



S2C – Outline of the weekend

This is for those of you who are new to this game, as well as those of you who have taken part many times before! We have tried to produce a usual outline for this annual weekend event.

There will be marshals along the route at the most difficult portages to help you, and to make sure you stick to the routes. Please remember that this is a family friendly event. **DRUNKEN OR ROWDY BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

Anyone persisting in such conduct after due warning will be evicted from the campsite and/or excluded from the event.

Friday

5.30 pm–9.30 pm – Canoe Storage

The Scout Hall and Compound on the Quay Lane car park will be open for you to bring along your craft for overnight storage if you wish. The Hall, compound and car park will be locked at 9.30 pm.

Rushbanks Campsite – you can if you wish, set up camp on Friday evening at Rushbanks Farm, Wisington CO6 4NA. **DO NOT TRY TO BOOK CAMPSITE – we’ve booked the square cow field already!**

The campsite will collect pitch charges (rates for both unoccupied and occupied) and they only accept cash or cheques (please refer to campsite document for more info and pitch charges).

Saturday

7.30am – Canoe Storage will open!

8.00 am – The Granary tearoom will open serving bacon butties and hot/cold drinks at a modest cost. Take a comfort break before you depart!

8.00 am – Registration will open!

We will be booking in using the surname of Paddler 1 (the primary onboard contact). For example, Paddler 1’s name is Joe Bloggs – so he joins the queue for letter ‘B’. Please be ready to confirm your craft entry details (paddler names, onboard mobile contact & emergency contact) and then you can be issued with your craft safety number.

Hired a craft? Once you have registered, collect your craft from Sudbury Rowing Club (only a short walk from The Granary) and you can start paddling from there.

You must be able to show that your craft is registered for use on the Stour. We asked you to confirm how this was achieved on your craft entry form:

- British Canoeing Membership – You should be able to show us your ID – please note this covers the member and not the craft so is not valid if you are lending or borrowing a craft.
- Annual EA Craft Registration Disc – You should be able to provide your craft registration disc number covering the craft until 31 March 2019 (if you are borrowing the craft then the owner should be able to provide the valid disc number).
- Are you hiring a craft from Whoosh Explore or via River Stour Trust hire options?
- Did you obtain a Visitor Craft Registration for the event (at a cost of £10)?

Once you have your craft safety number (we are providing wristbands) then this is how we shall identify you as you make your way down the river. Our volunteer marshals will be checking you in and out at the checkpoints at Bures Recreation Ground and the campsite on Saturday and Sunday; and the checkpoints at Stratford St Mary and Cattawade on Sunday.

8.30 am - First departures leave – this allows our marshals and stewards to be in position before you arrive!

10.30 am - Last departures deadline - The Grim Sweepers will follow you down the river, ready to assist if you have a problem. Look out for their black t-shirts!

First Portage is at Great Cornard but the lock will also be operated by our volunteer marshals should you like to take the opportunity to stay in your craft! There are more portages until you reach...

Checkpoint at Bures Recreation Ground, Check in then stop for lunch. When you reach here you will be halfway through Day 1! Well done! Food is on sale from Bures Scout and Guide Support Group and also an ice cream van. Portaloos will be on site.

2.30 pm deadline for leaving Bures – remember to check out!

Portage through private garden at Wormingford Mill - Please keep to designated path and use portage jetties.

Checkpoint at Rushbanks Farm Campsite - End of Day 1! **Remember to check in!**

Toilets on site. Our volunteers will gladly feed you a buttered bun and a hot drink, while you recuperate!

Due to poor take up in previous years there is no food provision on site but Queen Bee will serve coffee from 4pm. Once again there is a shuttle bus service to The Anchor at Nayland. £3 return tickets can be bought on the campsite at our base on Saturday (see notice onsite for times and info). The pub is offering a 10% discount voucher for Saturday evening meals (voucher will be in your registration pack- don't forget it!)

Sunday

7.30 am - First check out – last check out at 10.00 am

Queen Bee Coffee will be ready to start your day with a dose of caffeine! Remember to take a comfort break before you depart. The sweeper crew will again follow you down the river.

You can leave your tent(s) pitched until Monday if you wish (remember that there will be an unoccupied pitch charge).

A quick breakfast is available at the **Anchor at Nayland**, 8am-10am, but don't loiter as you've a long way to go!

Boxted Mill – Portage is through a private garden via designated path.

Langham Flumes - where there are bushes for those who cannot wait until...

Checkpoint at Stratford St Mary Waterworks – check in! Then stop for lunch and toilet facilities. The Swan will be offering a range of warming and satisfying food and drink to keep you going! Portaloo available but pub toilets only for pub customers.

3.00 pm deadline for leaving Stratford St Mary – remember to check out!

Roger Brown Lock (AKA Stratford St Mary Lock) - operated by our volunteer marshals between 1pm and 3pm only (river levels permitting).

Dedham – the lock is not in operation so portage here.

Flatford - There is a shop and toilets over the footbridge to the left. If you stop for ice-cream or the toilet please do not leave your craft in the way of others!

Flatford Lock - operated by RST volunteers between 2.30pm and 4.30pm only (river levels permitting).

Cattawade FINISH!* Remember to check in then collect a drink, biscuit and your certificate!
Toilets here too!

Hired a craft from Whoosh Explore or via RST from River Stour Boating or Outdoor Hire Centre?

- Paddle back to the Anglia Adventures jetty (100 or so metres from Cattawade Picnic Site) where your hirer's trailers will be parked to recover your boat. Do not abandon your boat at Cattawade!

BUS SERVICE at Cattawade Picnic Site

There will be a minibus shuttle service to take folk back to the campsite from Cattawade (the last bus also returns to Sudbury). Tickets can be bought on the campsite on Saturday or our RST gazebo at Cattawade Picnic Site on Sunday, if any are available. Buses will pick up from our bus stop at the end of the lane by the main road.

CAR PARKING and BOAT RECOVERY at CATTAWADE

- The Cattawade Picnic Site car park will be closed for the weekend at 8pm on Thursday 13 September, and there must be **no parking** on the road leading to the picnic site.
- Cars may be parked in the designated car park at Anglia Adventures (100 or so metres from the picnic site) which will be open Friday/Saturday/Sunday: Times TBC. Vehicles are parked here at the owners' risk.
- The car park adjacent to the picnic site will be used for boat recovery only, under strict control of volunteer marshals. Please clear the area ASAP after loading.



STOP THE SPREAD - CHECK-CLEAN-DRY

We support the check-clean-dry campaign to stop the spread of non-native species on our rivers and waterways.

Please ensure your boat is clean before you arrive at the start!

More details of the scheme can be found at www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry