

NAVIGATION ADVISORY NOTICE

RIVER NENE

Date of Issue: 30 July 2026
Ref: LNA163

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LOCATION: Along the River Nene

DETAILS:

Issue: Low Water Levels

Impact on Navigation: Risk of Grounding and Contact with Riverbed

Report: Due to the continued dry weather and lack of rainfall, water levels and flows on the River Nene are currently lower than normal in some areas.

We ask all river users to take extra care when navigating, particularly in known shallow sections and areas where shoals may be present. Lower water levels increase the risk of vessels grounding or coming into contact with the riverbed or submerged obstructions, especially for craft with deeper drafts.

When mooring, please ensure ropes and lines allow for changing water levels, use spring lines where appropriate, and check your vessel regularly.

To help conserve water, please share locks where possible and navigate with caution. To reduce water loss and help minimise the impact of anti-social behaviour, please leave guillotine gates in the down position, where fitted until further notice. Please also follow any warning signs and channel markers in place.

The use of BBQ's, even where facilities are provided, or any other sources of ignition on land should also be avoided whilst this hot dry weather continues, and the risk of wildfires remains high.

This notice will remain in effect until water levels recover. We will provide a further update when conditions improve.

In the event of an incident, please contact:
0800 80 70 60 at any time

Action: Please Navigate with Caution

Please see our website www.visitanglianwaterways.org for the latest updates.

We do not tolerate harassment or abuse towards our staff or contractors at any time.

For further information, please contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday and ask for the Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Area Waterways team.

Katherine Briscoombe
Waterways Manager

Anglian Waterways does not provide rescue services. If the matter pertains to lock operation, obstructions in channel, safety issues or speeding please contact us first. In the event of an emergency or distress please contact the emergency services in the first instance. Call 999 and advise what the emergency is.

Customer Service Line
03708 506 506

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Incident Hotline
0800 80 70 60

www.visitanglianwaterways.org

Floodline
0345 988 1188