

River Thames lock closures

Investment programme October 2023 to March 2024

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Listed below are the locks that will be closed or have restrictions to navigation in place during the 2023 to 2024 investment programme. Following delays in our delivery frameworks and ongoing incidents on the Thames Navigation, numerous projects have been impacted. The below table has been updated to reflect the projects that we are still looking to deliver before 31 March 2024.

We will update closure notices in all cases to ensure customers have at least 10 days before works commence.

Date	Location	Work being carried out	Canoe portage with care during closure
2 January 2024 - 28 March 2024	Bray Lock	Improvements to the tail canoe portage.	No
1 October 2023 - TBD	Teddington Launch Lock*	Reconstruction of the lock walls, gate ram trench and areas of the lock side including the anchor plates.	Yes

*During the closure of Teddington Launch Lock we will maintain the navigation by using the Barge Lock on site.

Other major works

We will also be carrying out other major works on the River Thames during the 2023 to 2024 financial year. These will aim to further improve all river user's experience while on the Non-Tidal Thames. These works are not expected to have an impact on the navigation. Please see below for details.

Lock gate winch point upgrades - Refurbishing the existing winch points across 21 sites. This project is likely to extend into future years and any disruptions will be published via Harbour Master Notices. Also includes increasing the amount of spare 'collar straps' at our locks, this will aim to increase lock resilience and reduce lock closure times.

Site safety control measure improvements - Works at lock sites to improve public safety. Includes safety fencing, access / egress improvements, essential safety signage installation and tree maintenance on EA land.

Rushey Lock access track - Further investigation and repairs to the access track.

Days Lock Access Bridge - Reinforcing one of the Days Lock vehicle access bridges

Benson Weir Replacement - Continuation of the project to replace the small and large radial gates, the associated walkway and the installation of a fish pass. Will not require any site construction during the 2023/24 investment programme.

Blakes Lock canoe portage installation - Completion of improved portage facility on the head lock cut and weir stream. Not expected to have an impact on navigation.

Shiplake Lock Sewage Pump Out Facility - Redesign and refurbishment of sewage pump out.

Boveney Lock Sewage Pump Out and Toilet Facilities - Redesign and refurbishment of vandalised facilities

Bell Weir Weir refurbishment package - Refurbishment of one of the weir structures at Bell Weir. Will not require any construction activity during the 2023 to 24 investment programme.

Keep up to date

We send our River Thames investment programme to you as early as possible to help you plan your cruising over the winter. However, this programme is subject to change - for the most up to date version, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/river-thames-restrictions-and-closures>.

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