



Welcome to the River Welland

The River Welland is a navigable waterway from just below Stamford, an attractive limestone town, down to Fosdyke Bridge near its outfall into the Wash which is a distance of 56km (35 miles). Navigation in the Stamford to Peakirk section dates back to Roman times and the remains of Car Dyke can still be seen north of the river between Uffington and Stamford. This Roman canal runs south to Peterborough and formed part of a major navigation between Lincoln and the Fens 2,000 years ago. Hudds Mill at Stamford is the site of an old Benedictine priory and there is footpath access from the Uffington Road. Just downstream, the River Gwash joins on the left bank.

Fast flowing, shallow water with occasional deep pools extends from Uffington down to Deeping St. James and the river is suitable only for canoes. One mile downstream, from the confluence of the Folly River on the right hand bank, the Welland widens into the drainage channel built after the floods in 1947. From here to the sea, water levels in the river are above the surrounding fenland whose protection depends on the raised flood banks on both sides of the river channel. The land is mostly arable with isolated settlements including Crowland, which is famous for its Abbey. The Welland then passes through Spalding and at Fulney Lock becomes tidal. Four miles downstream the River Glen joins the river on the left hand bank and then the Welland makes its way to the Wash via Fosdyke Bridge.

General information

Maps

Ordnance Survey Landranger Series: Stamford to Crowland 141 (Peterborough and surrounding area), Crowland to The Wash 131 (Boston and Spalding area)

Maps are available from bookshops.

Useful numbers

Further information on The Welland

(01522) 513100

Important information

Speed limit

A speed limit of 11.2 kmph (7 mph) applies throughout the navigation. However, care must be taken at all times in the interest of safety as well as to protect the water environment and wildlife.

Moorings

Boats must not be moored within 36 m (118 ft) of any lock, sluice, weir or water intakes, except when navigating through a lock.

Navigation restrictions

Craft navigating the Welland are restricted by bridge clearances from upstream of Spalding and by depth above Peakirk. Canoes and other light craft with a shallow draught can navigate up to Hudds Mill provided owners are prepared to carry them around sluices and mills.

Tidal passage

The river is tidal from Fulney Lock, Spalding to The Wash. Craft should arrange passage through Fulney Lock by contacting (07721) 390128 / (01522) 513100.

Warning: There is a strong run on the flood and ebb tides on the Tidal Welland and crafts should avoid these periods.

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Stamford - Peakirk

Peakirk 17km/4hrs 15mins
 Access to canoes and light craft only. Depth limitation.

Distance/
 Cruising
 Time
 Between
 (see Note)



Maximum Craft Size
 Width 9m Length 30m
 Headroom restricted at Four Mile Bar footbridge 1.6m
 Draught 1.2m (see note)
 (Not guaranteed. Based on normal water level)

Key Facilities / Activities

- Eating Place (including pubs & restaurants)
- Lock
- Telephone

Facilities stated may not be clearly signposted.

Note: Figures assume that a boat is travelling at 4kph.

Map is not to scale.

This guide should be used in conjunction with more detailed guides such as the Imray guides.

Headroom and draught figures are based on height available when water is at an average summer level, therefore restrictions will become tighter when water levels rise.

Peakirk - Spalding

Locks Fulney (Close to town centre facilities) 23km/5hrs 45mins

(Boat access only when tidal and freshwater levels equal).
 Passage by appointment telephone (07721) 390128 /
 (01522) 513100. Minimum 24 hours notice required.

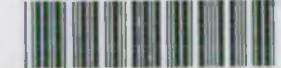
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