

River Mole Trip

Date of event: Sunday 22nd March 2009

Venue: River Mole

Departure point and time: meet at Clubhouse 8:45am for 9:00am depart drive to Dorking or 10:00am at Boxhill Road, turn off Reigate Road onto Old Reigate Road about 1 mile before Dorking then left at end into Boxhill Road and go to end. Do not park in the Garden Centre, which is on the other side of the river. OS TQ: 1826 5035

Return point and time: Leave Fetcham about 3:00 pm, back at clubhouse about 4:00pm

Leaders/Contact Details: Geoff memsec@maidstonecanoeclub.net

Equipment required: Winter paddling gear – buoyancy aid and crash helmet

Food/Boat/Clothing/Money: packed lunch – hot and/or cold drinks – snack.

Experience required: some moving water experience (eg at Yalding) Min age: 11*

Cost: petrol money

Min/Max numbers required Maximum number is 25

Description:

The trip is on the River Mole from Dorking to Fetcham, just past Letherhead, about 10 mls and will take about 3-4 hours with a stop for lunch. The flow on the Mole depends on the rainfall prior to the trip but is normally fairly slow. There is a sloping weir just after the start that can normally be shot but is easily portaged if necessary. The river passes by Box Hill and is very scenic in places, there are a few more minor weirs and rapids but in normal conditions the water is not deep and if you do capsize you will be able to stand up (mostly). This is a good river for beginners to white water paddling; there will be plenty of safety cover.

The trip will only go ahead if the water conditions are considered suitable, it may be too low or too high. I will check on water levels on Saturday 21st and post details on website home page.

We will need to shuffle cars prior to the start and get as many cars to the finish as possible, but parking at the end is a bit limited so it will be better to share transport as much as possible. The help of any Non-paddling drivers would be most welcome.

If you enjoyed the trip on the Stour after Christmas you will enjoy this one, it is about the same paddling difficulty.

* at parental discretion, ask organisers if in doubt.



