

# River Thames lock closures

## Investment programme

November 2020 to March 2021

Dear boater,

The Environment Agency is investing £5.2 million this winter, as part of its annual programme of essential works to maintain key navigation structures along the non-tidal River Thames.

This investment is needed to replace or keep maintained 45 River Thames locks, their associated structures and towpath bridges, in reliable condition for the continued safe enjoyment by boaters and all visitors.

The River Thames flows through the 45 lock sites from its source point just above Lechlade, Gloucestershire via Oxford, Reading, Maidenhead and Windsor, onwards past Hampton Court to Teddington Lock.

Listed below are the locks that will be closed during the 2020 to 2021 investment programme. The locks will be closed from the first date listed and will re-open on the day after the final date.

Closure dates	Location	Work being carried out	Canoe portage with care during closure
2 November 2020 to 19 March 2021	<b>Day's Lock</b>	Replacing lock gates and refurbishing parts of the lock chamber and lock surround.	Not applicable
2 November 2020 to 19 March 2021	<b>Abingdon Lock</b>	Reconstructing of tail laybys and canoe portage.	No
2 November 2020 to 19 March 2021	<b>Cookham Lock</b>	Refurbishing tail gate cill, lock side and head laybys.	No
2 November 2020 to 19 March 2021	<b>Molesey Lock</b>	Replacing lock gates and refurbishing parts of the lock chamber.	No

## Other major works

We will also be carrying out other major works on the River Thames during 2020 to 2021. Please see below for details.

**Iffley (Hinksey) Weir** - creation of Hinksey weir guard system.

**Caversham Weir** - refurbishing the weir wing wall on Heron Island. This may temporarily affect the local footpath over the main weir.

**Blakes Lock Island welfare cabin** - installation of new Environment Agency staff welfare cabin on the lock island.

**Sunbury Island** - demolition of Wilson's Boatyard buildings. Contractors will be accessing Sunbury Island from the lock cut and will be blocking the channel between 2 November 2020 and 19 March 2021. Please prepare for disruption during this period.

**Sunbury Dry Dock** - replacing dock gates.

**Bray Mill Weir fish pass** - refurbishing the weir and fish / eel pass.

**Teddington Weir** - replacing existing weir guard system.

## 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 [River Thames: closures and restrictions](#) on GOV.UK.

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

You can view the current River Thames conditions at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/riverthamesconditions](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/riverthamesconditions).

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