



RRC Site Visit Series

River Nene catchment, Northamptonshire

Tuesday 18th October 2022

Join us at the River Nene catchment in Northamptonshire, to see a variety of restoration sites completed during the Resilient River project. Project locations span across the length of the River Nene and showcase a variety of restoration techniques. There is also a bonus location on the Slade Brook/River Ise where a channel re-alignment scheme has taken place to re-wet a flood meadow and re-meander a previously straightened channel.



Site visit lead
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The Project

An initiative of the Nenescape Landscape Partnership the Resilient River project was funded by the Environment Agency & National Lottery Heritage Fund. The primary aim of the project was to enhance, restore and protect the backchannels and backwaters of the River Nene through efficient partnership working and best practice.

The Resilient River project was in place to connect habitats along the Nene Valley by restoring neglected/altered features, to improve biodiversity; protect, enhance and interpret heritage features; and improve resilience of water quality and supply in the face of population growth, urbanisation and climate change.

In total 9 projects were carried out using a variety of restoration methods; from the more discreet techniques such as gravel introduction and tree planting to the more visible with large scale de-silting and installation of floating ecosystems. The backchannels and backwaters restored a total of over 5.5km in length, with 260t of gravel introduced, almost 2km of livestock fencing installed to reduce bank erosion and diffuse pollution, 252m² of floating ecosystem installed in an urban location, faggot bundle and trunk revetments installed, over 50 trees hinged and pinned to create marginal woody habitat, 3 backwaters de-silted with over 10,000 cubic metres of silt removed to open up the backwaters for refuge and spawning habitat, and over 100 bankside trees planted.

Locations will include: Fotheringhay Backwater, Barnwell Backchannel, Slade Brook/River Ise flood meadow & Wellingborough Embankment

Information

There is a £20 (Inc. VAT) charge to cover mini-bus transport costs. To book a place please complete a booking form at the [link here](#). Booking closes when all spaces are allocated. To make a payment please visit the [RRC Make a Payment webpage](#).

- The visit will start at 09:00 and finish by 14:15. This will include time for a packed lunch (not supplied).
- Meeting point will be the Claudius Way Car Park, Chester House, Claudius Way, Wellingborough, NN8 2DH
- We will be travelling between sites in a minibus (£20 charge).
- Wellington boots or walking boots and waterproof clothing are necessary.

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