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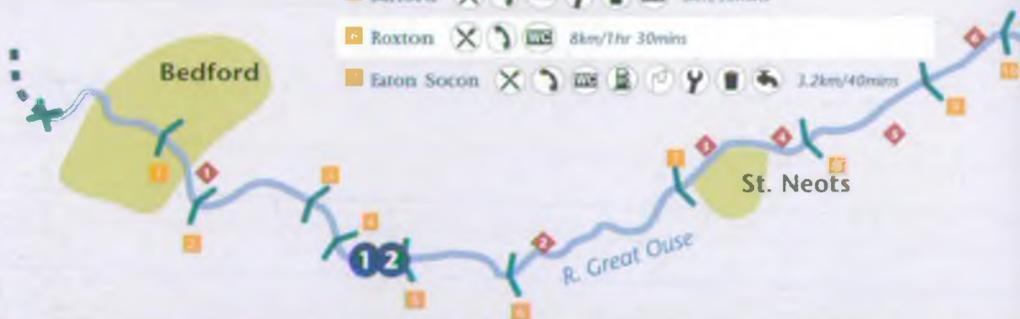


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Bedford - St Neots

Maximum Craft Size
Width 3m Length 25m Air Draught 2.2m Draught 1m (see note)

Locks	Distance/ Cruising Time Between (see note)	Facilities	Distance/ Cruising Time Between
1 Bedford	5km/45mins	[Icons: No facilities]	
2 Cardington	2km/30mins	[Icons: No facilities]	
3 Castle Mills	4.5km/40mins	[Icon: No facilities]	
4 Willington	1.5km/25mins	[Icon: No facilities]	
5 Barford	3km/35mins	[Icons: Boat repairs, Sewage disposal, Showers, Slipway, Telephone, Drinking water tap]	
6 Roxton	8km/7hr 30mins	[Icons: No facilities]	
7 Eaton Socon	3.2km/40mins	[Icons: Boat repairs, Sewage disposal, Showers, Slipway, Telephone, Drinking water tap]	



Key Facilities / Activities

[Icon: Chandlery]	Chandlery	[Icon: Boat repairs]	Boat Repairs
[Icon: Canoe launch point]	Canoe Launch Point	[Icon: Sewage disposal]	Sewage Disposal
[Icon: Diesel pump]	Diesel	[Icon: Showers]	Showers
[Icon: Eating place]	Eating Place (including pubs & restaurants)	[Icon: Slipway]	Slipway
[Icon: Gas cylinder]	Gas	[Icon: Telephone]	Telephone
[Icon: Water hose]	Water Hose supplied for bulk supplies	[Icon: Drinking water tap]	Drinking water tap for portage containers only
[Icon: Lavatory]	Lavatory	[Icon: Checkmark]	All facilities
[Icon: Marina]	Marina	[Icon: No facilities]	No facilities
[Icon: Sewage pumpout]	Sewage Pumpout	[Icon: Lock]	Lock
[Icon: Petrol]	Petrol	[Icon: Other watercourse]	Other Watercourse
[Icon: Refuse disposal]	Refuse Disposal	[Icon: Other navigable waters]	Other Navigable Waters
		[Icon: End of agency navigation]	End of Agency Navigation

Facilities stated are based within a 2km radius of the lock and may not be clearly signposted.

Note: Figures assume that a boat is travelling at 4kmp/h.

Map is not to scale.

This guide should be used in conjunction with more detailed guides such as the Imray guides.

Headroom figures are based on height available when water is at an average summer level, therefore restrictions will become tighter when water levels rise.

St Neots

Locks

Distance/
Cruising
Time
Between

Cambs

Maximum
Width 4m

Locks

Distance/
Cruising
Time
Between

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Draught 1m

18km/4hrs

approx 1 hr 30mins to end of navigation



There are permanent Agency Moorings at Upware (Please contact Carter Jonas on 01733 568100) and at Denver (Please contact 01366 388634). The Agency also have 'wild moorings'. For more information please contact Carter Jonas on 01733 568100. Other moorings (not owned by the Agency) available to GOBA members - please see the GOBA website www.goba.org.uk.

Brandon - Great Ouse

Maximum Craft Size
Width 3.5m Length 12m Air Draught 2m Draught 1.2m

Locks Brandon 22km/4hrs

Distance/
Crossing
Time
Between

Judes Ferry - Great Ouse

Maximum Craft Size
Width 4m Length 26m Air Draught 2.5m Draught 1m

Locks Isleham 16km/2hrs 30 mins

Distance/
Crossing
Time
Between

Welcome to the River Great Ouse

The River Great Ouse and its tributaries, the Rivers Cam, Lark, Little Ouse and Wissey provide approximately 224km / 140 miles of navigable waterway.

The upper reaches of this river flow through one of the most peaceful and unspoilt water environments in Britain. They offer a wide range of natural and historical sites and pretty rural towns to visit. The lower reaches take boaters through the characteristic Fenland landscape with a skyline dominated by Ely Cathedral.

There are many sites of interest to visit along the river, including the Strettham Pump, Wicken Fen and the Pumping Engine museum at Prickwillow. The Ouse Washes is a site of special value to nature conservation and the Welney Wildfowl Trust is one of the best places to view wildfowl all year round.



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General information

Maps

Ordnance Survey Landranger Series: Ely to Wisbech 143, Bedford to Huntingdon 153, Cambridge to Newmarket 154

Imray, Laurie, Norie and Wilson of St. Ives, Cambs, in association with GOBA provide 2 booklets: The Rivers Cam and Lower Great Ouse, The Upper River Great Ouse
Both are on sale at most marinas.

Slipways

Public slipways at St Neots, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, St Ives, Ely, Denver, Hilgay (River Wissey), Isleham (River Lark), Upware (River Cam) and Brandon (Little Ouse). Marinas may also provide slipway facilities.

Marinas

1 Prioxy Marina (01234) 351931	12 Pike and Eel Marina (01480) 463336
2 Kelpie Marine (01234) 870249	13 West View Marina (01487) 841627
3 River Mill (01480) 473456	14 Hermitage Marina (01487) 840994
4 Crosshall Marina (01480) 472763	15 Twenty Pence Marina (01954) 251118
5 Brearley Marina (01480) 472411	16 Fish and Duck Marina (01353) 649580
6 The Buckden Marina (01480) 810355	17 Upware Marina (01353) 721930
7 Huntingdon Boat Haven (01480) 411977	18 Tiptree Marina (01223) 440065
8 Huntingdon Marine & Leisure (01480) 413517	19 Shrubbs's Wharf (01223) 811812
9 Hartford Marina (01480) 454677	20 Bridge Boatyard (01353) 663726
10 Daylock Marine (01480) 455898	21 Loveys Marine (01353) 664622
11 L H Jones & Son (01480) 494040	22 Littleport Boat Haven (01353) 861969
	23 Isleham Marina (01638) 780114

Please contact marinas direct for information on which facilities are available to visiting boaters, and any charges they may impose.

Environment Agency 48 hour moorings

1 Barford	10 Littleport	18 Hilgay
2 Barford Bridge	11 Littleport	19 Brandon
3 Godmanchester	12 Brandon Creek	20 Brandon Town
4 Houghton	13 Ten Mile Bank	21 Padnal Fen
5 St Ives	14 Denver	22 Prickwillow
6 Earith - West View Marina	15 Downham Market	23 Upware
7 Stretham Pump	16 Stowbridge	24 Burwell Lode
8 Little Thetford	17 Wigenhall St. Mary Magdalen	
9 Ely		

Important information

Speed limits

There are mainly 2 speed limits - 6.4kmph (4mph) and 11.2kmph (7mph) - look for the signs. Tidal river navigation speed limit is 24kmph (15mph).

Locks

There are 24 locks on the Great Ouse system. **Agency navigation keys are required to operate the guillotine gates.** These can be obtained from the Environment Agency, Anglian Region (01733 464909), and owners should allow two weeks for their application to be dealt with. A windlass is also required to operate the paddles.

Moorings

48 hour moorings are provided at regular intervals along the River Ouse and its tributaries. See Byelaws 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Tidal passage

For guidance when using tidal river contact Denver or Hermitage lock keepers:

Denver	(01366) 382013/382340
Hermitage	(01487) 841548
Salters Lode (Middle Level)	(01366) 382292

Navigation through the Middle Level

The Middle Level affords a navigable link between the River Great Ouse and the River Nene. Guidance notes on navigation through the Middle Level can be obtained from the Middle Level Commissioners Offices in March. The recommended route takes vessels through Well Creek and to Salters Lode Lock. To pass between Salters Lode and Denver Locks, vessels must navigate the Tidal River. Locking onto the Tidal River is for limited periods each side of high tide. Telephone the lock-keeper beforehand and do not enter the locks without a keeper in attendance.

Each year a timetable for navigation on the Forty Foot is published by the Environment Agency. Boaters must contact Flood Defence staff at the Agency's Ely office during normal working hours to check that water is available for passage through the Forty Foot. Also check with the Denver Lock Keeper or the Salters Lode Lock Keeper if navigation is possible through the Old Bedford Sluice.

The proposed sequence of opening on a normal two day weekend by the Environment Agency (Ely Office) on (Tel: 01353 666660) is as follows.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - Open slackers at Welches Dam Lock to allow filling of the Forty Foot overnight.

SATURDAY MORNING - Adjust slackers to residual flow setting to compensate for seepage.

MONDAY MORNING - Throttle slackers to Welches Dam and set slackers at Horseway to draw down.

Telephone numbers:

Environment Agency Ely	(01353) 666660
Denver Lock Keeper	(01366) 382340
Salters Lode Lock Keeper	(01366) 382292
Middle Level Commissioners	(01354) 653232