

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 20.05.2026 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	221	-1	no data	11	no data	330
Las	16+000	550	186	6	no data	11	no data	400
Smolice	23+300	630	154	4	no data	11	no data	450
Czernichów-Prom	45+600	840	202	-31	no data	12	no data	580
Kraków-Bielany	69+350	520	161	-27	no data	11	no data	370
Sierosławice	130+750	700	134	35	no data	12	no data	530
Popędzyna	138+050	750	220	3	no data	12	no data	580
Karsy	166+100	750	192	-2	no data	12	no data	550
Szczucin	194+050	660	194	22	no data	13	no data	460
Koło	241+000	680	212	39	no data	13	no data	460
Sandomierz	268+300	610	203	50	no data	14	no data	460
Zawichost	287+350	620	286	32	14.8	14	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	14.04.2026	138	80	221	163
Dwory Lock (2+833 Dwory Canal) to Smolice Lock (1+020 Smolice Canal)	IV*	open	14.04.2026	138	60	186	108
Smolice Lock (1+020 Smolice Canal) to Borek Szlachecki Lock (15+500 Łączany Skawina Canal)	II	open	14.04.2026	138	70	154	86
Borek Szlachecki Lock (15+500 Łączany Skawina Canal) to Kościuszko Water Step km 66+400 Vistula River	III	open	12.03.2026	155	120	202	167
Kościuszko Water Step km 66+400 Vistula River to Przewóz Lock km 92+600 Vistula River	III	open	20.09.2024	205	90	161	46
Przewóz Lock km 92+600 Vistula River to Mouth of the Raba River km 134+600 Vistula River	Ib	open	27.04.2026	171	100	134	63
Mouth of the Raba River km 134+600 Vistula River to Mouth of the Dunajec River km 160+600 Vistula River	Ib	open	28.04.2026	167	100	220	153
Mouth of the Dunajec River km 160+600 Vistula River to Mouth of the Nida River km 175+400 Vistula River	Ib	open	28.04.2026	110	121	192	203
Mouth of the Nida River km 175+400 Vistula River to Mouth of the Czarna Staszowska km 222+300 Vistula	Ib	open	24.03.2026	117	40	194	117
Mouth of the Czarna Staszowska 222+300 Vistula River to Mouth of the Koprzywianka km 267+300 Vistula River	Ib	open	24.03.2026	143	60	212	129
Mouth of the Koprzywianka km 267+300 Vistula River to Mouth of the San River km 279+500 Vistula River	Ib	open	24.03.2026	108	50	203	145

Mouth of the San River km 279+500 Vistula River to Mouth of the Sanna River km 295+200 Vistula River	lb	open	24.03.2026	224	80	286	142
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** the Pogędynka 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 Sierostawice 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
Kościuszko	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 persistent low water levels and flows in the Vistula River bed, in order to ensure appropriate water management at the Dwory and Smolice Water Barrages, the lockage schedule will be in place from dawn to dusk on all days of the week from May 5, 2026, until further notice.

[Details in notice to skippers No. 12/2026](#)

From 24 April 2026, the navigable route on the Upper Vistula waterway from km 175+400 (mouth of the Nida) to km 295+200 (mouth of the Sanna) is opened to vessels.

[Details in notice to skippers No. 11/2026](#)

Due to the renovation of the Grunwaldzki Bridge, from March 25, 2026 until further notice, participants in shipping traffic in the area of the Grunwaldzki Bridge at km 77+000 - 77+500 of the Upper Vistula Waterway should exercise particular caution and comply with the posted temporary navigation signs.

[Details in notice to skippers No. 9/2026](#)

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, Kościuszko, 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.

On 6 June 2026, on the section of the Vistula River from km 75+450 to km 76+450, an open-air spectacle entitled "25 Wielka Parada Smoków" will take place. The navigable route on the Vistula River on the section from km 75+450 to km 76+450 will be closed on 6 June 2026 between 6:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

[Details in notice to skippers No. 5/2026](#)

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 Kościuszko Water Barrage and systematizing the operation of the Kościuszko 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 Kościuszko 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 Kościuszko 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 *additional shipping information tab - difficulties*.

*Note: the class IV waterway under construction (damming at the Dwory and Smolice steps is 1.0 m lower than the target).

