

Norfolk Broads Bridge Headroom/Air Draft Chart

These average summer high water Bridge Clearances are only approximate as many factors including differing tides and weather conditions will affect the accuracy.

The Norfolk Broads tidal rise and fall figures are based on a single tide and are yet again only approximate. In addition some of this information dates back to 1995 and I don't know if climate change may have had any effect.

At Potter Heigham Bridge it is compulsory to use the chargeable Pilot Service to take any Hire Craft through.

\*At Wroxham Bridge I am not totally sure but believe it has now been made compulsory by all hire craft companies to use the chargeable Pilot Service. I would recommend using the Pilot regardless. It's worth making enquiries when you pick up the boat as some companies based in Wroxham will provide a staff member to take the boat through.

For more information on negotiating bridges [Click Here](#) . On this page there is also a video of a Pilot taking a boat through Potter Heigham Bridge.

The Broads Authority list Yarmouth Vauxhall Bridge as having 3" less clearance than Acle Road Bridge. The gauge boards are all set for the lowest point on Vauxhall Bridge.

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| Location                              | Type  | High Water Head Room/Air Draft | Total Rise & Fall | Width                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>NORTHERN BROADS</b>                |       |                                |                   |                               |
| <i>River Bure</i>                     |       |                                |                   |                               |
| Breydon Road Bridge                   | Lift  | 13 ft                          | 3 ft - 6 ft       |                               |
| Yarmouth Vauxhall                     | Fixed | 6 ft 9"                        | 3 ft - 6 ft       | 100 ft                        |
| Yarmouth Road                         | Fixed | 7 ft                           | 3 ft - 6 ft       | 70 ft                         |
| Acle Road                             | Fixed | 12 ft                          | 1 ft 3" - 1 ft 9" | 78 ft                         |
| Wroxham Road                          | Fixed | 7 ft 3"                        | 4" - 6"           | *All Must Use Pilot. (Arch)   |
| Wroxham Rail                          | Fixed | 15 ft                          | 4" - 6"           | 47 ft                         |
| <i>River Ant</i>                      |       |                                |                   |                               |
| Ludham                                | Fixed | 8 ft 6"                        | 7" - 9"           | 18 ft                         |
| Wayford                               | Fixed | 7 ft                           | 0"                | 20 ft                         |
| <i>River Thurne</i>                   |       |                                |                   |                               |
| Potter Heigham Old                    | Fixed | 6 ft 5"                        | 4" - 6"           | All Must Use Pilot. (Arch)    |
| Potter Heigham New                    | Fixed | 7 ft 7"                        | 4" - 6"           | 73 ft 6"                      |
| <b>SOUTHERN BROADS</b>                |       |                                |                   |                               |
| <i>River Waveney</i>                  |       |                                |                   |                               |
| St Olaves                             | Fixed | 8 ft                           | 2 ft 6" - 3 ft    | 78 ft 6"                      |
| Somerleyton                           | Swing | 8 ft 6"                        | 2 ft 3" - 2 ft 6" | 54 ft                         |
| Beccles Bypass New                    | Fixed | 12 ft                          | 2 ft 6"           | 95 ft                         |
| Beccles Road Old                      | Fixed | 6 ft 6"                        | 2 ft 6"           | 41 ft 6"                      |
| <i>New Cut</i>                        |       |                                |                   |                               |
| Haddiscoe                             | Fixed | 24 ft                          | 2 ft 9"           | 40ft                          |
| <i>River Yare</i>                     |       |                                |                   |                               |
| Reedham                               | Swing | 10 ft                          | 2 ft - 2 ft 6"    | 54 ft 6"                      |
| Postwick Viaduct                      | Fixed | 35 ft                          | 2 ft - 3 ft       |                               |
| Thorpe Rail (both ends of loop)       | Fixed | 6'                             | 2 ft - 3 ft       |                               |
| <i>River Wensum (through Norwich)</i> |       |                                |                   |                               |
| Trowse                                | Swing | 9 ft                           | 1 ft 6" - 2 ft    | 30 ft                         |
| Carrow                                | Lift  | 14 ft                          | 1 ft 6" - 2 ft    | 30 ft                         |
| Novi Sad                              | Swing | 16 ft                          | 1 ft 6" - 2 ft    | 54 ft                         |
| Lady Julian                           | Swing | 13 ft                          | 1 ft 6" - 2 ft    |                               |
| Foundry (By Norwich Y.S.)             | Fixed | 10 ft                          | 1 ft 6" - 2 ft    | 54 ft                         |
| Bishop                                | Fixed | 10 ft 6"                       | 1 ft 6" - 2 ft    | No hire craft through/ beyond |

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| Location            | Total Rise & Fall |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| <i>River Bure</i>   |                   |
| Horning             | 6" - 9"           |
| Stokesby            | 2 ft              |
| Stracey             | 2 ft              |
| <i>River Thurne</i> |                   |
| Thurne Mouth        | 1 ft              |

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|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>River Yare</i> |                   | <i>River Chet</i>    |                   |
| Cantley           | 2 ft              | Loddon               | 2 ft - 2 ft 6"    |
| Beachamp          | 2 ft 6" - 3 ft    | <i>River Waveney</i> |                   |
| Brundall          | 2 ft 6"           | Oulton Broad         | 2 ft 9"           |
| Surlingham        | 2 ft              | Beccles              | 2 ft 6"           |
| Bramerton         | 2 ft              | Geldeston            | 2 ft - 2 ft 6"    |