The Beaver Code

Get the most out of your time on the river and watch wildlife responsibly

Keep quiet
Although beavers can be very tolerant of humans, like any animal they can easily become stressed if they aren’t given the space they need. Contribute to the calm along the river, especially in spring and summer when beavers and other animals are rearing their young.

Know the signs
Beavers leave tell-tale clues to their presence from their incredible feeding and building behaviour. Look out for gnawed stumps, bark stripping and wooden chips as signals they are in the area.

Take binoculars
Benefit from up-close-and-personal views of beavers and other wildlife without spending a fortune or causing disturbance by using binoculars. Beavers often browse the vegetation along riverbanks, so when it’s thick and lush in summer they can be hard to spot. Binoculars make it much easier.

Stick to the path
However tempting it may be - avoid straying off the path into scrub or river margins. Beavers occupy river margins which is rich with other wildlife such as water voles, kingfishers, trout, salmon and even otters! Best not to disturb potential sites of refuge and feeding.