

PRE-SESSION INFORMATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Your safety is paramount to us. Please read our Health and Safety advice and other guidance as they are for your safety and the enjoyment of your trip. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions relating to your activity.

What to wear and spare clothes:

- Loose clothing, i.e. fleece, T shirts, (quick drying items)
- old trainers. (NOT WELLINGTONS or CROCS or FLIP FLOPS)
- Rain coat/waterproof trousers.
- For Sit on Top Kayaks a wetsuit could be useful but by no means essential.
- Please be aware when the sun is out it will reflect off the water making it very hot, so please dress accordingly to minimise risk of heat stroke and sunburn. Also weather conditions can change very quickly on your journey.
- Bring a change of clothes just in case.

***** **NO JEANS please!!!** *****

Do bring:

A drink, chocolate bar, snacks. Suitable sunscreen is also recommended.

Do not bring:

Expensive jewellery. If you choose to bring watches, cameras, video cameras etc it is at your own risk- waterproof containers can be provided but are by no means a guarantee of full protection. We cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to any of your effects.

WE WILL PROVIDE:

- Canoe / Buoyancy Aids / Paddles / Helmets
- Waterproof containers
- **We can rent sallopette's for kayaking at £2/pair between May and September (these are offered for free between October and April). These are not dry trousers but made from substantial material which keep you mainly dry.)**

Alcohol:

Anyone found under the influence of excessive alcohol or any other substances will not be permitted to hire or participate in the event. We discourage large amounts of alcohol being taken on the river and have the right to cancel the hire agreement if you ignore our advice

Rubbish:

As per the countryside code please protect the countryside and wildlife by not leaving rubbish on the river banks or by dropping it in the river. Bring it back with you and we will dispose of it for you.

AGREEMENT WHERE WE ARE HIRING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED NOT DIRECTLY UNDER OUR SUPERVISION

1. LETTING. We are letting and you are hiring the goods stated for the period of hire shown, upon the terms and conditions set out in this agreement including those set out over leaf. All equipment will be checked as fit for purpose before letting out.

2. YOUR OBLIGATIONS.

You will:

2.1 USE AND LOCATIONS: keep the goods in your possession and under your control at all times. (Boats to be locked with chain provided if left unsupervised; paddles, buoyancy aids, helmets and any other equipment to be kept with you).

2.2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: be considerate to all other river users ie; fellow canoeists, fishermen. You will not fish unless you have the appropriate permit to fish and a National Rod License.

2.3 ACCESS & PORTAGE: only land at designated landing areas. Any additional access to the banks must only be made where choosing to avoid an obstacle in the river and must be carefully carried out to avoid damage to the bank.

2.4 On River Mersey YOU WILL BE ADVISED WHETHER TO GO DOWN THE WEIR AT NORTHENDEN OR TO USE THE PORTAGE POINTS

Under NO circumstances should any paddler go over Ashton Mersey Weir as there is a hidden concrete slab which may well cause a fatal entrapment – this is beyond the get out at Trafford Metrovik's.)

2.5 PROHIBITION AGAINST SALE ETC. Not to sell underlet, or dispose of the Goods, and will indemnify us against all losses, costs, claims, damage and expenses howsoever occasioned by your breach.

3. BREACH. You should commit any breach of this agreement we may terminate the agreement and you will no longer be in possession of the Goods with our consent.

4. JOINT HIRERS. Where you are more than one, each of you is separately responsible for performance of this agreement.

For those hiring canoes or kayaks the limit of our liability rests with the equipment that we provide, you as hirers are making the judgement that what you are undertaking, be it on a local river, local canal or in a remote location where you have taken our equipment to, is within your personal competence.

