

River Dart - Access at Buckfastleigh Railway Station

The South Devon Railway Trust (SDR) permits canoeists to use the Buckfastleigh Railway Station visitors' car park to launch and land from the adjoining river bank.

The SDR advises that:

- This car park is normally **only** open on railway operating days and is locked **20 minutes after** the arrival of the last train of the day.
- To avoid vehicles being locked in, please refer to the railway operating days and train times: <http://www.southdevonrailway.co.uk/timetable>. Vehicles that are locked in and have to be released may well incur a release fee of £5.00.

NB. The adjacent Dartmoor Otters & Buckfast Butterfly Farm shares the same car park, but their opening times are variable, especially during the Winter months and cannot be relied on, but they are usually open between 10.00am and 3.00pm. See:

<http://www.ottersandbutterflies.co.uk/devon-attraction/6/Opening+Times+%26+Admission.html>

- When the SDR Buckfastleigh car park is locked, access to and from the river is allowed by passing canoes over the gate and by people using the nearby footbridge, but **NOT** by going across the railway tracks as works trains can run at any time.

Launching/Landing

- Please do not 'seal launch' or drag boats to and from the water in order to avoid wearing down and eroding the natural bank. If canoeists are seen doing this, then they may be asked to leave the site immediately.

Changing

- Please change discreetly and not in public areas as the railway has families visiting the café and shop all year round even when trains are not running. Use of the railway's toilet facilities as a changing room is forbidden.

Other Parking

- Car parking is also available at Staverton Railway Station but at a small charge or contribution to the honesty box to help support maintenance of the station car park. There is no access to the river from railway property.

Canoe England appreciates this facility and requests all canoeists to comply with this information and guidance for everyone to continue to enjoy the access provided by the South Devon Railway.

Canoe England
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