

There are many beautiful rivers and watercourses across the Anglian region. Below is an overview of the Rivers Welland and Glen from which you can explore the countryside by water.

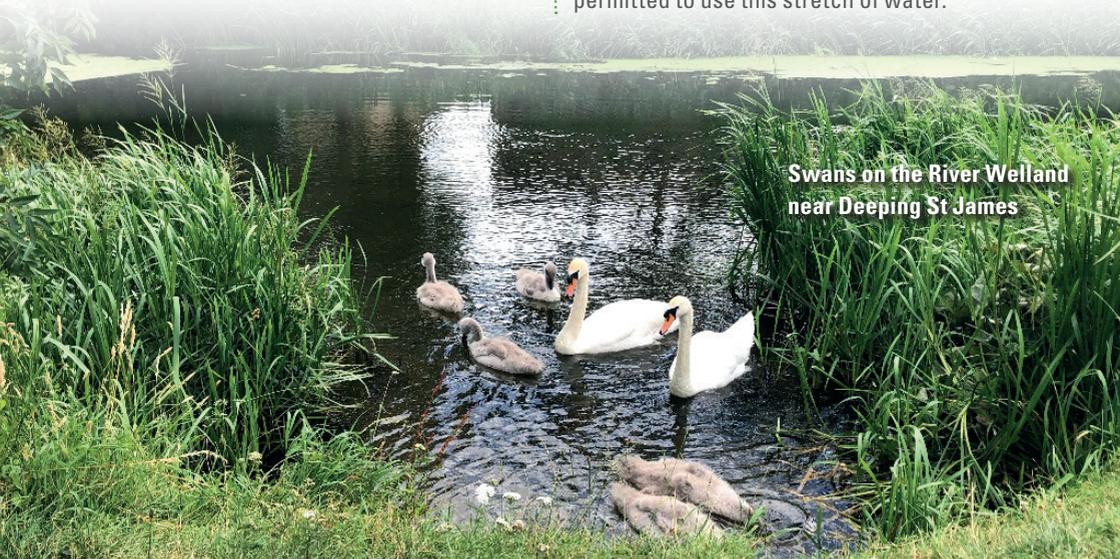
The Rivers Welland and Glen are typical of Lincolnshire's quiet unspoilt waters. As yet relatively undiscovered, you can experience what many people regard as one of their prime reasons for spending time in Lincolnshire.

The River Welland

The Welland rises in Northamptonshire and flows through Market Harborough and Stamford, where the Environment Agency's head of navigation starts on the easterly side of the town at Hudd's Mill. Here the channel is small and only suitable for light craft and canoes. As the river makes its way downstream, past Market Deeping and Deeping St James, to Peakirk the channel then widens and larger craft can navigate with care.

It continues on past Crowland towards Spalding where small sailing craft can enjoy the use of the water. An overnight visitor mooring, and a public slipway at Crowland, offers registered craft safe and easy access onto the Welland.

The Welland is diverted around Spalding by the Coronation Channel, built after the floods of 1947, and designed to take flood waters away from the town centre. This is not a Statutory Navigation, however it is possible to take a trip along the Coronation Channel on the Spalding Water Taxi, which runs between Spalding Town Centre and the Springfields Shopping Outlet. The 'water taxi' has special permission to use the Coronation Channel and they follow strict guidelines when using this watercourse. No other craft are permitted to use this stretch of water.



Swans on the River Welland near Deeping St James

Downstream of Spalding the Welland becomes tidal at Fulney Lock. It is met by the River Glen at Surfleet and continues through to Fosdyke Bridge, the downstream limit of Environment Agency navigation.

It finally flows into The Wash, an important marine environment and an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB).

The River Glen

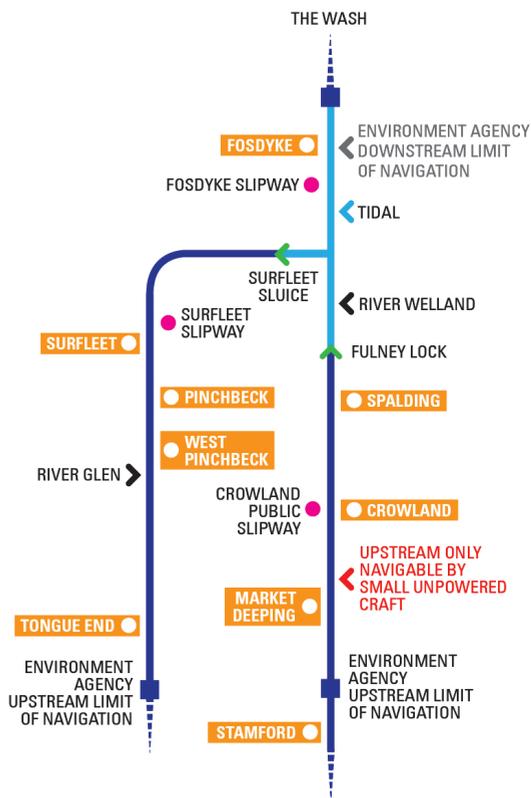
The Glen has two sources in the west of Lincolnshire known as the East Glen and West Glen. They merge near a small village called Wilsthorpe.

The Glen continues towards Tongue End, where the waters of the Bourne Eau join it, just upstream of the Agency's head of navigation. The river then becomes navigable for the last 11.5 miles until it reaches Surfleet Seas End. However, most boats enjoy the river's charm and amenity available around West Pinchbeck, Pinchbeck and Surfleet.

An overnight visitor mooring at West Pinchbeck, and a public slipway at Surfleet, offers registered craft safe and easy access onto the Glen.

Access into the River Glen is achieved from the tidal Welland through Surfleet Sluice.

The Rivers Welland & Glen



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