

A photograph of two people in a green canoe on a river. Both are wearing red jackets and blue helmets. The person in the front is smiling and using a yellow paddle. The person in the back is also using a paddle. The water is rippled, and there is green foliage on the banks. A blue wavy border is at the bottom, and a blue outline of a hand is on the right side.

**Every journey
begins with a
single paddle stroke**



A single paddle stroke takes learning beyond the classroom and into the heart of nature.

Imagine your pupils gliding across the gentle waters of the River Severn, surrounded by the stunning Shropshire countryside. This is more than just a canoe journey - it's an experience that sparks curiosity, builds confidence, and creates memories that last a lifetime.

Why choose a canoe journey for your class?

- > **Adventure with purpose:** developing teamwork, resilience, and communication skills.
- > **Immersive learning:** connecting subjects to real-world experiences.
- > **Safe and supported:** ensuring every child feels secure and empowered.

Why the River Severn?

Britain's longest river, the Severn has shaped landscapes and communities for centuries. Once a vital trade route during the Industrial Revolution, it now offers rich wildlife and historic landmarks. Your pupils can explore geography, history, and ecology in a living classroom.

Severn Explorer

Flexible options to suit your day - whether you're looking for a half-day introduction to paddling or a full-day expedition, we tailor the experience to your group's needs. Every journey is designed to be inclusive, engaging, and unforgettable.

Trip	Duration	Distance and what it entails	Description	Price per student (day trip)	Price per student (residential)	Maximum number of students
The Big River Adventure	4-6 hours	12 miles: Montford Bridge to Shrewsbury.	A scenic full river journey, starting at Montford Bridge and finishing in the historic town of Shrewsbury. This trip offers a strong sense of achievement and immersion in nature.	£55	£25	20 (24 rafted)
The River Trail	2 hours	Start and finish at Montford Bridge (1 mile)	A gentle introduction to canoeing. Pupils paddle upstream before returning downstream, gaining confidence and enjoying a short active session on the river.	£25	£12	20 (24 rafted)

- 2-3 students per canoe
- Prices include transport to journey start/end from agreed meeting place.
- One free teacher place per group of 12



Canal Adventures



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The Big Canal Journey	4-5 hours	Llangollen to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (5 miles)	A scenic paddle along the picturesque Llangollen Canal. This trip develops paddling skills and linking environmental and industrial learning. It culminates in crossing the world-famous aqueduct.	£55	£25	12
The Waterway Quest	2 hours	Montgomery Canal at Queens Head	A shorter journey offering a balance of challenge, learning and fun. A calm, accessible way for pupils to enjoy being active outdoors.	£25	£12	12

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Curriculum Connections

Our canoe journeys aren't just an adventure - they're a powerful learning experience that supports key areas of the curriculum.

Primary

- **Geography:** Explore rivers, water cycles, and map skills in a real-world setting.
- **Science:** Investigate habitats, ecosystems, and seasonal changes along the River Severn.
- **PE:** Develop teamwork and problem-solving through outdoor and adventurous activities.
- **PSHE:** Build confidence, resilience, and collaboration skills.

Secondary

- **Geography:** Understand river processes, landforms, and human interaction with natural environments.
- **Science:** Study biodiversity, conservation, and water quality.
- **PE:** Enhance leadership and communication through outdoor adventure activities.
- **Personal Development:** Promote wellbeing and social skills through immersive outdoor learning.



Canoeing outcomes

Our canoeing trips are designed to do far more than teach paddling techniques. Each experience combines practical skills with opportunities for personal growth and environmental learning to **inspire curiosity and confidence**:

- **Teamwork and communication:** Work together to steer and navigate, building collaboration and problem-solving skills.
- **Resilience and perseverance:** Build determination and adaptability through real-world problem-solving.
- **Nature connection:** Immerse pupils in the environment to learn about and appreciate nature.
- **Wellbeing:** Calm surroundings and active engagement to promote mental health.
- **Personal development and confidence:** Achieve new skills in a supportive setting.



Extend your adventure



Turn your canoeing trip into a full **adventure day** or residential experience at **Preston Montford**, near Shrewsbury.

Preston Montford offers a wide range of purposeful adventure activities designed to help young people **build confidence, improve communication, and develop resilience**, including low ropes, a climbing tower, and problem-solving challenges. These activities can be combined with canoeing for a **full adventure day**.

We also offer **hands-on fieldwork opportunities** for something more curriculum focused, taught by our expert staff.

For those with more time available, the centre provides comfortable, full board accommodation and all the facilities needed for a **high-quality school trip**.



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