



## Group Booking Information 2025 for Schools / Charities

No. 4 Kings Wharf  
The Quay  
Exeter  
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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](http://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!

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



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## Group Booking prices 2025 for Schools / Charities

### Hire Charges

| Bike Hire<br>Between 9.30am - 5.30pm                       | Up to<br>3 hrs | Full day<br>(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<br>Between 10am - 5pm                        | Up to<br>1 hr | Up to<br>2hrs | Up to<br>3hrs | Up to<br>4hrs | Up to<br>5hrs | Full<br>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<br/>+ 2 small children)</small> |               |               |               |               |               |             |

Additional overnight charge £15

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

- All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT
- School group bookings on **weekdays** receive **20% off** standard prices
- School group bookings on **weekends** receive **10% off** standard prices

### Our boat fleet includes:

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

We can advise on local transport companies offering bike deliveries for an additional charge, if you are looking for one-way bike hire.



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### 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](http://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](http://www.the-turf.com)

Back at the Quayside, we have a great range of cafes, pubs and restaurants to refuel you on your return!

Our neighbouring restaurant, **On the Waterfront**, offer our group customers 10% off food between 12-4.30pm (please contact them to book & show your S&P receipts for your discount).

### 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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