

CANOEING ON THE RIVER DART

The following statement has been developed through discussion between the Dart Fisheries Association, representing riparian owners, and Canoe England. It outlines how the varying interests on the river can work together harmoniously.

1.0 Aim: The aim of this arrangement is to enable canoeing to take place on the River Dart, as set out in para 2.0 below, without confrontation or challenge, and without prejudice to the views on the legalities of river access of either Canoe England or riparian owners.

2.0 Information for Canoeists

2.1 CANOEISTS ARE WELCOME TO CANOE ON THE RIVER BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- **UPPER SECTION – BELOW DARTMEET BRIDGE TO NEWBRIDGE FROM 15TH OCTOBER UNTIL 14TH MARCH**
- **MIDDLE/LOWER SECTION – NEWBRIDGE, POUNDSGATE TO TOTNES WEIR FROM 1ST OCTOBER TO 14TH MARCH**

2.2 PLEASE NOTE THAT:

2.2.1 Canoeists descend the river entirely at their own risk and are requested to be off the river before sunset

2.2.2 Canoeists are urged to take every care to conserve the environment in general and particularly in the SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) and SACs (Special Areas of Conservation) . In this respect canoeists are requested to remain in their canoes throughout their journey and not to land at any place, except in an emergency or by prior permission of the owner.

2.3 Canoeists are requested only to enter or leave the river::

- At Dartmeet, immediately downstream of the bridge over the East Dart
- At Newbridge, immediately upstream of the bridge
- On Canoe England land on the left bank at Holne Weir
- At River Dart Country Park, on the right bank above Waterworks Bridge
- Above Kilbury Weir on the right bank
- In Totnes

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT CANOEING HAS NEVER BEEN WELCOMED UPSTREAM OF DARTMEET AT ANY TIME, TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE RIVER'S MAIN SPAWNING GROUNDS, NOR DOWNSTREAM OF DARTMEET EXCEPT BETWEEN THE ABOVE DATES.