

River Thames lock closures

Investment programme November 2025 to April 2026

Issue 1

18 September 2025

Listed below are the locks that will be closed or have restrictions to navigation in place during the 2025 / 2026 investment programme. Any locks listed as closed will have the closure in effect from the first date listed and will re-open on the day after the final date.

Date	Location	Work being carried out	Canoe portage with care during closure
5 November 2025 - 3 December 2025	Teddington Barge Lock	Works to improve resilience of lock operation alongside Launch Lock project	Yes
1 Jan 2026 - 1 April 2026*	Hambleden Lock	Works to upgrade the hydraulics and controls associated with lock operation	Yes
1 Jan 2026 - 1 April 2026*	Boveney Lock	Works to upgrade the hydraulics and controls associated with lock operation	Yes
1 Jan 2026 - 1 April 2026*	Sunbury Lock	Works to upgrade the hydraulics and controls associated with lock operation	Yes

*Please note, as our contractors refine their construction programme (which may reduce the period in which locks are closed) we will update the closure notice, giving at least 10 days' notice before any change to the start date of that closure.

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Other major works

We will also be carrying out other major works on the non-tidal River Thames during the 2025 / 2026 financial year. These will aim to further improve all river users experience while on the non-tidal River Thames. These works are not expected to have an impact on the navigation. Please see below for details.

Teddington Launch Lock - Continuation of project to repair and refurbish the Launch Lock at Teddington.

Collar straps and winch points - Further resilience upgrades to ensure if our locks break down the collar straps can be replaced without delay.

Old Windsor weir refurbishment - Progressing the preparation for Old Windsor weir works (no on site works this financial year).

Benson weir refurbishment project - Weir B has been fully replaced and work has now begun on the fish pass. The project will have little to no impact on the navigation and is due to completed by spring 2026.

Bell Weir weir refurbishment - Fabrication and mobilisation for the refurbishment of weir structure.

Water control investment - Project to improve the operation and safety of our River Thames weirs.

Days weir refurbishment - Progressing the preparation for Days weir works (no on site works this financial year).

Penton Hook weir refurbishment - Progressing the preparation for Penton Hook weir works (no on site works this financial year).

Keep up to date

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