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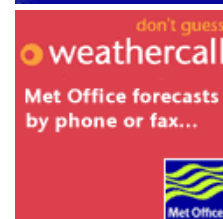
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The wettest April on record

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Despite a fine end to the month in many places, April 2000 has been the wettest April across England and Wales since records began in 1766. Provisional figures released by The Met. Office today show that an average of 142mm of rain fell across England and Wales during the month. This beats a record set way back in 1782 when 139mm of rain fell.

The average rain for April is 62mm and the driest April on record was in 1938 when just 7mm of rain was measured.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at The Met. Office, said: "As is always the case some areas have fared better than others but a number of individual towns and cities have also seen record breaking April rain. The dry weather we expect in the next few days will be a welcome relief."

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