

Your handy guide to visitor moorings, water points, pump-out and Elsan facilities along the river Nene

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Northampton Marina (EA)

SP758600

Tel: 01604 604344/07557 866648

Web: www.northamptonmarina.co.uk

Your first stop over when 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, laundrette and wifi. Charges apply.

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



Northampton Town Quay visitor moorings

SP756598

Short stay (max. 48 hours) visitor mooring provided by Northampton Borough Council. Convenient for town centre shops, which are a 10 minute walk away. If you don't fancy walking into town a supermarket and retail stores are just a few minutes away – head for the yellow footbridge and turn 'inland' down the pedestrian Trenery Way.



Midsummer Meadows visitor mooring, Northampton (EA)

SP764598

A short stay (max. 48 hours) visitor mooring located within one of Northampton many public parks and meadows, approximately 15 minutes' walk from the town centre. This mooring offers good accessibility if you have limited mobility. The floating pontoon rises and falls in accordance with river levels.



Northampton Washlands visitor mooring (EA)
SP790604

Newly refurbished short stay (max. 48 hours) visitor mooring in a quiet location with great views. The floating pontoon rises and falls in accordance with water levels.

The Riverside Retail Park, with chemist, outdoor clothing, pet store and DIY shops, is a 20 minute walk away. In times of flood access in to and out of the Washlands may not be possible. Warning sirens sound before the barrage gates are closed.



Northampton Boat Club
SP793606

Tel: 01536 350158 or 07505 127163

Web: www.northamptonboatclub.org

Northampton Boat Club welcomes visitors but mooring space is limited at this popular boat club. Please contact the Harbourmaster on the number above to enquire about availability.

Facilities include a clubhouse and bar, showers, electricity hook ups, and elsan disposal point.



Billing Marina
SP812612

Tel: 07762 905145 Web:

www.billingaquadrome.com/marina

Not the easiest entrance to navigate and easily missed, so make a note when travelling downstream to go through the lock and turn sharp left before the road bridge. This secure site offers overnight moorings, water, electricity, diesel, pump out, chandlery and full use of Billing Aquadrome's leisure facilities. Breakdown, repairs and service facilities also available.

Public House/Restaurant, Fish & Chips and Garden Village with garden centre, retail outlets and boutique shops all close by.



Cogenhoe Mill

SP831613

Tel: 01604 890579

Web: www.pure-leisure.co.uk

Make sure you pronounce this one correctly – “Cook-nah”! Post Office, Public House, Village Store 20 minutes’ walk away. The caravan park office sells essentials and the club house bar is open most evenings and at weekends.

There is limited mooring space so please contact the site in advance to enquire about availability.



White Mills Marina

SP855620

Tel: 01604 812057

Web: www.whitemillsmarina.co.uk

Secure moorings on floating pontoons in one of the Nene’s newest marinas. Facilities include water, electricity, wifi, diesel, gas, elsan/pump out, coal/wood, laundry, toilets/showers, café and coffee lounge, small chandlery.

Earls Barton (20 minutes’ walk) offers a butchers, small supermarket, pubs and restaurant, take away, pharmacy, museum, gift shop, hair dressers, doctors, post office, newsagents, dog grooming salon, and vineyard!



Manor Farm, Great Doddington

SP877638

Web: www.friendsoftherivernene.co.uk

Grass bank mooring (no mooring bollards) provided by the Friends of the River Nene for use by their members located downstream of the road bridge below Doddington Lock. Great Doddington Village, with convenience store and public house, is a 10 minute walk away.



Wellingborough Embankment visitor mooring & navigation facilities (EA)
SP901667

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.

Supermarket, DIY centre and other stores within a 10 minute walk away. You will need your Environment Agency navigation key to access these facilities.



Glebe Moorings Ditchford
SP931682

Overnight moorings (subject to availability on arrival) and farm shop at Glebe Meadow Fisheries close to Ditchford Lock, the only remaining lock on the River Nene with a radial gate. This powered radial gate pivots from below and rotates up and over boats.

There were many more radial gates along the Nene, most of which have been replaced by guillotine gates. Be a detective as you travel and look out for the large downstream recesses at locks which used to house a radial gate and its mechanism.



Water Ski Lake, Ditchford
SP927680
Web: www.friendsoftherivernene.co.uk

Remotely located grass bank mooring (no mooring bollards) provided by the Friends of the River Nene for use by their members between Lower Wellingborough lock and Ditchford Lock, adjacent to the Nene Valley Water Ski Club lake.



**Rushden & Diamonds, Irthlingborough, visitor mooring
(EA)
SP958710**

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

From here you can explore the 750 acres of this countryside attraction and nature reserve, with visitor centre, café, craft workshops and a host of activities set in the heart of the Nene Valley.



**Blackthorn Lake Marina, Ringstead
SP968747
Tel: 01933 622038
Web: www.blackthornlakemarina.co.uk**

Secure marina tucked away down a small country track. Perfect for those who like their peace and quiet.



**Willy Watt Marina, Woodford
SP973752
Tel: 01933 622038
Web: www.demopage.co.uk/willywatt**

A well-established marina providing a secure site, water, electricity, laundry room, fuel sales, elsan, pump out, chandlery and engineer on site.

The nearby Tea Rooms at Woodford Mill is a popular venue and has a working watermill linked to a generator which helps to power the tea room.



**Woodford Riverside Marina
SP970762**

Small, secure, private marina in a rural setting on the outskirts of Woodford Village between Lower Ringstead Lock and Woodford Lock. Residential and non-residential craft up to 75ft. Facilities include electricity, water, pump-out and elsan facilities.

Worth checking mooring availability if you are considering leaving your boat on the river for any length of time.



Woodford

SP969765

Web: www.friendsoftherivernene.co.uk

Grass bank mooring (no mooring bollards) provided by the Friends of the River Nene for use by their members, close to the village of Woodford.

Woodford provides a choice of public houses, fish and chip shop and convenience store.

Nine Arches Bridge, Thrapston, visitor moorings (EA) SP991786

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 a popular location. Make sure that you arrive early as space can be limited.



Islip Dave Mooring SP990789

Web: www.friendsoftherivernene.co.uk

Grass bank mooring (no mooring bollards) provided by the Friends of the River Nene for use by their members downstream of Thrapston Nine Arches Bridge. This mooring is land locked; there is no foot access either on or off.



Islip Mill Mooring, Islip, visitor moorings (EA) SP992793

Located approximately 100 metres downstream of Islip Lock, next to the Middle Nene Sailing Club. Accommodates up to six narrow boats along its length. Elongated mooring bollards accommodate changing river levels.

Shops, cafes, pubs, medical and veterinary services are a 20 minute walk away in Thrapston, where the church also contains clues of the town's associations with the Washington (USA) family.



Titchmarsh Lock, visitor moorings (EA)
TL015810

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.)

Peartree Farm Mooring, Aldwincle
TL016822
Web: www.friendsoftherivernene.co.uk

Grass bank mooring (no mooring bollards) provided by the Friends of the River Nene for use by their members. Situated in a remote but pretty location.

King's Arms PH, Wadenhoe, water point (EA)
TL011833

Water point close to Wadenhoe Lock and next to the King's Arms public house and mooring.

Wadenhoe is a picture perfect English village with stone cottages, a village green, and a medieval church that sits high above a spur on the river.

Lilford Lodge Marina TL038858
Tel: 01832 272230
Web: www.lilfordmarina.co.uk/lilford-lodge-marina

Recently opened marina – secure site offering short stay, seasonal and annual moorings for narrow boats and cruisers on floating pontoons and walkways with electricity, water, and wifi. Car parking also available. A new facility building is under construction and there is a service dock with pump out and refuelling facilities, slipway, and a dedicated hard standing area for winter boat storage.



Barnwell Boat Club

TL039866

Tel: 01832 272585 www.barnwellmoorings.co.uk

Located in Hills and Hollows, a short distance upstream of Upper Barnwell Lock. Visitor moorings are available with prior booking through the Harbourmaster.

Available facilities include water, diesel, coal and gas, elsan disposal and pump out.



Upper Barnwell Lock, water point (EA)

TL038869

Water point next to the lock. This is a pretty location near the historic market town of Oundle. Don't miss the opportunity to explore Oundle so pop into the marina on the other side of the road bridge to see if either they or the boat club have any available visitor mooring space. Thursday is market day in Oundle and a Farmer's Market is held on the second Saturday of every month.



Oundle Marina

TL039872

Tel: 01832 272762 Web: www.oundlemarina.com

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.



The town centre has many fine stone buildings, some of which form part of Oundle School, a co-educational independent school founded in 1556 by the Worshipful Company of Grocers of the City of London.

Oundle Cruising Club

TL039872

Tel: 01832 275297 Web: www.oundlecruisingclub.co.uk

You can be sure of a warm welcome at Oundle Cruising Club. Moorings for visiting boats are either side of the club house. Facilities include washroom, shower, electricity and licensed bar in the club house



Fotheringhay Bridge, water point (EA) **TL060930**

Water point just upstream of the small medieval arched bridge that spans the river in this picturesque village that was the birth place of Richard the III and saw the imprisonment and execution of Mary Queen of Scots. Castle Farm guest house provide a long length of short stay mooring (charges apply) in the shadow of the castle mound just downstream of the bridge.



Castle Farm Guest House Moorings **TL061930**

Tel: 07976 958452 Web:
www.fotheringhaycastlefarm.co.uk

A long length of visitor moorings alongside the remains of Fotheringhay Castle a village that is steeped in history. Spending some time here is a must – make sure that you explore this beautiful and historic location. There are no shops in the village but the pub in the village centre serves meals. Excellent walks in the area.



Elton Boat Club, Warmington Mill **TL068920**

Web: www.eltonboatclub.co.uk

Another great welcome awaits you at Elton Boat Club, where members are keen to share their local knowledge and experience of boating on the River Nene. Contact the Harbourmaster before arriving to check that space is available.

The Club House has showers, toilets, water point, toilet disposal point and a seating area with television available for members and visitors.



Yarwell Lock, water point (EA) **TL074972**

Water point close to the upstream lock landing stage and located within Yarwell Mill Holiday Park.

The three storey Grade II listed watermill (recently converted into residential apartments) has a Datestone inscribed 'AD 1839' and probably replaced an earlier building shown on the enclosure map of 1778.



Yarwell Mill Holiday Park
TL074972
Tel: 01780 782344
Web: www.yarwellmill.co.uk

Overnight moorers have full use of on-site facilities including showers, toilets and laundry facilities. Other facilities include a slipway, designated dog walking field, gas bottles available for purchase on site and a convenience store and three local pubs all within a 15-20 minute walk. No foul water emptying facility.

The Nene Valley Way long distance footpath runs through the park offering great local walking routes.

Stibbington Moorings
TL093987
Tel: 07850 218364
Web: www.coulam.co.uk

Short term moorings available but subject to availability. Advance booking is required at all times. Secure site with car parking, water, electricity and pump-out for berth holders only.

Nene Valley Railway, Stibbington, visitor mooring
TL094979

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.

Peterborough Cruising Club
TL127965
Tel: 07759 034764 (Harbour Master)

Boat club upstream of Alwalton Lock. Visitor moorings subject to availability. Please check in advance of arrival.



Pudding Lane Alwalton Mooring

TL131962

Web: www.friendsoftherivernene.co.uk

Grass bank mooring (no mooring bollards) provided by the Friends of the River Nene for use by their members close to Alwalton Lock.

The public footpath that traverses the lock (don't cross over the lock but take the other direction) will take you to Alwalton Village where there is a pub and post office about a 30 minutes walk away.



Overton Lake, Ferry Meadows Country Park, Orton, visitor mooring

TL149975

Set in the heart of Ferry Meadows Country Park on the outskirts of Peterborough, Overton Lake is directly accessed from the River Nene and provides free 24-hour moorings.

No other boating facilities are provided but the park offers a wide range of activities, visitor centre, cafe and gift shop.

A Roman Historical Landmark (Military Settlement) is located on the west bank of the lake.



Orton Lock, visitor mooring (EA)

TL166972

Short stay (max. 48 hours) visitor mooring just downstream of 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 stream or diesel train at the Nene Valley Railway's Orton Mere Station, just a short walk away on the other side of the river.



Peterborough Embankment, navigation facilities **TL194982**

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. A 10 minute walk will take you to city centre shops and attractions. Why not visit Peterborough Cathedral which is resting place of Katherine of Aragon and former resting place of Mary Queen of Scots, and dates back to 654 AD.



Dog-in-a-Doublet visitor mooring (EA) **TL269992**

Short stay (max. 48 hours) 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 a small waistcoat (or doublet) to keep him warm, hence the name 'Dog-in-a-Doublet'.



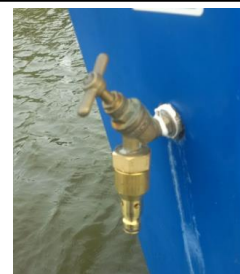
(EA) Guyhirn tidal mooring **TF398032**

Short stay (max. 48 hours) floating pontoon visitor mooring. The River Nene is tidal downstream of the Dog-in-a-Doublet and this mooring provides safety for boats on this tidal stretch. All passages through the Dog-in-a-Doublet tidal lock must be booked at least 24 hours in advance with the lock keeper, telephone 01733 202219.



EA Water Points

Our water points are fitted with the type of connection shown in this photograph to comply with the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999, as required by Anglian Water, the water supplier. You will need your navigation key to operate our water points, plus a female push-fit connector to attach your hosepipe to the fittings.



We hope that you will find this quick guide useful. EA moorings are designed with your safety in mind, particularly for when river flows and levels may be higher than usual. We've taken our photographs at quiet times so please be aware that visitor moorings can get very busy during the summer months. Make time to plan ahead and arrive in good time.

Local marinas, boat clubs, councils, some landowners and other organisations all provide a variety of moorings, sanitary facilities, slipways, chandlery and fuel sales along the River Nene. Charges apply at some sites; please check local signage for details.

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