

Does it cost anything to lock through?

No, it is free to lock through.

How do I lock my boat through?

The lock gates are operated by Kentucky River Authority Lockmasters. Slowly approach the lock, and the Lockmaster will see you approaching. They also monitor VHF radio Channel 13. On slower days, they may be doing some maintenance work, so give them a minute or two to see you in the lock approach. You can also sound your air horn briefly to get their attention. The Lockmaster will give you instruction from that point on as to where to position your boat. You can download the [Locking Instruction and Safety brochure](#) from our web page which gives more detailed instructions on how to lock through.

How long does it take to lock through?

About 20 minutes

Which Locks are open?

Locks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be open on weekends for the 2015 summer season. Check the [Locking Hours](#) for the detailed schedule.

What size boats can lock through?

The locks can accommodate boats up to 36 feet wide by 145 feet long. We generally deal with much smaller recreational craft, so if you are bringing a large vessel, we ask that you call the Authority to let us know so that we can have the proper personnel in place to accommodate you.

Can canoes and kayaks lock through?

Yes, we do lock through canoes and kayaks. Everyone in the canoe/kayak must wear a life jacket while locking through.

How deep is the Kentucky River?

Like any river, the depth varies greatly. A typical average depth you will encounter will be around 20 feet deep. However, there are many shallow areas around creek mouths. The KRA attempts to maintain at least a six-foot deep navigational channel in the sailing line. Also, the locks can accommodate boats that draft six feet or less during summer's low flow period.

Where can I fuel my boat on the Kentucky River?

Currently, only two docks have fuel pumps. They are the Frankfort Boat Club and the Benson Creek Marina. Please refer to the [dock guide](#) for contact information. Also, in the past, fuel has been available at both Ace's Grocery in Lockport and at Kentucky River Campground. These however are not waterside pumps, but fuel is available within walking distance. Contacts for these two locations can be found [here](#).