

# The Upper Severn Canoe Rally

9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May 2008

A weekend of great paddling down Britain's longest river through wild & unspoilt countryside. The Rally brings together one of the biggest gatherings of open canoeists in the UK.

The Rally 2007 turned out to be one of the wettest on record but despite the downpour a number of hardy souls did complete the distance. Hopefully 2008 will not be so unkind, but whatever the weather - please enjoy your visit

Access at Pool Quay will be as usual and it is important that directions are followed - the field is the one downstream of the lay-by and is accessed via the gate at the road side. Please do not climb the fence into the field adjacent to the lay-by as we do not have permission to do so.

*For those new to the Rally* - our journey takes us from Pool Quay, the head of the ancient Severn navigation near Welshpool, in Powys, to Frankwell Quay in Shrewsbury. The distance is 34 miles with an overnight camp on the banks of the river at [The Royal Hill](#), Edgerley, and then on to Shrewsbury. Free tea, coffee or squash are available here, as well as a hot shower.

Our journey follows a quiet, interesting, pleasant stretch of the river, abundant in wildlife, occasional glimpses of the otter have been known. A relaxed, friendly atmosphere with paddling suitable for families and groups.

Saturday evening is a casual affair, a chance for a pint or two and a chat with fellow paddlers.



## The docanoe shop

Will be present selling a range of Buoyancy aids, Paddle clothing, Spares and Accessories, Safety equipment, Paddles, Books and Guides

for further information contact:

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**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>**

Reception at the Royal Hill  
Pool Quay, 10 am for 10.30 am start  
or Llandrinio 1 pm approx.

Paddling options:

Pool Quay to Royal Hill	15 miles
Pool Quay to Llandrinio	8 miles
Llandrinio to Royal Hill	7 miles

Finish @ Royal Hill - shuttle bus available 5/5.30pm (times TBC).

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup>**

Royal Hill 10.30 am start or  
Montford Bridge (time TBC).  
Frankwell for drivers lift 9.30 am

Paddling options:

Royal Hill to Montford Bridge	7 miles
Montford Bridge to Shrewsbury	12 miles
Royal Hill to Shrewsbury	19 miles

Finish @ Frankwell, Shrewsbury

## DIRECTIONS & INFORMATION

### The Royal Hill:

From the A5 take the turning for Nesscliffe, then take the turning for the MOD Training Centre and Pentre. In the village of Pentre turn sharp left to Edgerley. The campsite is about a mile further on (OS Sheet 126, Grid Ref: 531 173).

### Pool Quay:

Access for Pool Quay is at the Oswestry end of the Moors strait, on the A483 Welshpool to Oswestry Road (OS Sheet 126, Grid Ref: 248 100).

### Registration

Please register on arrival at the Royal Hill at the Reception Caravan just inside the river field. If you are arriving at Pool Quay please check in with a member of staff from Drummond Outdoor. **Please also check out when you are leaving the Rally.**

### Canoeing

The majority of participants bring their own canoes for the event, however a limited number of boats are available to hire, from Drummond Outdoor.

Rental includes buoyancy aids and paddles. **Early booking is advised!**

### Camping & Caravanning

You will need to provide your own camping gear. If you are bringing a caravan please indicate this on the booking form. If you require an electrical hook-up please book with the Royal Hill but do tell them you are with the Rally especially if you have children under 14 years.

Telephone Andrew on 01743 741772 mob 07855369216

### Food

You will need to provide your own food throughout the event. Food is available from **The Royal Hill Pub** on Saturday night advance booking is required. A range of shops and restaurants are available in Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool.

### Transport

A shuttle bus is provided for drivers only on both Saturday and Sunday.

### Fees

This year we have introduced an early bird booking system, last date for early entries is post date 2<sup>nd</sup> May 08. All other entries will be treated 'as on the day' entries.

**Rally Event Fee:** Adults £16 in advance, £18 on the day  
Youths (u18) £12 in advance, £14 on the day Juniors (5 to 11 yrs) £4 in advance, £6 on the day

**Camping (and Caravans) per person per night:**

Adults: £3.50, Youths (u18): £3.00, Junior (u12): Free

**Canoe Rental** (full weekend bookings will be given priority):

Weekend: £37.50, Per day: £22.50

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## RALLY BOOKING FORM

Please fill in and return to :  
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Name (s):			
Address:			Postcode
Tel:		E-mail:	
BCU / WCA / SCA Membership Number(s):			
Is this your first Upper Severn Canoe Rally?			Yes / No
Overnight stay	Yes / No	Camping / caravan	
Arrival date	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> / Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> / Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Total number in group.	Adults:	Youths:	Juniors:
	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total Fee (£)</b>
<b>Rally</b>			
Adults	Advance £16 / on day £18		
Youths	Advance £12 / on day £14		
Juniors	Advance £3 / on day £5		
<b>Canoe Rental</b>			
Canoes (per canoe)	2 day £37.50 / 1 day £22.50		
<b>Camping / Caravanning (pppn)</b>			
Adults	£3.50		
Youths (u18):	£3.00		
Juniors (u12):	Free		
I enclose cheque (payable to <u>Drummond Outdoor</u> ) / cash / credit or debit card £			
<b>Card Payment:</b>	MasterCard	Visa	Maestro
Card number:			
Start Date:	Expiry Date:	Issue No:	Security number (last 3 digits on signature strip)
Cardholder name (as seen on card):			
Cardholders address if different from above:			Postcode
<b>Declaration:</b> Canoeing is an assumed risk activity and participants must be responsible for their own well being and that of their family or group at all times. The wearing of buoyancy aids is recommended and is compulsory for those under 18 yrs of age.			
Signature (Parent/guardian signature if under 18):			Date