

Severn Bore viewing sites

The Severn Bore's path

The Severn Bore can be seen along the lower lengths of the River Severn downstream of Gloucester. There is no bore upstream of Gloucester due to weirs in the river.



This is an artist's impression and is not to scale.

The four most popular viewing sites for the Severn Bore are:



The view from the new Over Bridge which looks onto the old Over Bridge.

The Over Bridge

The old Over Bridge was built in the nineteenth century by the famous engineer Thomas Telford. It crosses the Maisemore Channel and until the opening of the River Severn Bridge at Aust in 1961 was the lowest place the River Severn could be crossed by bridge.

Parking: limited off-road parking is available 200 yards from the new bridge.

Disabled access: there is a pavement where disabled spectators can watch the bore.

The Severn Bore can also be viewed from the older bridge but children should be supervised at all times as it is recognised by English Heritage as an historical site.



Spectators waiting for the bore at Minsterworth.

Minsterworth

There are many viewing points around Minsterworth but the Severn Bore Inn is the most popular. There is a viewpoint next to the Inn, and customers can watch the bore from the Inn's beer garden.

Minsterworth church: there is a viewpoint by Minsterworth church where a public footpath runs alongside the river bank.

Parking: limited parking is available at the Severn Bore Inn. Please note that police will prosecute anyone who doesn't park properly at Minsterworth.

Footpaths: viewpoints and nearby land are all privately owned so keep to the public footpath along the riverbank.



The viewing point at Stonebench.

Stonebench

Stonebench is well signposted from Gloucester. It is the most dangerous viewpoint.

Parking: no parking available.

Safety: Rising water levels are a particular risk at Stonebench. Make sure you don't get cut off by rising water – take care where you park your car and where you stand.

This viewing point can become slippery during poor weather – wear sensible shoes.



The Weir Green viewing point.

Weir Green

Weir Green is between Elmore Back and Stonebench. It forms part of the Severn Way footpath.

Parking: limited off-road parking is available.

At all viewing points

- Be aware of changing weather conditions and rising water levels
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear
- Respect local property and animals
- Children should be supervised at all times