



Axe Vale Canoe Club (AVCC)

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Bob's Open Canoe Weekend – 32nd Anniversary 6th, 7th & 8th July 2018 (Tidal Estuary and Coastal Paddling)

This event, based at Axmouth Devon is organised by Axe Vale Canoe Club in conjunction with the Open Canoe Association, and was the first in Britain designed to introduce Open Canoeists to estuary and coastal canoeing.

We have arranged for the separate camping field as usual at Axe Farm Camping, which is located on the side of the estuary at Axmouth, and gives direct access to the water when the tide permits. The full Axe Vale Canoe Club facilities will also be available for use with courses and trips, and are also used when the tide prohibits access at the camp site. The site accepts caravans, motor homes and tents, however power is only available in the main field. There are toilets, showers, laundry and shop on site.

Only basic paddling skills are needed but we do require that all participants wear buoyancy aids. In addition each canoe should have 12.5kg (30lbs.) minimum buoyancy securely fixed at each end and carry a spare paddle. Helmets are recommended for all persons under the age of 18 but the leaders decision on the trip is final.

The event programme is at all times approximate and may be adjusted to suit the conditions on the day, but we intend to keep the general framework of:

Programme:

Friday 6th July	17:00 onward	Participants arrive: set-up, book-in and complete paperwork
Saturday 7th July	08:00	Participants arrive: set-up, book-in and complete paperwork
	08:45	Coaches' meeting
	09:00	Arrangements for day.
		Trips and courses commence with coaches
	12:30	Morning courses finish
	14:00	Afternoon courses start
	17:00	Return to site.
	18:30	BBQ/Campfire will be available on site for general use.
		If the weather and tides permit a guided evening paddle up the river may be available with a Devon Countryside Ranger.
Sunday 8th July		As Saturday
	15:00	Return to site - MEET CONCLUDES AT 16:00hrs

Contact for questions or on the day: Chris Robin - 07501 973648

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Trip Planned:

- Seaton to Lyme Regis or Beer/Branscombe
- Up river to first road bridge (tidal limit).
- Charmouth to Lyme Regis with time to explore the fossil beach

Course Options (TBC on the day):

- BCU 1* Award course
- BCU 2* skills (canoe element)
- BCU 3* skills
- Throwline, river rescues, sea rescues
- Sailing, poling, lining & tracking
- Canoe games
- Paddling for juniors (11+)
- Surfing and beach landings

Other local attractions for evenings or those not paddling:

Seaton is approximately a mile away and has Tesco, shops, pubs, restaurants, take-aways, etc. (It also has B&Bs for those that like their comforts!)

For those not paddling (although we would try and persuade you that to be on the river is wonderful and why not consider a 'controlled' trip?) there are many places to visit and walks to do. To name a few: Seaton tramway runs up the side of the estuary and offers bird-watching opportunities, the Donkey Sanctuary is a short trip away, the Axe Golf Club welcome visitors, Beer (beaches, cream teas, crab sandwiches, art shops, Pecorama, caves), Branscombe (NT properties, cream teas, beaches) are a pleasant walk along the coast path, and of course Lyme Regis (The Cobb, etc.)

Directions:

Please note: The following directions are from J25 on the M5 to the campsite at Axmouth. The majority of other routes will lead into some point along these directions.

J25 Take A358 to Chard - 13.5 miles. At traffic lights in centre of Chard, proceed forward on A358 to Axminster 7.2 miles. At Axminster follow A358 towards Seaton and its junction with the A3052 4.8 miles. At A358 - A3052 junction proceed forward onto B3172 towards Axmouth 1.2 miles.

At entrance to Axmouth village - single line road restriction, proceed forward, road bends to the right going downhill, road levels out, village buildings both sides, proceed to railings around village hall on left-hand side, on right-hand side adjacent to Harbour Inn Public House car park, very narrow entrance to Axe Farm Camping (01297-24707), the event site is straight through first camp field.

The campsite postcode is **EX12 4AF**. (AVCC Club postcode is EX12 4AA)

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Booking:

Booking is through our website Axe Vale Canoe Club (AVCC) where you will find more details of the event, area and us

(<http://www.axevalecc.co.uk/Events/OpenCanoeWknd/opencanoewknd.htm>).

(Click the 'Apply Here' button and make your booking via WebCollect)

Each person attending will need to apply on-line for just one of these options. Camping is limited to 2 nights within the options provided.

Item	Description	Cost (incl camping)	Cost (not camping)
BCU 1* Course	2 day course including all equipment use, parking, etc.	£50	£40
Paddling Adult (other sessions)	2 days - including BBQ use, AVCC facilities, parking, etc.	£25	£10
Paddling Junior	11-17 yrs incl – BBQ use, including AVCC facilities	£15 (2 days)	Free
Non paddling adults or juniors	2 days - including camping, BBQ	£15	Free

Canoe Loan:

Loan of AVCC canoes may be possible depending how many are needed for (in order of priority):

- BCU 1* course (no charge for BCU 1* course)
- AVCC members
- other attendees

Cost of canoe hire is £5 per day – payable at the time by all users (adult & junior).
(OCW weekend is an exception to the Saturday Morning Junior Sessions)