

# **Peaks and Paddles**

## **Kayak Hire Agreement**

### **Cromford Canal is a SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest**

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For the above sensitive reasons, we need all participants full co-operation in staying onboard their kayak during the hire period.

The following applies for this activity to continue in the future.

All participants agree when hiring-

- 1) Please arrive on time to be allocated equipment and receive a safety briefing regarding use of the canal and equipment.
- 2) Being late will mean your hire period is shortened as finish times need to be adhered to.
- 3) **Hirers are responsible** for their own welfare, and agree the activity is appropriate for their ability, and take responsibility of their and their groups actions.
- 4) If you or your group have any health issues such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, pregnant – then please do discuss the appropriateness of this activity before booking with your doctor and then our staff before the trip.
- 5) Responsible adult in charge of no more than two kayaks ie their own plus a kayak being used by 2 teenagers (party stays together on water)
- 6) Minimum age 5yrs.
- 7) All members should be water confident.
- 8) BAs to always be worn correctly from the start to finish.
- 9) Participants to always remain on kayak - only getting onto and off kayaks at start point except in emergency.
- 10) Land opposite the tow path is private – no access.
- 11) Please do not block the tow path.
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13) Leaning to the side may result in a capsize!

- 14) **In the event of a capsize** –
- A) check your partner is ok.
  - B) Try standing up!
  - C) pull your kayak to the side where it ll be shallower – no emptying required!
  - D) Climb back aboard counter balancing each other from opposite sides for best results.

15) **Turn around at High Peak Junction** – Low bridge do not go past.

16) No swimming / littering or fishing.

17) Respect other users – other kayaks / canoes / walkers / cyclist / canal boat etc.

18) Peaks and Paddles are not responsible for any item getting wet / damaged or lost howsoever caused as part of the hiring process. Any hatches on the kayak are to be treated as wet! (Leave all valuables at home!)

19) **All users to give way to the canal boat** – ie **STOP!!** immediately on the tow path side, unless asked otherwise, hold onto the side and allow the canal boat to come past.

20) Changing if needed is in or by your cars (**NOT** the public toilets)

21) Rain does not stop hire going ahead, therefore no refund.

22) Please be responsible for careful treatment of all equipment provided, returning all hire equipment, kayaks, paddles, Buoyancy aids as you will otherwise be charged in full for their loss or damage.

23) Being more than 10 mins late returning the kayak will result in being charged for the following session.

24) Kayaks for the use on Cromford Canal ONLY, not to be taken off site.

No hire allowed by those clearly under the influence of alcohol / drug misuse or intending to drink whilst on the water – there will be no refund.

Anyone requiring an instructor on the water for whatever reason when booking would be possible by arrangement.

**Peaks and Paddles take photographs** for promotional materials / website / Facebook / Instagram. Therefore, please tell the instructor on the day if you do not want pictures taking.

**Thank you for your co-operation**