

**Fens Waterways Link**

The Fens Waterways Link promises to be one of the most significant waterway developments in recent years. It will connect the cathedral cities of Lincoln, Peterborough and Ely and open up 240km of waterway, 80km of new waterway and increased access to 160km.

In association with other waterway regeneration schemes, the Link will create a new circular waterway for recreation, tourism and the environment. The new waterway will be sympathetic to the character and history of the Fens and intricately link with its water environment and promote a better quality of life.

**Vessel Registration**

All vessels kept, used or let for hire on the river must be registered with The Environment Agency or on a Canal and River Trust (CRT) Gold Licence. (A CRT standard river and canal licence does not cover you on our waterways). If applicable your vessel will also need a valid Boat Safety Scheme Certificate and insurance along with the appropriate registration charge. If you are a member of the Canoe England or British Rowing, you may find that your membership provides you with automatic registration.

**Navigation Closures & Restrictions**

Closures and restrictions are advertised locally and can also be found on our webpages on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). Every endeavour is made to keep this information up to date, however, there may be times when sites have to be closed or restricted in emergencies.

**Boat Watch**

The Boat Watch scheme helps to tackle boat related crime and anti-social activities by collating and sharing intelligence across police forces.

In an emergency, when a life is in danger or a serious crime is being committed always call 999.

For all non-emergencies, not requiring immediate police attendance, please call 101. (Please mention the Boat Watch scheme when you call).

Cambridgeshire Constabulary 0845 456 4564  
Bedfordshire Police 01234 841212

Norfolk Constabulary 0845 456 4567  
Northamptonshire Police 08453 700700

**River Advice for Boaters**

In times of high flow and during floods, some locks on the river are 'reversed'. An operation which closes the affected locks to navigation. We advise boaters that the locks are 'reversed' and we strongly advise against attempting to navigate. When Strong Stream Advice is in force, signs and warning lights along the length of the river are activated. A number of boat clubs and marinas also display red flags to warn river users Strong Stream Advice has been issued.

To register for strong stream advice please go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**Reversed locks:** The following locks can be reversed on the River Great Ouse: Bedford, Cardington, Eaton Socon, Olford, Brampton, Godmanchester, Hemingford, St Ives, Brownshill, Bottisham, Brandon and Isleham.



**Walking and Cycling**

The Ouse Valley Way is a long distance footpath that consists of a 150 mile route that has been split into 20 shorter walks, which are between 4 and 13 miles long. The River Great Ouse flows from its source near Brackley to the sea at King's Lynn, running through Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. Work is in progress on the Ouse Valley Way to open a network of footpaths along this magnificent river from 'source to sea' - making this route one of the longest river valley walks in Britain. Further information can be found on the Long Distance Walkers Association website [www.ldwa.org.uk](http://www.ldwa.org.uk)

There are also further walks within the Great Ouse River corridor. The Black Fen Waterway Trail, which explores the countryside and waterways in the southern and eastern Fens, runs through Downham Market, Littleport and Ely on the river. The Fens Rivers Way is a walk of about 50 miles along the Great Ouse and Cam between King's Lynn and Cambridge. The section between Ely and Cambridge is circular, with the route following both sides of the river. There is no consistent towpath along the Great Ouse.

Many opportunities also exist for cycling along the River Great Ouse valley, parts of which connect with the National Cycle Network. More information can be found from Sustrans see: [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)



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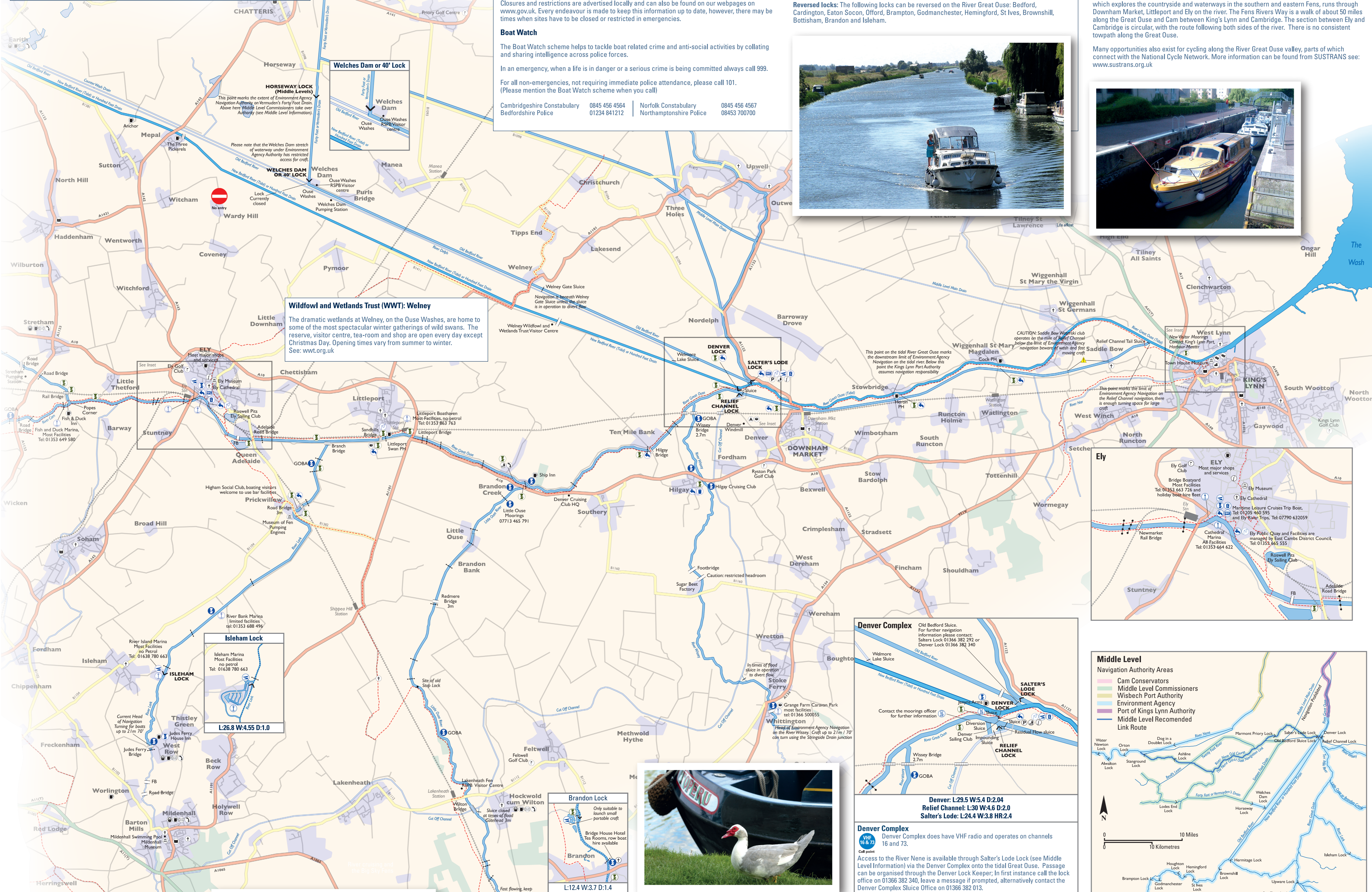
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- Primary Road
- A Road
- B Road
- Minor Road
- Rail Line/Tunnel
- Rail Station
- Lock
- Weir
- Power Cable
- Pipes
- Urban Area
- Forest/Park
- Tidal Water
- Navigable River
- Unnavigable River

**Navigational Symbols**

- Boat Yard
- Environment Agency Permanent Mooring
- Mooring - Council or Public House patrons
- Mooring - Private
- Environment Agency Proposed new or improved/extension mooring
- Environment Agency 48 hour visitor mooring
- Marina
- Fuel
- Pump Out
- Refuse Disposal
- Elsan/Chemical Toilet Disposal
- Canoeing
- Showers
- Slipway
- Toilet
- Water Supply
- Navigation Information

**Other Symbols**

- Caravan Site
- Church
- Cinema
- Golf Course
- Library
- Mill
- Museum
- Post Office
- Restaurant
- Pub
- Shop
- Snacks
- Telephone
- Theatre
- Tourist Information



**Isleham Lock**  
L:26.8 W:4.55 D:1.0

**Brandon Lock**  
L:12.4 W:3.7 D:1.4

**Denver Complex**  
Denver Complex does have VHF radio and operates on channels 16 and 73.

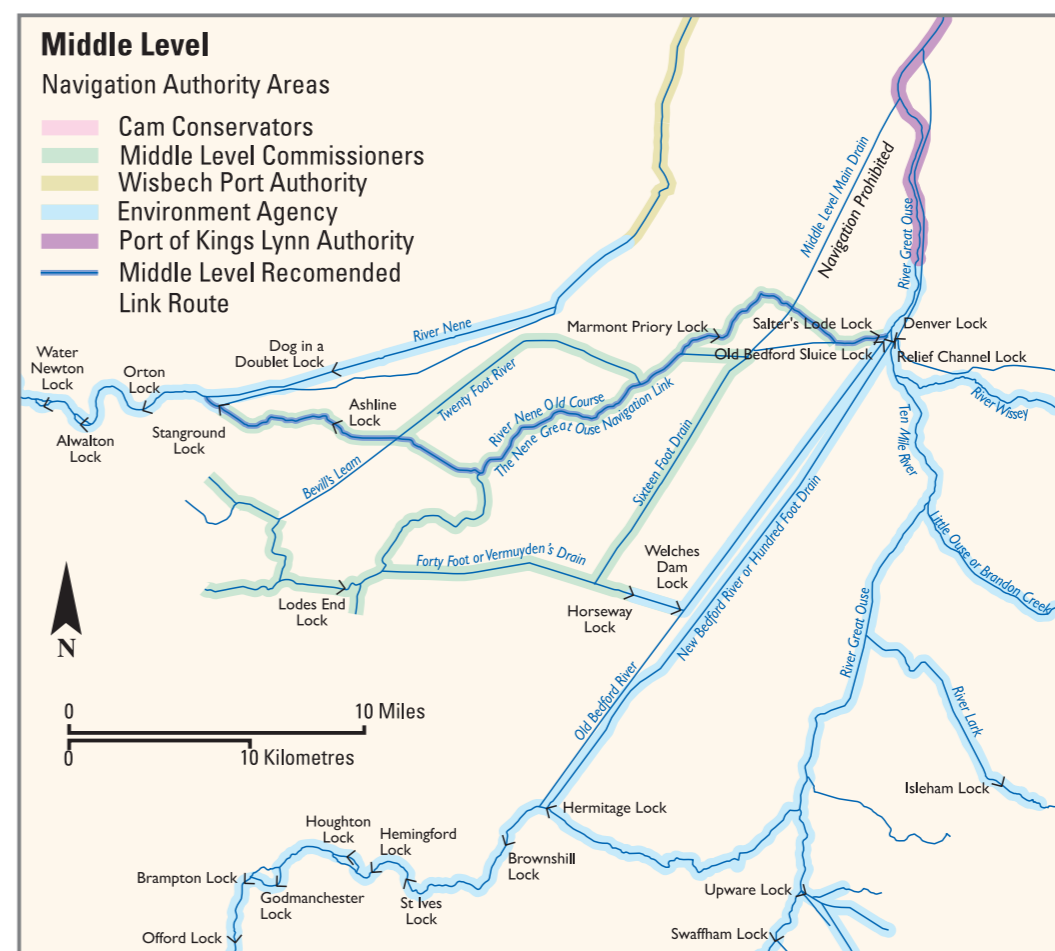
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**King's Lynn**  
New Visitor Moorings Contact King's Lynn Port Harbour Master 01553 773 411 or 07784 548 842 or TIC on 01553 763 044

**King's Lynn Port Authority**  
The extent to which the Environment Agency are the Navigation Authority on the tidal River Great Ouse is Stowbridge, below which the Kings Lynn Conservancy Board, Port and Pilotage Authority take over. If you are planning to enter the River Great Ouse system via the Wash or go out to sea you will need to contact the Port Authority.

**The Harbour Master**  
Kings Lynn Conservancy Board, Harbour Office, Common Staith, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE15 0AH  
Tel: 01553 773 411, Fax: 01553 763 431  
e-mail: [klob.hm@btconnect.com](mailto:klob.hm@btconnect.com)  
[www.kingslynport.co.uk](http://www.kingslynport.co.uk)

**Ely**  
Ely Golf Club  
Ely Museum  
Ely Cathedral  
Ely Public Quay and Facilities are managed by East Cambs District Council Tel: 01353 664 622  
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**Middle Level Navigation**  
The Middle Level Navigation connects the River Nene at Stanground with the River Great Ouse at Denver. Its main purpose is a land drainage system, and is controlled by the Middle Level Commissioners.  
Visitors to the system are asked to register with the Lock Keepers at Stanground Lock tel: 07824 600470 or at Salters Lode tel: 01366 382292.  
For further information,  
E-mail: [admin@middlelevel.gov.uk](mailto:admin@middlelevel.gov.uk)  
Or write to  
The Clerk, Middle Level Commissioners, Middle Level Offices, 85 Whitlesey Road, March, Cambs PE15 0AH  
Tel: 01354 263322 Fax: 01354 659619  
[www.middlelevel.gov.uk](http://www.middlelevel.gov.uk)

**Would you like to find out more about us, or about your environment?**  
Then call the customer contact centre on **03708 506 506** (Mon-Fri 8-6)  
email [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)  
or visit our website [www.gov.uk/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/environment-agency)  
incident hotline **0800 80 70 60** (24hrs)  
helpline **0345 988 1188**  
strong stream advice dial option **1**  
quick dial numbers  
**River Great Ouse 033211**  
**River Nene 03212**

**The River Great Ouse**



Map and information for users of the navigation