



Notes on Denver Transit from 3 (Well Creek) to/from 6 (Ely Ouse).

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No warranty offered

Tide times: the detail varies a lot with tidal height, and fresh water flows coming through Denver (Ely Ouse) and down the New Bedford River (Bedford Ouse). Get advice from Paul at Salters Lode. But, **very roughly:**

- Flood at Denver is approx. 30 mins before HW Kings Lynn
- HW Denver is approx. HW Kings Lynn + 75 mins. Air draft at SL often only 3'
- Salters Lode is useable on the ebb from approx. HWKL+2.5 hours

There are four modes for the transit:

- 1. SL to Denver on the ebb.** Emerge from lock with purpose, not too fast. As soon as you can, turn to starboard into the stream, without hitting the opposite bank, or wall on your left. Punch tide upstream. **Difficulty: 2**
- 2. SL to Denver on the flood.** Emerge slowly, pointing straight. Tide will take your bows around to the right. Go up with the tide, not too fast into Denver lock. **Difficulty: 1**
- 3. Denver to SL on the ebb.** Turn 180 to left before you get to the lock, hold station, drop back with the tide. Turn to right and ferry glide into the lock. Miss both the wall (right) and the X marker (left). **Difficulty: 3**
- 4. Denver to SL on the flood.** Punch the tide, go past the lock until your stern is aligned along the axis of the lock. Observe the boundary between moving and still water. Hold station on right of river. Let the bows come around to left, ferry glide across and then into the lock. **Difficulty: 4**

NB if your boat is over 60' DIFFERENT PROCEDURES APPLY. Ask Paul.



Photo 1.

Salters Lode, from the Middle Level. One set of doors pointing towards you (rarely used); one set pointing away; and then the guillotine at other end of the lock.



Photo 2.

Salters Lode, from the Great Ouse. Looking upstream. Well Creek (Middle Level) to right, Denver in the distance. Note Salters Lode lock points downstream



Photo 3.

Leaving Salters Lode on the ebb

Turning the boat to the right, while being carried out to sea, and then punching the tide up to Denver.



Photo 4.

Looking downstream from Denver This shows the silt bank, and the dredged channel which is quite close to the pontoons on the right. Lock immediately behind me, on east end of sluice.