



# Rivers Special Programme



In order to complete this special programme you will need to walk 15 different BWF registered walks where the route either goes along a River-side path or goes on a bridge across a river. A permanent trail or NT/LDW/MDW may be used once per calendar year but the same river cannot be used more than 3 times across the 15 stamps. Where a river name is repeated in the UK e.g. River Avon but is unique and unconnected, then these can be used 3 times for each unique river with the additional descriptive ie Bristol Avon, Shakespeare's Avon, Salisbury Avon. Main and Series events can be used once per stamp number/year.

The IVV stamps entered in the special programme record book must have either a 2025 or 2026 or 2027 date. Only BWF (GB) IVV Stamps will be accepted.

This special programme is for Rivers only – it does not include canals, streams, becks. If a river and canal are combined then this can be used as it is designated as a river. The route must go on a river-side path for at least 50metres or a bridge over the river itself; a walk on a road near a river would not count. Rivers outside of the UK would also not count. *A river is a natural flow of freshwater that flows on or through land towards another body of water downhill.*

The total cost of the Special Programme is £7.00 per entry which includes a Certificate, Cloth Badge and UK postage (when completed) back to you. On completion please either scan/photo your book and email to [projects@bwf-ivv.org.uk](mailto:projects@bwf-ivv.org.uk) or send the completed record book/or photocopy to the address shown on the BWF website. Books can be redeemed at any time but will need to be redeemed by 1 March 2028. Only completed books with 15 stamps will be eligible for the award. Repeat entries only where a badge is not required £5.00.

A list of Permanent Trails with Special Programme connections is available on the BWF website [www.bwf-ivv.org.uk](http://www.bwf-ivv.org.uk) The list will be updated as new information becomes available. Clubs will be requested to advise the BWF if their routes pass along or over a River. This list is offered as a place to start your walking adventure in discovering the various rivers we have in the UK. If you come upon an event that is not on the list, use it and then let us know so we can add it to the list. [projects@bwf-ivv.org.uk](mailto:projects@bwf-ivv.org.uk)

Entry is available at any time during 2025, 2026 and 2027 via post or online/email.

- If submitting via post, please enclose an A5 Stamped Self Addressed envelope for the return of your record book and send to BWF SP, Helen Elliott, 11 St Ives Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire. SK10 3JX
- Online/Email entry: To minimise postage costs, you can enter via email/bank transfer payment – your record book will be emailed to you – to print off yourself. It is designed as an A4 sheet, printed on both sides, which is folded down to an A6 booklet. Send the form by email to [projects@bwf-ivv.org.uk](mailto:projects@bwf-ivv.org.uk)

<b>Name</b>	Please type your name as you wish it to appear on your certificate
<b>Address &amp; Post Code</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Payment – by cheque payable to British Walking Federation</b>	Cheque Enclosed Yes/No for £_____
<b>Bank Transfer Payment to British Walking Federation IVV Sort Code: 54-30-33 Account No: 21473331</b>	Payment Reference: SP-RR_____ (name) Note** Date of Payment: _____ Payment Amount: £_____ v3

\*\* If entering for both the Rivers and Royal Connections SP's, you can make a combined payment – use Reference SP-RR/RC + name