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Waterways Ireland is responsible for the management, maintenance, restoration and development of the inland navigations principally for recreational purposes.

The waterways under the remit of the Body are the Barrow Navigation, the Erne System, the Grand Canal, the Lower Bann Navigation, the Royal Canal, the Shannon-Erne Waterway and the Shannon Navigation.
The Lower Bann

The Lower Bann River is navigable for 60km from the Lough Neagh to the sea at Portstewart. It is enjoyed by cruising boats, anglers, canoeists, water-skiers and for a range of recreational activities. Along the length of the river activity zoning aims to ensure that all recreational activities are accommodated safely.

The Lower Bann has two Navigation Authorities. Waterways Ireland manages the 52km of navigation from Lough Neagh to Coleraine Town Bridge. Coleraine Harbour Commissioners manage the remaining 8km of river to the Barmouth.

There are 5 locks on the navigation. All locks are listed structures and form part of the rich heritage of the inland waterways. All locks are manually operated by Waterways Ireland Lock-keepers.

Lower Bann Locks – Opening Times

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Passage of a vessel through the Lower Bann locks is subject to the following charges; payable to the Lock-keepers on passage:

- **Commercial** - £3.00 per passage
- **Boats** - £1.00 per passage
- **2 or more boats** - £0.50 per passage
- **Canoes** - £0.50 per passage

Lock Charges

Lock-Keepers Contact Numbers

It is recommended that you plan ahead to enable the Lock-keepers to set the gates and speed up your lock passage. The Lock-keepers can be contacted on:

- **The Cutts Lock**
  - Ivan Smyth
  - Tel no. 028 7034 2999
  - Mob no. 078 7603 2891

- **Carnroe Lock**
  - David McKendrick
  - Tel no. 028 2954 0570
  - Mob no. 077 9953 3893

- **Movanagher Lock**
  - David McKendrick
  - Tel no. 028 2954 0570
  - Mob no. 077 9953 3893

- **Portna Lock**
  - David McLaughlin
  - Tel no. 028 2954 0214
  - Mob no. 078 7268 5090

- **Toome Lock**
  - Fintan Hanson
  - Tel no. 028 7965 0640
  - Mob no. 077 9953 3891

Please note map not to scale.