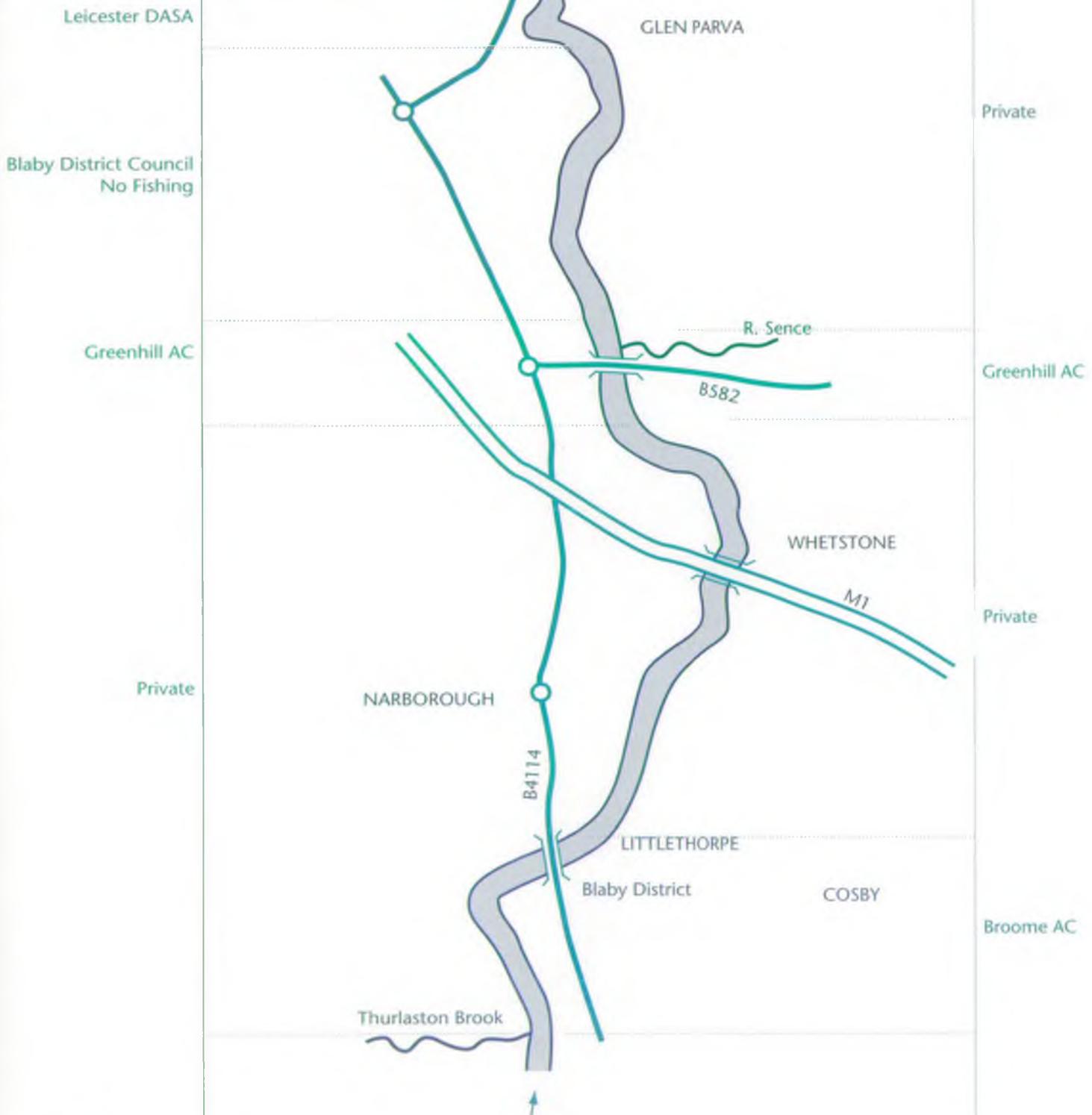
Aylestone Park

AYLESTONE

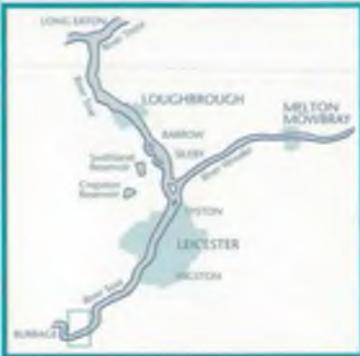
Kings
Lock

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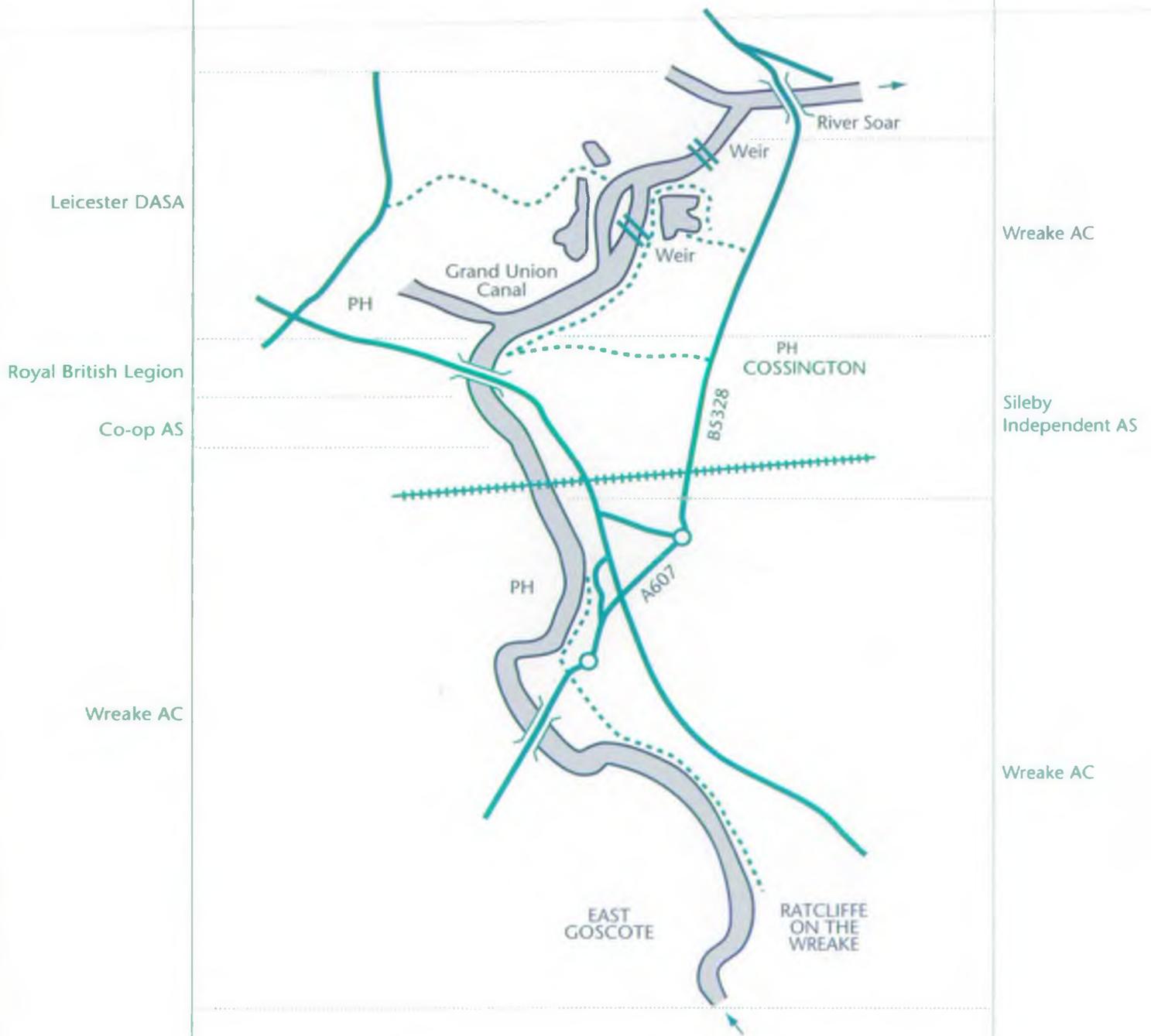
River Soar – Map 9



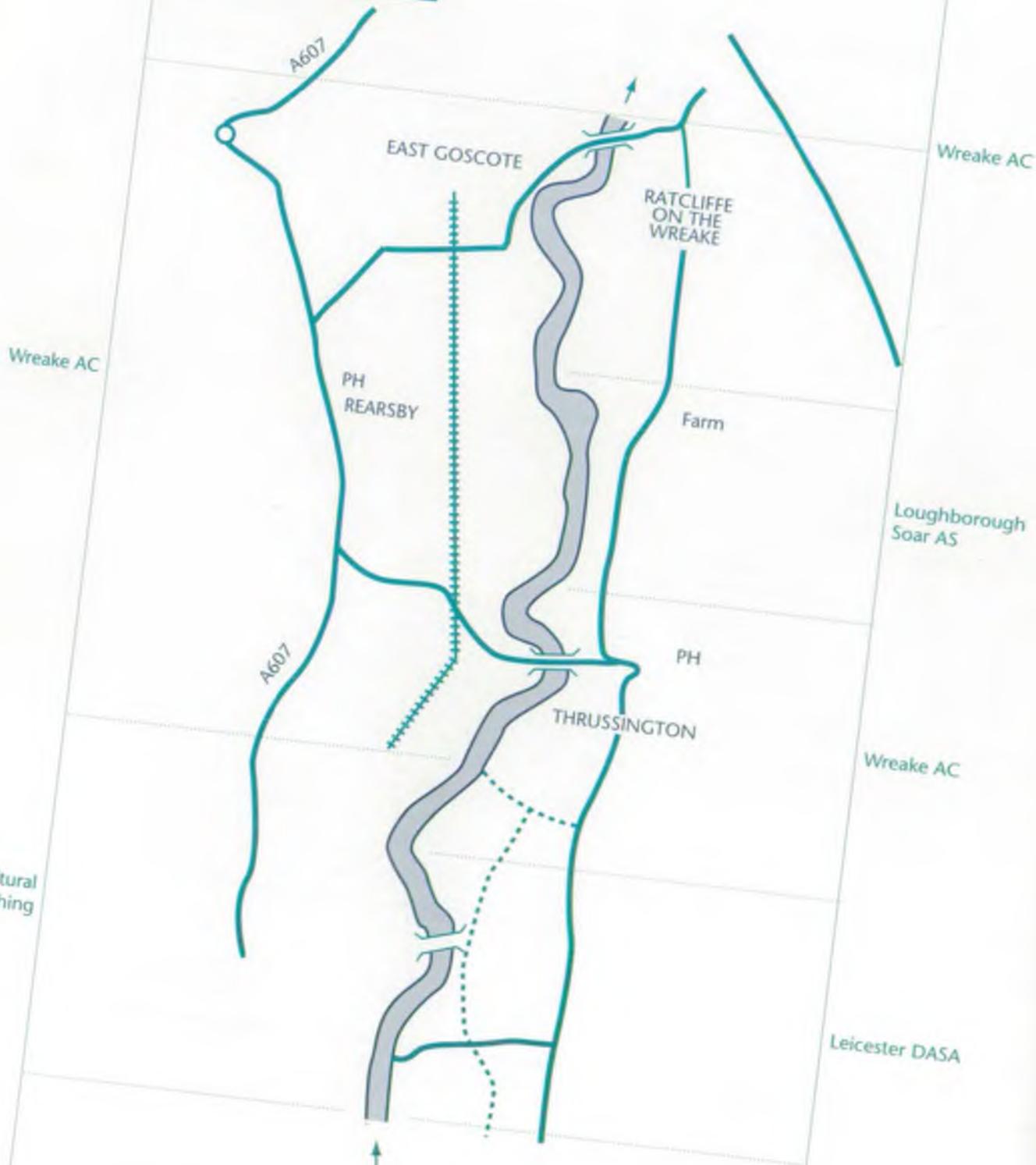
River Soar – Map 10



River Wreake – Map 1



River Wreake – Map 2



Brooksby Agricultural
College Private Fishing

River Wreake – Map 3



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College

Brooksby College
Private Fishing

Leicester DASA

HOBY

Royal British Legion

Private

ROTHERBY

PH

Leicester DASA

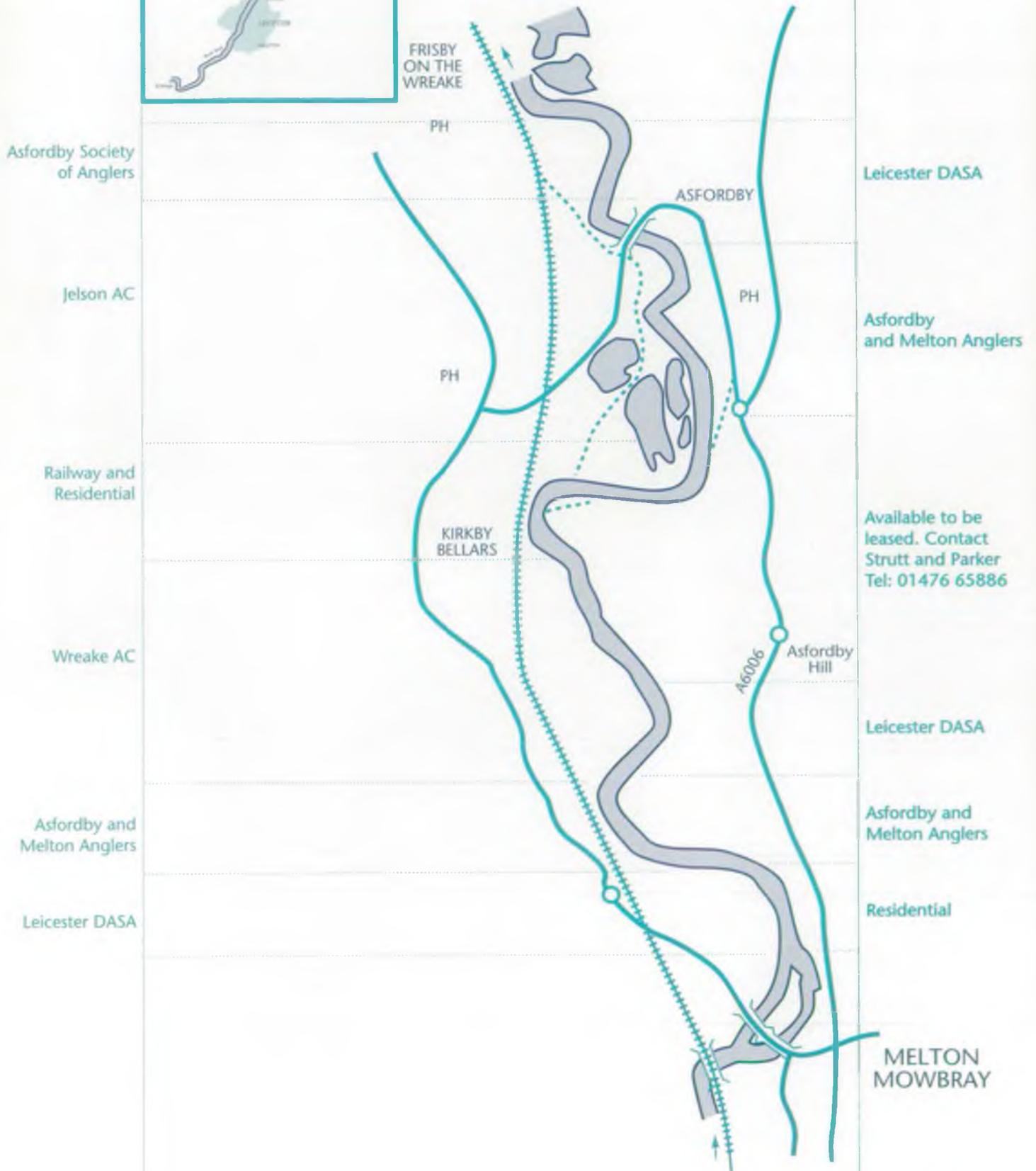
FRISBY
ON THE WREAKE

Asfordby Society
of Anglers

Asfordby Society
of Anglers

Melton Sailing
Club

River Wreake – Map 4



Rivers Soar and Wreake Angling Clubs and Associated Organisations

ASFORDBY SOCIETY OF ANGLERS

Under change of secretary at time of printing

AWSWORTH AND COSSALL ANGLING CLUB

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Tel: 0115 932 4255

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Mr A Smith, 73 Farrier Lane, Leicester, LE4 0WB.
Tel: 0116 235 7210

COBDEN ANGLING CLUB

Mr K Jessop, 288 Curzon Street, Long Eaton, Nottingham.
Tel: 0115 973 3253

JELSON ANGLING CLUB

Mr B Fossey, 431 Gleneagles Avenue, Rushey Mead, Leicester.
Tel: 0116 266 6911

KEGWORTH ANGLING CLUB

Mr J Robinson, 40 Hollinwell Avenue, Wollaton,
Nottingham, NG8 1JZ.
Tel: 0115 928 5390

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF ANGLERS (DASA)

Mr B Fossey, 431 Gleneagles Avenue, Rushey Mead, Leicester.
Tel: 0116 266 6911

LONG EATON AND DISTRICT FEDERATION OF ANGLERS

Mr W Parker, 75 College Street, Long Eaton, Nottingham.
Tel: 0115 972 7164

LONG EATON VICTORIA ANGLING CLUB

Mr D L Kent, 2 Edge Hill Court, Fields Farm,
Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 1PQ.
Tel: 0115 972 4813

LOUGHBOROUGH SOAR ANGLING CLUB

Mr S Sharpe, 59 Chapman Street,
Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 1DD.
Tel: 01509 210927

NOTTINGHAM ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

Mr I Foulds, 95 Ilkeston Road, Nottingham.
Tel: 0115 978 2630

QUORN ANGLING CLUB

Mr King, 27 Thirlmere Road, Barrow on Soar,
Leicestershire, LE12 8QQ.
Tel: 01509 413442

SHAFTSBURY ANGLING CLUB

Shaftsbury Social Club, 278 Tamworth Road,
New Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham.
Tel: 0115 973 2910

SILEBY INDEPENDENT ANGLING CLUB

Mr W Weston, 56 Millstone Crescent, Syston,
Leicestershire.

SLACK AND PARR ANGLING CLUB

Mr P Gatcombe, 4 Mill Lane, Kegworth, Notts.
Tel: 01509 673536

SUTTON BONINGTON ANGLERS

Mrs A Cage, 27 Willowpoole Lane, Sutton Bonington,
Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 5NN.
Tel: 01509 674873

WREAKE ANGLING CLUB

Mr G Peberdy, 61 Worcester Avenue, Birstall,
Leicestershire, LE4 4GR.

ZINGARI ANGLING CLUB

Mr Shepherd, 75 Belmont Avenue, Breaston, Derby.
Tel: 01332 872170

OTHER USEFUL ADDRESSES

BRITISH WATERWAYS

Trent Lock Office, Lock Lane, Long Eaton,
Nottingham, NG10 2FF.
Tel: 0115 946 1017

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ANGLERS

Halliday House, Egginton Junction, Derby.
Tel: 01283 734735

LEICESTER ANGLING FEDERATION

73 Farrier Lane, Leicester, LE4 0WB.

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