

River Thames lock closures

Investment programme October 2018 to March 2019

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Listed below are the locks that will be closed during the 2018 to 2019 investment programme. The locks will be closed from the first date listed and re-open the day after the final date.

Date	Location	Work being carried out	Canoe portage with care during closure
29 October 2018 to 3 March 2019	*Molesey Lock	Replacing the timber sheeting on the face of each lock gate.	Yes, but this may be restricted at times.
29 October 2018 to 27 March 2019	Teddington Lock (Launch)	Refurbishing the lock chamber concrete walls and replacing the lock side rubbing timbers and bollards. River users will still be able to navigate through the Barge Lock.	Yes - canoe boat rollers will now be open for use.
7 January 2019 to 15 March 2019	Caversham Lock	Refurbishing the lock chamber concrete walls and timber edging. Replacing the wet boat shed roller shutter doors upstream of the lock.	Yes, but access track may be affected by construction traffic

* Locks with changes since the previous issue

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We send our waterway 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 see www.gov.uk/river-thames-conditions-closures-restrictions-and-lock-closures where you will also find the information displayed on a map.

We also send email updates on River Thames closures and restrictions, to subscribe to this service please email riverthames@environment-agency.gov.uk.

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Other major works

We plan to carry out other major works on the River Thames during 2018 to 2019. These works will not affect your passage through the locks. Please see below for details:

All locks - carrying out a building survey of all our lock offices to assess their condition and identify where improvements can be made.

Various locks - upgrading the lock control system at approximately seven locks across the lower Thames to make it easier for river users to operate the lock under 'Public Power'.

Various sites - investing in improved site security at various sites where anti-social behaviour is causing a disruption to river users.

Various towpath bridges - repairing some of the Environment Agency-owned upper Thames towpath bridges to maintain the continuity of the Thames path.

Temple towpath bridge - refurbishing the bridge approaches to improve drainage and reduce safety risks to users. Also carrying out a survey of the bridge structure, which will require a footpath diversion.

Grafton Lock - bank protection works to the island immediately downstream of the tail lock gates, where erosion has been identified.

Pinkhill Lock - Work now complete: refurbishing the mooring platform on Pinkhill Lock island (lock cut side) to improve access and safety for river users.

Kings Lock - a structural / condition survey of the lock chamber and associated structures. The results of this survey will inform our future investment programmes.

Sandford Lock - installing an additional rubbing timber on the tail layby to improve accessibility for river users. Please note, this work may be delivered in future programmes.

Culham Lock - bank protection work at the tail layby downstream of the Culham Road Bridge. Also, maintenance to the Culham Road Bridge.

Day's Lock - new gates being constructed in our operational depot in preparation for the replacement of the existing four gates.

Whitchurch Lock - a structural / condition survey of the lock chamber and associated structures. The results of this survey will inform our future investment programmes.

Hambleden Lock - work on the tail layby to improve accessibility for river users will now take place during the 2019 to 2020 investment programme. So there will now be no closure this winter.

Blake's Lock - Replacing existing mooring platform in the weir stream

Sunbury Island - Work deferred to future programme: installing new moorings on the weir stream side of the island, accessible from the island and with associated improved security.