# Welcome to the River Nene

Your Handy Guide to Visitor Moorings, Marinas, Water Points, Pump-Out and Elsan Facilities Along the River Nene



Facilities provided by the Environment Agency (EA) for the use of boaters on the River Nene are free of charge unless otherwise stated. Charges may apply at other, non-EA operated sites.



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#### **Northampton Marina**

Your first stop over while visiting from the canal network. Northampton Marina provides a warm welcome, secure overnight moorings, good accessibility if you have limited mobility on 'rise and fall' floating pontoons, electric hook ups, sanitary facilities and a laundrette (charges apply). We also sell river licences and navigation keys. The County Town of Northampton offers a



wide range of shops, pubs, restaurants and visitor attractions – the town centre is just a 10 minute walk away. Why not stay a while to explore?

#### Tel 0208 0260890 / 07867 580129

#### **Midsummer Meadows**

A short stay (max. 48 hours) visitor mooring provided by the Environment Agency within one of Northampton many public parks and meadows. Approximately a 15 minute walk from the town centre, these moorings offer good accessibility if you have limited mobility. The floating pontoons rise and fall in accordance with the river levels.



#### **Northampton Washlands**

This is a 48h visitor mooring site, which is available between 1st May – 30th September. Outside of these dates, the mooring is for emergency use only. It is a quite location with great views, with a floating pontoon which rises and falls in accordance with the water levels. The Riverside Retail Park is a 20 minute walk away, here you can find a chemist, outdoor clothing, DIY and pet stores. In times of



flood access, it may not be possible to gain access into or out of the Washlands. Warning sirens will sound before the barrage gates are closed.

#### **Billing Marina**

Billing Marina is a long established marina offering many of the usual marina facilities. It is conveniently located close to Billing Garden Village and is within easy walking distance of many shops, pubs and other attractions.

Pre-book Billing marina Tel 01604 408181



#### **White Mills Marina**

Sited at the White Mills Lock, White Mills Marina is a modern marina that offers many of the usual marina facilities. It is a very populist site with paddle boarders and walkers due to the excellent onsite coffee shop.

Tel 01604 812057



#### Wellingborough Embankment

Located on the edge of the market town of Wellingborough amongst the historic town and Sanderson's Wharfs, the Embankment provides a long length of visitor moorings as well as a water point, pump-out (token operated, available from Northampton Marina or when you register your boat for use on the River Nene) and Elsan

facilities. Local shops are within a 10 minute walk. You will need your Environment Agency navigation key to access these facilities.

#### **Chester House Farm moorings**

Chester House Farm 48h visitor moorings downstream of Lower Wellingborough Lock offers an excellent opportunity to visit the historic site of Chester House Farm. Chester House Farm is a roman farm with an information centre, cafes and artisan shops.



#### Water Meadow Park Ditchford

Water Meadow Park is sited at Ditchford Lock. Here you can find visitor moorings, water points and Elsan disposal.



## Rushden and Diamonds, Irthlingborough

A popular long length of short stay (max. 48 hours) visitor mooring provided by the Environment Agency overlooking Stanwick Lakes.

From here you can explore the 750 acres of countryside and nature reserve. Here you will find a visitor centre, café, craft workshops and other activities set in the heart of the Nene Valley.



#### **Blackthorn Lakes & Marina**

Blackthorne Lakes Marina is sited just below Upper Ringstead Lock. Here you can find many of the usual marina facilities including both wet and dry docks, diesel, pump-out and a slipway.

Tel 07380 179673



#### **Willy Watts Marina**

Willy Watts Marina mostly offers long term moorings with some of the usual mooring facilities including Elsan disposal. You will also find Woodford Mill café here.

Tel 01933 622038



#### **Woodford Marina**

Woodford marina offers a small number of visitor moorings along with water and Elsan.



#### **Nine Arches Bridge, Thrapston**

Take a sharp left hand turn just before Nine Arches Bridge when travelling downstream to access this quiet mooring spot with water point and easy access to the small market town of Thrapston. Nearby pubs, shops, cafes, medical and veterinary services ensure that this is a popular location. Make sure that you arrive early as space can be limited.



#### **Islip Mill Mooring, Islip**

Located approximately 100 metres downstream of Islip Lock, next to the Middle Nene Sailing Club. Elongated mooring bollards accommodate changing river levels. Nearby pubs, shops, cafes, medical and veterinary services can be found in the local town of Thrapston (20 minute walk).



#### **Titchmarsh Lock**

There is always a great welcome for visitors at the boat clubs along the River Nene. Short stay (max. 48 hours) visitor mooring provided by the Environment Agency just a few yards downstream of Titchmarsh Lock, within the grounds of the Middle Nene Cruising Club.



(This mooring currently 'doubles up' as the downstream landing stage but can accommodate overnight stays. Please moor with consideration for those wishing to use the lock.)

#### King's Head PH, Wadenhoe

you can find a water point close to Wadenhoe Lock and next to the Kings Head public house – giving you the perfect excuse for topping up on something a little stronger than water! The pub allows short stay mooring for its customers. Wadenhoe is a picture perfect English village with stone cottages, a village green and a medieval church that sits high about a spur on the river.



#### **Oundle Marina**

The entrance is very narrow, but this marina provides overnight moorings, diesel, Elsan, water, gas, toilets and showers. The ancient and historic market town of Oundle offers a wide range of shops, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, public houses, theatre, cinema, bookshop, medical centre, dentists, and dispensing chemists.



Tel 01832 272762

#### **Upper Barnwell Lock**

A water point can be found next to the lock in the beautiful historic town of Oundle.

Oundle Marina, which is situated on the other side of the road bridge may have available visitor mooring space should you wish to extend your stay here. Every Thursday is market day in Oundle, and every other Saturday is their popular farmer's market.



#### **Fotheringhay Bridge**

A water point can be found just upstream of the small medieval arched bridge that spans the river in the picturesque village of Fotheringhay. Castle Farm guest house provides a long length of short stay moorings (charges apply) in the shadow of the castle mound, just downstream of the bridge.



#### **Yarwell Lock**

Here you will find a water point close to the upstream lock landing stage at Yarwell Mill Holiday Park.



#### **Stibbington**

Short stay (max. 48 hours) floating pontoon visitor mooring close to the Nene Valley Railway station. You can ride on a historic steam train into the centre of Peterborough, or to explore the Nene Valley Railway's stations at Yarwell, Wansford, Ferry Meadows and Orton Mere.

A trip boat occasionally operates from this mooring during the daytime but the mooring is always available for overnight stays.



#### **Alwalton**

At Alwalton there is a 48h mooring adjacent to Friends of the Nene Mooring.



#### **Ferry Meadows**

Turn right off the main river into Ferry Meadows and enter a lake rather reminiscent of the Norfolk Broads. This is a max. stay 48h rise and fall mooring in Ferry Meadows Country Park. Here you can find a café, shop and information boards about the park. There is also a pub/restaurant within easy walking distance.



#### **Orton Lock**

Short stay (max. 48h) visitor mooring provided by the Environment Agency just downstream from Orton Lock. Elongated mooring bollards accommodate changing river levels. Explore riverside walks and lakes within the adjacent Nene Park and Ferry Meadows Country Park. You could also step back in time and catch a ride on a heritage steam or diesel train at the Nene Valley Railway's Orton Mere Station, just a short walk away.



#### **Peterborough Embankment**

a long length of visitor moorings, water point, pump-out and Elsan provided by Peterborough City Council. You will need an Environment Agency navigation key to access and operate the sanitary facilities. The city centre of Peterborough is a 10 minute walk away, where you will find all plenty of shops, restaurants, pubs and attractions.



#### **Dog-in-a-Doublet**

Here you will find a short stay (max. 48h) floating pontoon visitor mooring. The Dog-in-a-Doublet Lock and Sluice Complex protects Peterborough and the surrounding area from surge tides. The name derives from the dog owned by a previous landlord of the nearby pub, said to have had a skin condition which caused him to lose his fur. His owner dressed him in a small waistcoat (or Doublet) to keep him warm, hence the name 'Dog-in-a-Doublet).



#### Guyhirn

Here you will find a short stay (max. 48 hour) floating pontoon visitor mooring.

The River Nene is tidal downstream of the Dogin-a-Doublet and this mooring provides safety for boats on this tidal stretch.



#### **Water Points**

Our water points are fitted with the type of connection shown in this photograph. You will need your navigation key to operate our water points, plus a female push-fit connector to attach your hosepipe to the fittings.



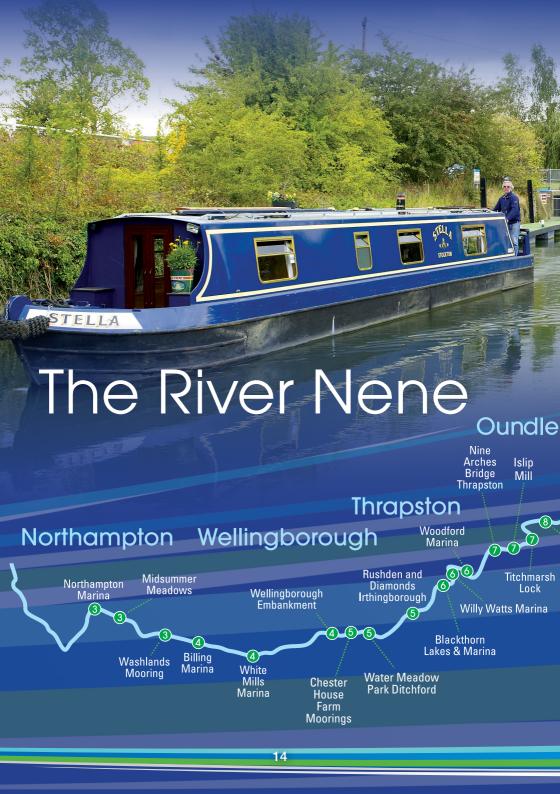
#### **Friends of the River Nene**

(FOTRN) is a volunteer-led community organisation dedicated to providing off-grid moorings for boaters in beautiful rural settings along the Nene. FOTRN are independent but their nine moorings complement those of the Environment Agency and commercial providers. Boaters must become members of FOTRN before using their moorings.

Please note that there are no facilities on any of their moorings.

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Any craft wishing to proceed beyond Peterbough
will need to give 24hrs notice at either
Dog in a doublet lock on 07920 087741
or The Middle Level Commision Stanground lock on 07824 600470

For further information please visit oour website www.visitanglianwaterways.org

