

# **CANOEING - RIVER URE: ACCESS ARRANGEMENT RELATING TO THE RIVER FROM BLACK ROBIN BECK / MICKLEY TO SLENINGFORD MILL**

Please note :

1. West Tanfield weir (between West Tanfield bridge and Sleningford ) is very dangerous (an experienced paddler died in late 2001) and should be portaged on river right (south) bank. At their own discretion, experienced paddlers may shoot the weir on the far river right (south) bank but the stopper is lethal in any other part of the weir.

2. There have been problems in the past with canoeists driving too fast through the village of Mickley – please try to help our image by driving slowly through this village.

Please also see the risk / disclaimer statement at 6 below.

## **Period**

## **Access Available**

1<sup>st</sup> October–31<sup>st</sup> March  
(trout closed season)

Canoeing available at any time, except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

1<sup>st</sup> April - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept  
(trout Season)

Canoeing available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each calendar month and on Thursday each week. (Please avoid Late May and August Bank Holiday Weekends)

Spate Agreement

Canoeing is also available at any time when the river is flowing in high spate. (say a river level above 1.8 metres on the Environment Agency gauge at Masham.)

## **Please note:**

1. During the trout season please keep parties small: 12 paddlers in a group should be considered a maximum.

2. Paddlers using the Sleningford Watermill Caravan Park for landing, parking or general canoeing should pay the canoeing facilities fee at the Caravan Park's reception. In the period from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> March when the caravan park is closed, please follow the payment instructions displayed at the Park Reception. (Paddling solely at the Sleningford Mill Site is in addition to this agreement and available most of the year.)

3. Paddlers mainly paddle from Mickley to Sleningford. The launch site is at Grid Ref SE251768, which is a lay-by approximately 300 yards on the Grewelthorpe (west) side of Mickley Village. Access to the river is a short distance along a public footpath through woodland. There is very limited parking – please try to leave only one vehicle.

4. Paddlers wishing to include Hack Falls use the public footpath off the Grewelthorpe/Masham Road at grid reference SE 231776 (adjacent to the Hack Fall trust car park). This involves, wherever possible, a boat carry over the footpath through fields to enter the river opposite Black Robin Beck. Again please try not to leave more than one car here – and the farmer has asked that paddlers please take particular care not to cause damage to the grass in these fields.

5. This Access Arrangement has been agreed by the BCU, with the cooperation of the landowners and the angling club. Please respond to this by being courteous and well behaved both on the river and off.

**PLEASE NOTE: CANOEING AND KAYAKING ARE 'ASSUMED RISK' – 'WATER CONTACT' SPORTS AND IN THE CASE OF ANY LOSS OR INJURY TO A PADDLER, THE LANDOWNERS ACCEPT NO LIABILITY.**

**OUR THANKS ARE EXPRESSED TO THE LANDOWNERS AND ANGLING INTERESTS INCLUDING Mr RICHARD BOURNE-ARTON, Mr DAVID BRYANT AND THE WEST TANFIELD ANGLING CLUB.**

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