

There are many beautiful rivers and watercourses across our Anglian Waterways from which you can explore the countryside by water. Below is an overview of the River Nene from which you can explore the countryside by water.

The River Nene is an important regional navigation rising at sources near Badby, Naseby and Yelvertoft, and becomes navigable at Northampton where these tributaries combine. Navigation starts at the junction with the Northampton Arm of the Grand Union Canal near Cotton End Lock and extends 147km / 91 miles towards the sea.

Commanding spectacular views and stunning landscapes, the impressive Nene Valley is an oasis of tranquillity, with exciting opportunities for new outdoor experiences including walking, cycling, canoeing, boating and paddleboarding. The river valley has hidden gems, ancient mill sites, wintering bird habitats, naturally important Roman archaeology and buzzing wildflower meadows to name but a few!

Originally a commercial navigation it is now used almost entirely for recreation. Flowing through Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and

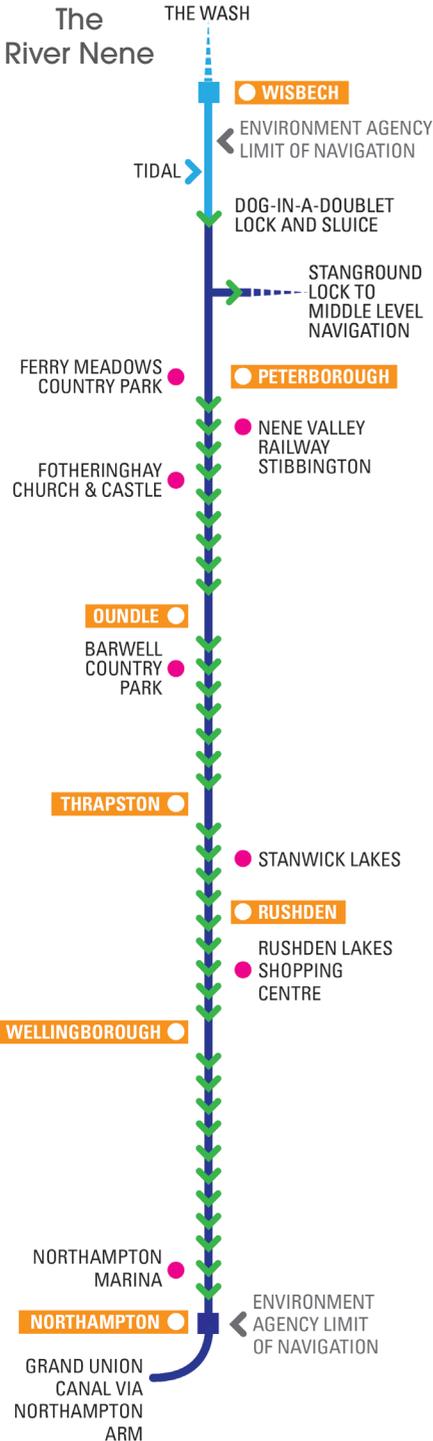
Lincolnshire and bordering Norfolk, the Nene gives contrasting views of eastern England. In Northamptonshire the river meanders through farmland and the industry of Northampton, Wellingborough and Irthlingborough. Further downstream there are numerous traditional stone villages and quiet county churches for which the 'county of squires and spires' is famous.

Quick Facts

- 100 miles long, 91 miles of Environment Agency navigable river
- The 10th longest river in the UK
- The Nene Valley was created during the Ice Age
- The Environment Agency manage 38 locks along the navigable length from Northampton to Dog in a Doublet



The River Nene



Peterborough dominates the route through Cambridgeshire with the city's cathedral visible on the horizon across the great stretches of fenland. The Nene was tidal to Peterborough until the construction of a tidal lock and sluice at the Dog in a Doublet in 1937.

The tidal Nene flows through parts of Lincolnshire to the once bustling port of Wisbech, with its Dutch style waterfront architecture, and on to the port at Sutton Bridge. The final leg enters the Wash between two towers known as 'the lighthouses'.

The Environment Agency is the navigation authority for the River Nene from Northampton to Bevis Hall just upstream of Wisbech. There are many short stay moorings along the Nene where you can break your journey and explore the local area. Visit the Anglian Waterways website and search the 'Useful Information, Handy Guide' (River Nene) for further details on the mooring locations and facilities along the Nene or visit <https://nenevalley.net> for more information.

'Neen' or 'Nen'

The pronunciation of the river's name varies by locality. In Northamptonshire it is usually 'Nen' and around Peterborough 'Neen'. The point at which the pronunciation changes has been moving inland for many years but there is still a lot of good natured banter about which is 'correct'.

Useful Contacts and Information

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