



## Symonds Yat Management Plan

The rapids at Symonds Yat were purchased by canoeists for canoeists in order to maintain the rapids which were at risk of being lost for good. In order to ensure the site is sustainably managed the following management plan has been drawn up. This still a draft document and comments are welcomed up until 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

For the purpose of this document user is defined as anybody accessing the rapids.

### Health and Safety

It is at the user's discretion to whether the run the rapids egress is possible for those who chose to portage.

Users should be considerate to others and help out if the need requires with rescues.

It is the user's responsibility to ensure they are adequately equipped.

Any accidents should be reported to the canoe shop at Symonds Yat East where the accident book is kept.

### The Environment

Access and Egress should be carried out in a responsible manner.

Seal launching is prohibited.

There is no access on the island except in emergency cases.

Coaches may access groynes for coaching.

The canoeist code of conduct is to be followed by all users.

Any adjustments to the rapids are strictly forbidden.

### Commercial Groups

Commercial Groups are free to pass through the rapids however should not be stopping unless portaging.

All access and egress points should be kept clear at all time.

It is the providers' responsibility to carry out their own risk assessment.

## **Club Use**

Clubs using the rapids for coaching should book in on the online system.

There will be no charges for club use but donations are greatly received.

It is the club's responsibility to carry out their own risk assessment.

## **Course Bookings**

Course providers are required to provisionally book in courses at least one month prior to the course commencing. This should be done via the on-line booking system.

It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure they have valid qualifications and are operating under national governing body guidelines and in accordance in best practice.

Commercial charges are £100 a day with discounts available for special needs groups.

There is no exclusivity for commercial groups

Course providers using the rapids should sign in at Canoe shop at Symonds Yat East. On line form can be used.

Form to include BCU disclaimer.

## **Special Events (Including competition and large scale commercial events)**

Whilst a provisional date can be booked on the system, requests for special event must be in writing to the management group within a time period suitable to the event.

It is the event organiser responsibility to ensure that participants follow suitable guidelines and the event can be suitable managed.

A discretionary charge will apply depending on the nature event and its promotion of the sport.

This management plan will be reviewed yearly.