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Woolwich Reach - Environment Agency Thames Barrier Closures For The Period 01 November 2025 to 30 April 2026

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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The Thames Flood Barrier will be closed once a month for test purposes, in accordance with a programme issued for a period of six months, commencing **01st November 2025**.

Listed below are the times between which the Thames Barrier will be closed to navigation for test purposes. During these periods' navigation in the Thames Barrier Control Zone, between Margaretness and Blackwall Point, will be restricted and any movements in this area will require permission from London VTS.

MONTH / YEAR	DATE	TIME
November 2025	Monday 10th	0950 - 1220
December 2025	Tuesday 9th	0950 - 1220
January 2026	Wednesday 7th	0945 - 1215
February 2026	Thursday 5th	0930 - 1200
March 2026	Monday 9th	0950 - 1220
April 2026	Tuesday 7th	1051 - 1254

Note: All times are approximate

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The closures will be confirmed and promulgated by London VTS from 24 hours in advance of the operation by VHF radio on routine river broadcasts. From the start of each closing procedure until completion of the opening procedure vessels will be prohibited from transiting the Thames Barrier. Most closures are for approximately 2½ hours over the respective low waters.

No vessel is to pass Margaretness inward bound or Blackwall Point outward bound once a Thames Barrier closure has commenced unless authorised by London VTS.

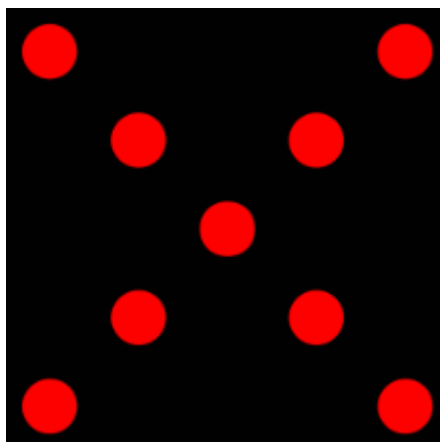
GATE CLOSURES:

In addition to the full Thames Barrier closures there will be frequent closures of individual gates for maintenance and training purposes, subject to a programme issued by the Environment Agency. The closure of individual gates will change the spans available for navigation.

Information regarding these gate closures will be promulgated by London VTS on VHF Channel 14 routine river broadcasts.

A copy of the six-month programme may be obtained by applying in writing to Environment Agency, Thames Barrier, Eastmoor Street, London SE7 8LX.

During each full Thames Barrier or individual gate closure(s), illuminated red crosses will be displayed on both sides of the gate(s) indicating that the gate(s) are closed to navigation:



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NOTES:

ANY ADDITIONAL THAMES BARRIER CLOSURES FOR TEST PURPOSES WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE NOTICES TO MARINERS ISSUED 28 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF SUCH CLOSURES.

THE BARKING BARRIER WILL BE CLOSED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE THAMES BARRIER.

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