

Magdalen College Punt Safety Notice

It is the duty of everyone using a punt, whether punter or passenger, to be familiar with the information presented here in order to protect yourself and others.

River Conditions

The river conditions vary from day to day. A decision will be made at the start of every day as to the condition of the river. A 'traffic light' system is to be used: The rating may alter during the day.

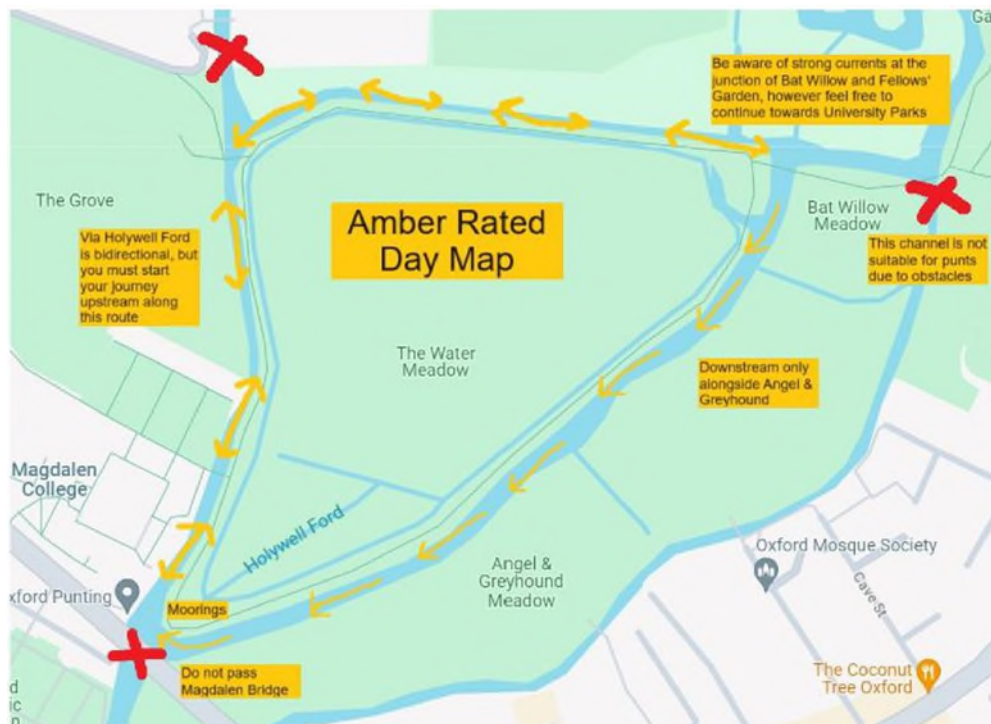
Green Conditions

On green rated days a punt may be booked out by solo or group punters, and the punts may be taken in any direction (either upstream via Holywell Ford, upstream via Angel & Greyhound Meadow, or Downstream (under Magdalen Bridge)).

Amber Conditions

On amber rated days there are a number of conditions that must be followed:

- No solo bookings; you must be in a party of at least two.
- Punts must be returned by 8:30pm.
- Punters may only begin their journey upstream via Holywell Ford, however you may return via Angel & Greyhound Meadow (see map below).
- Punters may not travel downstream under Magdalen Bridge (see map below).



Red Conditions

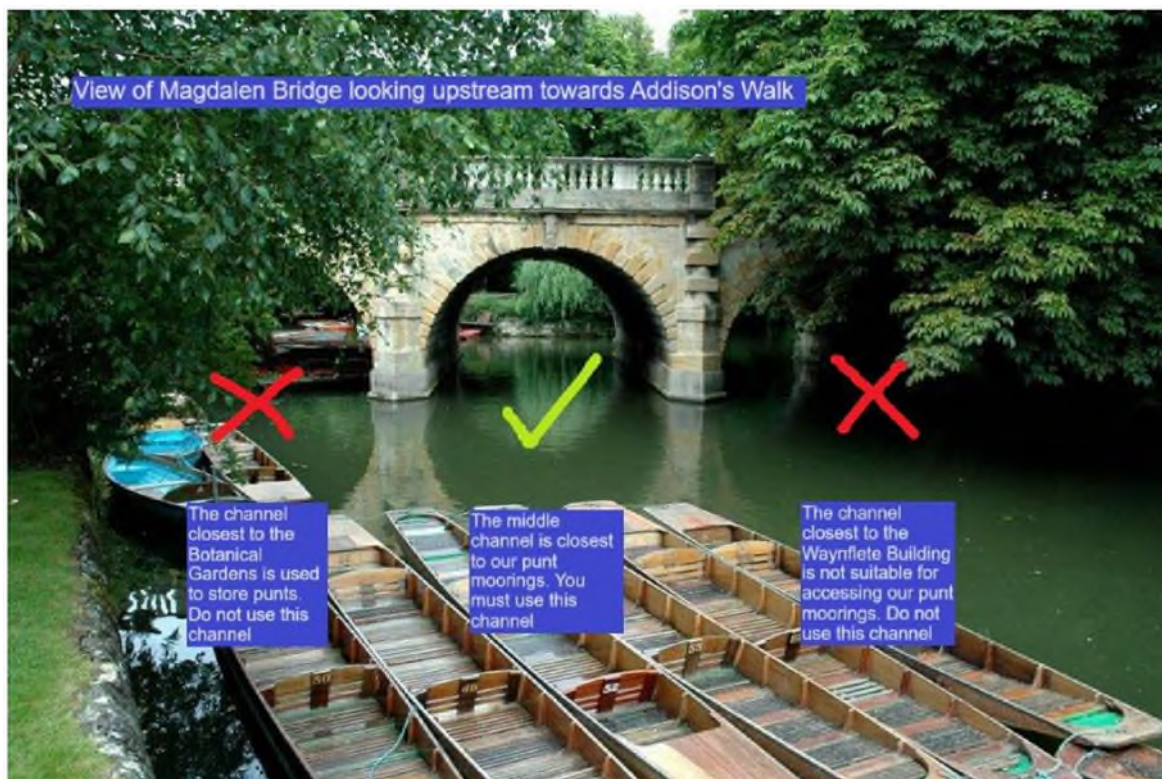
Punts are not to be booked out on days with a red rating under any circumstances.

Magdalen Bridge

Navigating Magdalen Bridge can be particularly difficult; however, it is vital you understand how to pass under it should you wish to venture downstream on green rated days.

The riverbed beneath the bridge is concrete, making it exceptionally difficult to get a grip using the punt pole. Paddles should be used here.

There are three channels under the arches of Magdalen Bridge. Please refer to the map below in using them:



Incidents on the River

Although incidents are extremely rare, it is important to remain calm should you come into any difficulty. Remember that you and others on board are more important than the punt, any equipment, or belongings that you may have.

If there is an incident the porters may be contacted: 01865 276000, or in an emergency the emergency services: 999

If there is an incident, even a minor one that doesn't require assistance, or you have spotted something strange on the river, or with the punts, please inform the porters as soon as possible.

If alcohol is consumed it should be in moderation, and you should assign at least one person the role of 'Designated Punter' who does not drink.

Should these guidelines not be followed, or more generally you are known to be taking liberties with safety on the river, you may be prevented from any further bookings.