

Temple Bridge safety works: river restriction

When

21 November 2024 - until further notice

Where

Temple reach at Temple Bridge

Details

The central arch of Temple Bridge is closed to navigation until further notice due to safety concerns. We will install a boom to prevent access. The central arch will be removed in the coming weeks, after which, this river restriction will be lifted. In the meantime, and with immediate effect:

- Navigation under Temple Bridge is via its two side arches.
- The approximate maximum depth under the side arches is 1.3m.
- We estimate the headway at the central point of each side section of the bridge to be approximately 3m, measured from standard head water level. This increases towards the bridge piers and decreases towards the river bank.
- River levels fluctuate. Therefore, the depth and headway measurements given above will change with the river conditions.
- You must navigate with extreme caution if attempting to pass under either of the side sections, and do so at your own risk. You are responsible for ensuring your vessel can pass safely and should not attempt to do so if you are in any doubt. The Environment Agency will not be liable for any damage caused or other consequential costs.
- Navigation is available underneath both side sections of the bridge and will be used for vessels travelling in both directions. Vessels heading upstream must give way to those heading downstream.



Maria Herlihy
Harbour Master
21 November 2024

Byelaws

It is an offence to fail to conform with the directions in this notice or to obstruct an officer of the Environment Agency in the execution of their duty or to fail to obey directions given regarding the navigation, mooring or unmooring of any boat.

This notice does not supersede any parts of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 and the UK Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996. You should pay particular attention to byelaws 24 to 42 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 about steering, sailing and speed.

Byelaw 52 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 states that:

The maximum penalty for breach of the byelaws is £1,000.

You can find the [Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993](#) on GOV.UK: