

Fairway information

Regional Water Management Authority in Cracow provides fairway information for inland Water-way on the **Vistula River**
km 0 +600 ÷ 295 +200 as of date 11.03.2026 at 06:00 am UTC

1. Hydrological and meteorological situation

Water gauge	Km	Alarm levels [cm]	Water level [cm]	Difference within 24h	Water temperature [°C]	Air temperature [°C]	Wind Direction and strength [m/s]	The highest navigation level [cm]
Pustynia	0+450	480	223	-4	no data	5	no data	330
Las	16+000	550	168	0	no data	5	no data	400
Smolice	23+300	630	141	2	no data	6	no data	450
Czernichów-Prom	45+600	840	162	1	no data	6	no data	580
Kraków-Bielany	69+350	520	162	2	no data	7	no data	370
Sierosławice	130+750	700	67	-5	no data	7	no data	530
Popędzyna	138+050	750	183	-7	no data	7	no data	580
Karsy	166+100	750	143	-2	no data	7	no data	550
Szczucin	194+050	660	126	-2	no data	7	no data	460
Koło	241+000	680	153	5	no data	7	no data	460
Sandomierz	268+300	610	130	-1	no data	6	no data	460
Zawichost	287+350	620	238	-4	7	5	no data	480

Source: Institute of Meteorology and Water Management – State Research Institute

For information about current water levels please visit the page: www.hydro.imgw.pl

2. Navigational situation

Fairway condition

Section Km	Category	Status	Polling Date	State on a given day [cm]		Current state [cm]	
				Water level	Fairway depth Min.	Water level	Fairway depth Min.
0+600 Vistula River to Dwory Lock (2+833 Dwory Canal)	IV*	open	27.09.2024	232	80	223	71
Dwory Lock (2+833 Dwory Canal) to Smolice Lock (1+020 Smolice Canal)	IV*	open	27.09.2024	187	60	168	41
Smolice Lock (1+020 Smolice Canal) to Borek Szlachecki Lock (15+500 Łączany Skawina Canal)	II	open	23.09.2024	158	160	141	143
Borek Szlachecki Lock (15+500 Łączany Skawina Canal) to Kościszko Water Step km 66+400 Vistula River	III	open	20.09.2024	325	170	162	7
Kościszko Water Step km 66+400 Vistula River to Przewóz Lock km 92+600 Vistula River	III	open	20.09.2024	205	90	162	47
Przewóz Lock km 92+600 Vistula River to Mouth of the Raba River km 134+600 Vistula River	Ib	open	3.10.2024	200	80	67	0
Mouth of the Raba River km 134+600 Vistula River to Mouth of the Dunajec River km 160+600 Vistula River	Ib	open	3.10.2024	200	100	183	83
Mouth of the Dunajec River km 160+600 Vistula River to Mouth of the Nida River km 175+400 Vistula River	Ib	open	7.10.2024	153	140	143	130
Mouth of the Nida River km 175+400 Vistula River to Mouth of the Czarna Staszowska km 222+300 Vistula	Ib	closed	6.05.2025	100	50	126	76
Mouth of the Czarna Staszowska 222+300 Vistula River to Mouth of the Koprzywianka km 267+300 Vistula River	Ib	closed	6.05.2025	138	70	153	85
Mouth of the Koprzywianka km 267+300 Vistula River to Mouth of the San River km 279+500 Vistula River	Ib	closed	6.05.2025	88	80	130	122

Mouth of the San River km 279+500 Vistula River to Mouth of the Sanna River km 295+200 Vistula River	lb	closed	6.05.2025	211	60	238	87
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** the Pogórzynka water gauge is representative of the section of the navigable route from the Przewóz lock to the mouth of the Dunajec River, due to the lack of data from the Sierosławice water gauge on the day of sounding

Lock status

Name	Km	Status	Open time
Dwory	2+833 canal Dwory	open	From dawn to dusk
Smolice	1+020 canal Smolice	open	From dawn to dusk
Borek Szlachecki	15+550 canal Łączany Skawina	open	From dawn to dusk
Kościuszk	66+400 Vistula river	open	From dawn to dusk
Dąbie	80+875 Vistula river	open	From dawn to dusk
Przewóz	92+600 Vistula river	open	From dawn to dusk

3. Notices to Skippers

Due to the disappearance of ice conditions, the navigable route on the Upper Vistula waterway from km 0+000 (the mouth of the Przemsza River) to km 175+400 (the mouth of the Nida River) will be open to vessels from 10 March 2026. The locks on the waterway, i.e. Dwory, Smolice, Borek Szlachecki, Kościuszk, Dąbie, and Przewóz, are open to navigation with the warnings included in the posted navigational notices. [Details in notice to skippers No. 6/2026](#)

The lock in Borek Szlachecki - locking will take place after prior notification (at least 48 hours in advance) to the lock staff of the intended locking. The lock Przewóz is open to navigation. However, due to current hydrological conditions and the inability to equalize the water level at the lower level of the barrage, the transit depth below the Przewóz barrage is not guaranteed. Locking is only possible under favorable hydrological conditions, i.e., when the water level at the lower sill of the lock is at least 189.60 m above sea level.

Due to the disappearance of ice conditions, the navigable route on the Upper Vistula Waterway from km 66+400 (the Kościuszk Barrage) to km 80+875 (the Dąbie Barrage) will be open to vessels from February 12, 2026. The locks at the barrages remain closed to navigation. [Details in notice to skippers No. 4/2026](#)

The navigable route on the Upper Vistula waterway from km 92+600 (Przewóz Stage) to km 295+200 (mouth of the Sanna River) is closed to vessels from 19 January 2026 until further notice. [Details in notice to skippers No. 3/2026](#)

In connection with the construction of the "Kazimierz-Ludwinów" pedestrian and bicycle footbridge at km 77+900 of the Upper Vistula waterway, from 6 May 2025 until further notice, participants in shipping traffic in the construction area should exercise particular caution and comply with the posted temporary navigation markings. [Details in notice to skippers No. 7/2025](#)

Due to repeated low conditions water levels and flows in the Vistula riverbed, in order to ensure appropriate water management on the Kościuszk Water Barrage and systematizing the operation of the Kościuszk lock in the conditions intensive tourist traffic, from July 1, 2024, the following locking hours will be introduced on all days of the week from dawn to dusk:
upstream: 7:00 9:30 11:15 14:00 16:00 18:30 20:30
down the river: 6:00 8:00 10:30 13:00 15:30 17:30 19:30
Due to the above, navigation messages No. 5/2022 and No. 16/2022 regarding the schedule operation of the Kościuszk lock expire. State services during the intervention (including: Police, Army, WOPR) and PGW Water units when performing necessary work on the facility and the trail, Polish ones are not subject to the designated framework time of operation of the Kościuszk lock. [Details in notice to skippers No. 23/2024](#)

From May 17, 2022 on the section of the Vistula River from km 223+600 - 223+700, due to the low flow in the river and periodic activation of the damming of the Połaniec Power Plant, located at km 223+650 of the Vistula River, there may be difficulties in navigation. [Details in notice to skippers No. 8/2022](#)

The shipping route on the section from od km 0+600 to km 295+200 of the Vistula River, is open to navigation with the limitation of its parameters indicated in the annexes: difficulties 1, difficulties 2, difficulties 3, difficulties 4, difficulties 5, difficulties 6.
*Note: the class IV waterway under construction (damming at the Dwory and Smolice steps is 1.0 m lower than the target).