



No. 4 Kings Wharf
The Quay
Exeter
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Group Booking Information 2025

At Saddles & Paddles, we are proud to be able to offer fun leisure activities for groups of all ages, size and ability. The location of our shop on Exeter's historic quayside gives easy access to the Exeter Ship Canal, offering six miles of safe, easy paddling, as well as miles of traffic-free and picturesque cycle routes from our doorstep. The following information has been put together to help you plan an outing for your group, but please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

What we offer

- Bike hire (including hybrid bikes, Dutch style bikes, e-bikes and children's bikes and equipment)
- Paddlesports hire (canoes (for up to 3 adults or 2 adults and 2 small children), single sit-on-top kayaks, double sit-on-top kayaks & Stand Up Paddleboards)
- Bike hire available between 9.30am and 5.30pm, boat hire available between 10am and 5pm (alternative times may be available on request)
- All safety equipment provided
- Guides / Instructors available (at additional cost)

Suggested itineraries

Paddlesports hire - starting and finishing from the Quay:

- 1 hr - enough time to splash about around the Quay area
- 2 hrs - enough time to paddle to the Double Locks pub and back
- 3/4 hrs - enough time to paddle to the Double Locks pub, stop for lunch & paddle back
- Whole day - enough time to paddle to the Turf Locks pub, stop for lunch & paddle back

Bike hire

- 1 hr - cycle along the traffic-free routes to the Double Locks pub and back
- 2/3hrs - cycle along the traffic-free routes to Topsham or to the Turf Locks Pub and back
- Full day - cycle along the traffic-free routes to Exmouth or Dawlish and back - or take the ferry from Exmouth to Starcross, for a circular ride, returning along the traffic-free routes on the other side of the Estuary. For ferry info, please visit www.exe2sea.co.uk/ferry

The Saddle & Paddle!

- 2/3hrs - Half your group cycle to Double Locks for lunch, whilst the other half paddle. The groups swap, and the cyclists paddle back, whilst the paddlers have lunch, then cycle back.

Budget ideas!

- For larger groups, why not put half in canoes/kayaks to paddle to Double Locks, and get the other half to walk down (30 min walk), then swap - this way, you only pay for half your group!

- **Overnight Canoe Trip**

Paddle with your overnight gear to stay at the Turf Locks Pub (you must contact them directly for accommodation bookings).

A fun day's paddling, finishing at a stunning waterside pub, then paddle home with the sunrise behind you.

[Please note - we are currently unable to offer one-way trips for paddlesports hire]



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Prices

All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT

- **Group bookings of 10 or more people** will receive 10% off our standard rates (see table on right), when booked in advance (minimum 5 days) with receipt of a booking form and a £50.00 deposit.
- **One-way bike hire** is available for an additional cost (advance booking only). Typical prices are listed below for your guidance – we will provide an actual quote following receipt of your booking form. The cost is in two parts – your hire fee and the pick up fee:
 - **Bike pick up along Exe Estuary routes from £60 per group**

Booking and deposits

To secure your booking and benefit from the 10% discount, please complete and return our booking form, at least 5 days before your visit. We cannot take bookings for 10 or more without a booking form.

We will then contact you to confirm your booking and the total price. We understand that group numbers can change, so we suggest booking for your maximum number and confirming nearer the time.

A deposit of **£50.00** is required in advance, which is refundable **after** your visit, on return of all hire equipment.

This deposit is transferable, should your booking need to change to an alternative day, but is not refundable.

Deposits must be paid by debit or credit card and can be paid over the phone or in store. On the day of your visit, you will need to pay the full balance of your booking. We reserve the right to retain your deposit should any hire equipment be damaged or misused (above normal wear and tear), or any hire conditions are not adhered to. If an instructor is required, their cost **must** be covered prior to the booking and can be taken along with the hire deposit.

Cancellations

A cancellation fee of your deposit will be applicable if you cancel with less than **24hrs notice** (exceptional circumstances notwithstanding). Please note that we reserve the right to cancel bookings without notice if the weather conditions, supervision ratio, or group conduct proves inappropriate.

Hire Charges

Bike Hire Between 9.30am - 5.30pm	Up to 3 hrs	Full day (up to 5.30pm)
Adults	£20	£30
Children (up to 16yrs)	£16	£22
Family Bike Deal	£65	£95
<small>(1 or 2 adults + 2 or 3 children [4 bikes])</small>		
Electric bikes (min age 14yrs) ...	£40	£65
Tandem	£40	£60
Bike with childseat	£30	£45
Child trailer (seats 2)	£15	£20
Tag-a-long	£10	£15
Dog trailer	£20	£30
Additional overnight charge		£10
Concessions/Students/ Blue Light Card holders	10% off standard rates	

Long term hire (4+ days) receive 25% off total cost (day & overnight fee)

Paddlesports Hire Between 10am - 5pm	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hrs	Up to 3hrs	Up to 4hrs	Up to 5hrs	Full Day
Stand Up Paddle Board	£24	£30	£36	£42	£48	£55
Single Kayak	£24	£30	£36	£42	£48	£55
Double Kayak	£28	£34	£42	£50	£58	£70
Canadian Canoe	£30	£40	£50	£60	£70	£80
<small>(2/3 adults or 2 adults + 2 small children)</small>						
Additional overnight charge £15						

(Note: Prices reviewed annually; please see website to confirm current costs)

Please note:

- Hire accessories (gel seat covers, panniers, phone mounts, kayak backrests) £4 each with hire. Dry bags available to purchase.
- Please contact us in advance to check equipment numbers and availability
- All boat users must be able to swim 25m unaided, including children.
- Boat hire is subject to suitable weather conditions and on occasion, access to the canal is restricted.
- Please arrive 15mins before your booking so we can get you kitted out
- An adult must accompany all under 16 year olds
- Hire agreement forms must be completed by an adult (i.e. over 18yrs)
- Boating / biking and boozing don't mix well – please be sensible



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Our boat fleet includes:

20 x canoes (seating up 3 people in each, with 4x canoes able to seat 2 adults & 2 small children)
4 x double kayaks
10 x single kayaks
8 x Stand Up Paddleboards (for individual use)

Refreshment options

There are lots of places nearby offering great food to help keep your energy levels up! Please see our website map for the full list and contact details. The pubs accessible by boat are:

The Double Locks – canalside pub less than 2 miles from Exeter Quay with large beer garden and children's play area. Visit their website and download their app for easy ordering: www.doublelocks.com

The Turf Locks Inn – located at the end of the canal, with large garden offering unrivalled views across the Exe Estuary. Unique, independent pub only accessible by foot, bike and boat! www.the-turf.com

Supervision

All supervision and instruction of group members remains the responsibility of the group organiser. Our staff only provide basic instruction and route advice. Please ensure that all members of your group respect and follow instructions from our staff and abide to the conduct rules applicable to any cyclist or water user in the area.

We can try to provide qualified cycling or paddlesports instructors to accompany your group, subject to their availability, for an additional hourly charge.

** The British Canoe Union (BCU) recommends a ratio of 1:12 BCU Level 1 or 2 Instructors for General Purpose Canoeing/Kayaking in Sheltered Waters when students are paddling tandem (rather than solo) (BCU, Terms of Ref, Jan 2017)*

Safety

All boat users must be able to swim 25m unaided, including children. We provide all the necessary safety equipment for safe cycling or paddling. We have buoyancy aids and cycling helmets in a variety of sizes.

Following guidance from Paddle UK, the National Governing Body for paddlesports, participants must be "water confident". There is no minimum (or maximum!) age for going on the water, but we cannot hire to unaccompanied children under 16yrs of age.

There are several pubs in the vicinity, but it is inadvisable to drink and cycle / paddle, and you will find that insurance will not cover you if something happens whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or specific requests.

Kind regards,

The Team at Saddles & Paddles



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