

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASSAGE THROUGH THE DUDLEY CANAL TUNNEL (2888M)

Dudley Canal Trust are contracted by The Canal & River Trust to provide a free towing service to any vessel that requires a passage through Dudley canal tunnel as long as it is able to meet the minimum requirements for height and safety. Below are listed the Canal & River Trust guidelines that vessels must meet.

All boats **MUST** be gauged with a member of DCT staff present.

Boats must **NOT** be purposely ballasted down.

Boats and passengers must comply with Waterways Regulations.

Passage is via a free towing service or escorted during legging.

All crew must adhere to the instructions of the tug operator.

Legging

If you wish to leg your boat through the tunnel you must book passage with the Dudley Canal Trust.

The tunnel is 2.8km / 1¾ miles long and it will take you about two and a half hours to leg right through.

There are parts of the tunnel which are too wide to leg and you will need to shaft the boat through in these sections; the diagram shows you where you can leg.

Not all boats are suitable for legging and you must abide by the decision of the tunnel tug crew, who will accompany you in any event.

Towing

You will be briefed by the tug crew before before you are towed through. For your safety, please comply with their instructions

If the tug crew consider your boat suitable, you may leg through the tunnel accompanied by the tug.

Dudley Canal Tunnel is 2,888 metres long and has virtually no ventilation

DO

Make sure your craft passes the clearance gauge - see diagram.

Switch off your engine

Switch on your headlight

Make sure everybody stays inside the boat

Extinguish all naked flames except pilot lights

Everybody must wear a life jacket

DO NOT

Smoke

Use cooking appliances

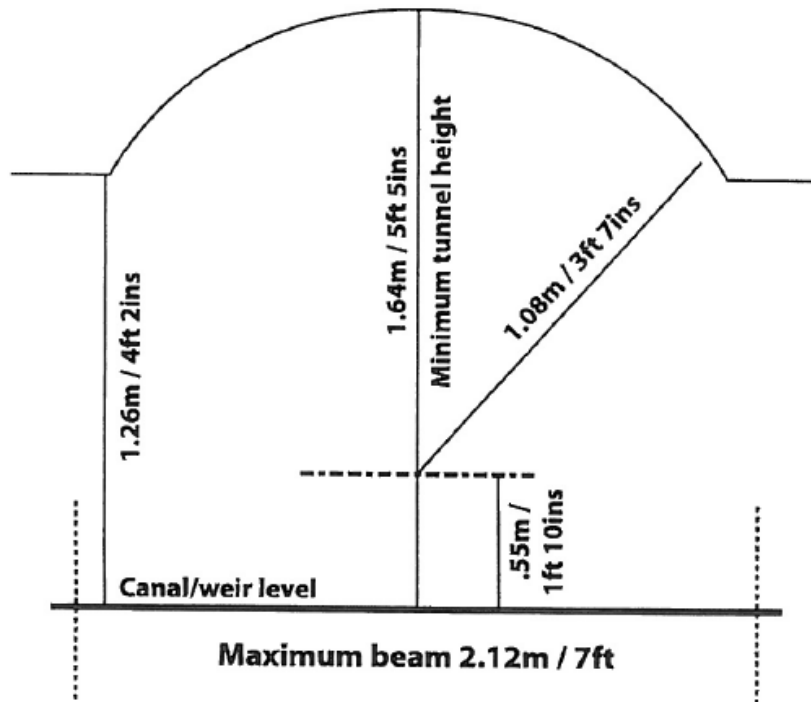
Use small unpowered craft

Use your engine under any circumstances

EMERGENCIES - Arrows on the tunnel wall indicate the shortest way out.

IMPORTANT - ON NO ACCOUNT MAY YOU USE THIS TUNNEL EXCEPT BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH DUDLEY CANAL TRUST

Tunnel dimensions



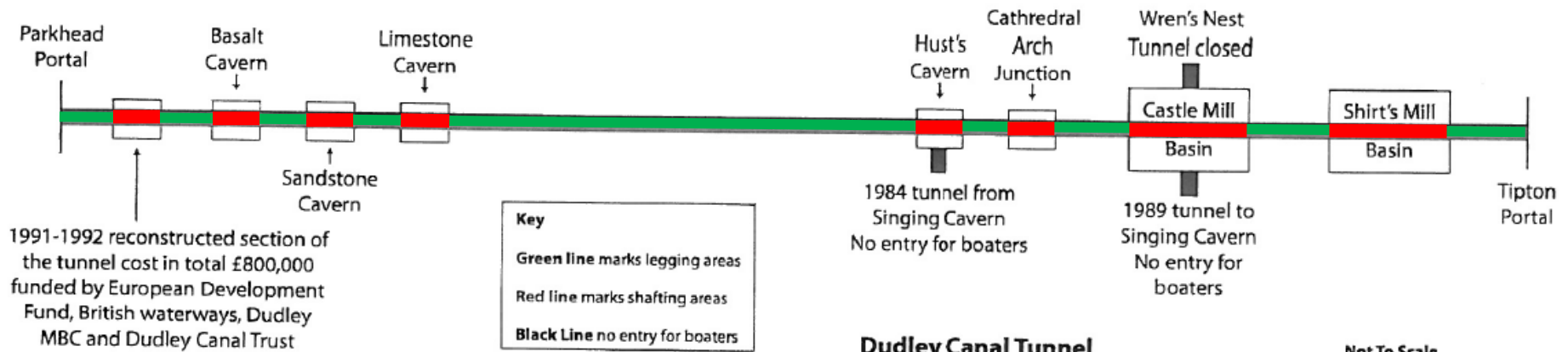
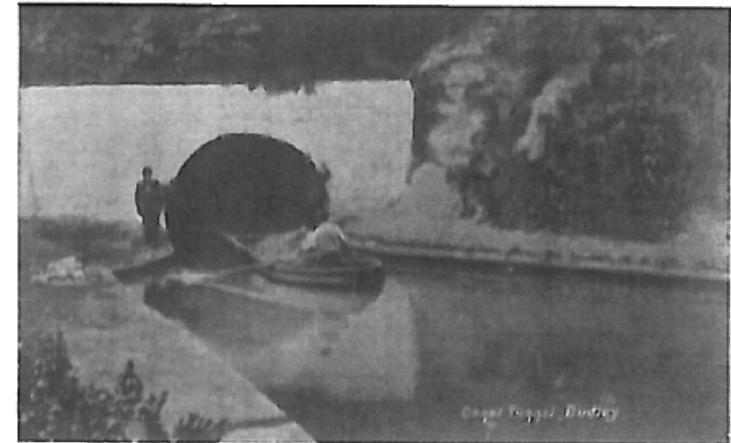
For passage through the Dudley Canal Tunnel

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In the interests of safety Dudley Canal trust reserve the right to refuse entry



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