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Navigation Status Update

25th March 2025

Below is an update of current works being undertaken and completed (highlighted in blue) and any issues identified so far (highlighted in red).

Weir Brake Lock. The second stage of the repair has been completed and the lock is fully open.

Luddington Lock. The lock is now fully open for the season and there is no need to book a passage.

Tewkesbury Lock. The lock has undergone flood recover works and will be manned (8.00am - 6pm) and open for the season from Saturday 15th March 2025.

Bidford Grange Lock Bottom Entrance Channel (The Canyon). A number of large trees have fallen and are partially blocking the navigation. Our contractor has attended and improved the situation so careful safe passage is possible.

Barton Lock. The lock has been dredged by our contractor and is open.

Marlcliff Lock. The trees reported as fallen blocking the navigation have been removed.

Upstream of Wyre Village. A large tree protrudes into the navigation. Navigation past is now possible but care should be taken.

Nafford Lock. An emergency stoppage is currently in force until Easter. If this needs to be extended we will update you accordingly. A separate Stoppage Notice has been issued.

Strensham Lock. The bottom gate sustained a significant impact last season which resulted in underwater damage to a gate. The lock is currently usable however we plan to dewater the lock to undertake a repair. A stoppage is likely to come into force on Monday 31st March 2025. Please look out for a specific stoppage notice in the coming weeks.

Evesham Lock. The upstream waiting mooring on the weir barrier is blocked with debris

Nafford Lock Top Entrance Channel. A silt bar has built up across the top entrance of the lock reducing navigation channel depth to less than 4 feet.



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Pershore Lock Bottom Entrance Channel. A silt bar has built up across the bottom entrance of the lock reducing navigation channel depth to less than 4 feet.

Pershore Lock Top Entrance Channel. A silt bar has built up across the top entrance of the lock reducing navigation channel depth to less than 4 feet.

All Lock Sites, Moorings & Navigation. All sites have deposits of silt and debris, so great care should be taken if they are used. The navigation will have floating trees and other debris in it so great care should be taken when navigating.

We are continuing to assess the state of the navigation and are in the process of working through these issues to try and get the navigation fully open as soon as possible.

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