

ALDERFEN MARSHES

Wild Camping & Canoeing

Terms & Conditions of hire

Booking forms must be completed and payment made in full prior to canoeing / camping (unless the activity forms part of a team programme).

MoCo reserve the right to cancel or modify any activity if we believe there to be adverse risk eg weather conditions, tidal conditions. We will endeavour to give the hirer as much notice as possible. The hirer will be offered an alternative date / time or a full refund.

The hirer must be over the age of 18 years.

Children under the age of 18 years are the responsibility of the accompanying adult at all times.

The hirer is responsible for MoCo equipment associated with canoeing / camping. All equipment must be returned in good condition as determined by MoCo.

Campers can arrive from 2.00pm. Tents must be pitched before dark.

Canoes and related equipment must be treated with care to avoid unnecessary damage.

Any damage must be reported immediately / on return to a member of the MoCo team. Where this was avoidable / over and above normal wear and tear the hirer is responsible for covering the cost of replacement of the equipment.

MoCo accept no responsibility for loss or damage of personal belongings of the hirer when taking part in canoeing / camping at Alderfen Marshes.

Anybody thought to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to hire a canoe / camp on Alderfen Marshes.

The hirer is responsible for bringing sufficient food and drink and wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for the activity and conditions.

Hirers of canoes will be equipped with buoyancy aids, therefore an inability to swim will not exclude you from taking part, but MoCo require that you have a good level of water confidence relevant to canoeing.

Buoyancy aids are supplied by MoCo from Junior (from 76cm chest / 30kg weight) to XL (max 127cm chest). Hirers requiring buoyancy aids outside of these sizes must provide their own.



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MoCo do not take responsibility for certain dangers involved in the use of a canoe that are beyond the control of MoCo, which may result in accident, injury, death or property damage either to the hirer or other persons. Such dangers include, but are not limited to, the possibility of capsizing which could result in drowning, the possibility of striking objects which may damage or rupture the boat and the possibility of being exposed to the hazards of water level or weather changes, which may cause hypothermia.

Hirers must return canoes by the pre-agreed time. Failure to do so, or to notify MoCo, will result in an emergency call to the Broads Authority or the Coastguard. Associated costs will need to be covered by the Hirer.

Hirers of canoes will need to bring a mobile phone in a waterproof bag for contact with MoCo during hire period.

The marshes have many soft spots, which can move depending on the time of year, tides and weather conditions. As such it is important to follow a few simple safety rules when on Alderfen Marshes.

- Use the paths and cleared sections only. Do not cut across un-cleared areas
- Inaccessible areas are fenced off – do not cross or move fences
- Banks of dykes and ponds are often soft. Do not reach over or into the water
- No running, as soft spots may not always be apparent
- Do not use or access any floating pontoons / pontoon bridges without a member of the MoCo team present
- The marshes are tidal - test paths before carrying anything over any route
- Alderfen Marshes are managed as a nature reserve – please keep noise levels to a minimum. Two way radios are provided, during team programmes, for contacting each other at a distance
- Take all litter home with you. *'Only your footprints should be left behind'*
- Private off-road car parking is available. Cars are parked at your own risk
- Campfires must be extinguished at the end of each day and before leaving the camp site unattended
- Tents must be pitched a safe distance from the waterways
- Naked flames are not permitted inside tents