



Severn Canoeing Experience: August 2025

As part of the Odyssey 30th celebrations we are pleased to offer canoe trips on the River Sever near Shrewsbury, led by Joy Martin, a member of the Odyssey staff team.

The Severn provides some gentle paddling through lovely countryside with plenty of opportunities to take in the views and spot wildlife.

We welcome you, your family, and friends to join us. Minimum age restriction is 13 and over, when accompanied by a parent or adult over 18.

What trips are available?

Single day trips, are available on:

- Thursday 21st August
- Friday 22nd August

A two-day experience, paddling different stretches of the river, is available on:

- Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th August

Meeting around 9am to get ready, approximately 5 hours on the river, and returning to the start by mini bus at approximately 5pm

Where do we start?

All trips will start at Montford Bridge, about 4 miles from Shrewsbury.

Those undertaking the 2-day trip will be taken across the Welsh border, to Llandrinio Bridge to begin the 12 mile journey down river to Montford Bridge.

For those undertaking the 1-day trip, or the second day of the 2-day trip, we will start at Montford Bridge to continue the paddle another 12 miles to Shrewsbury. Here a shuttle will take everyone back to the start.

Where will I stay?

Paddlers will need to organise their own accommodation. With a 9am start it's recommended that people book accommodation in or near Shrewsbury the night before the trip. Once your place has been confirmed it is recommended you book somewhere as soon as possible. There is a good range of hotels in the area, Air B&B and camping near Montford Bridge.

How fit do I need to be?

A moderate level of fitness is required. The Severn usually has a good flow to help the journey, but everyone will need to be able to paddle if the wind is against us. We will take breaks during the journey.

What will it cost?

We are charging £80 each day for the canoe trips. This includes canoe hire, all safety equipment, and mini bus shuttles. The staff are providing their services free of charge as the experience is part of Odyssey's 30th birthday celebrations. However, if people would like to make a donation or use the challenge as a chance to fundraise for Odyssey we will be delighted.

What if the weather is bad?

Normal summer rain and wind will not affect the trip, so you need to come prepared. In the unlikely event of stormy weather, or the river is high due to several days of rain, we will have to cancel the trip to ensure everyone's safety.

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What next?

Please get in touch if you are interested in either the one, or two-day trips.

We will provide an application form and a contact if you have further questions

We will require a £25 deposit to secure your place.

Information on the River Severn and the sections we will be paddling, can be found here at the Severn Canoe Trail website

<https://severncanoetrail.com/trails/>

To reserve a place or for more details contact Dave Scott.

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